

Sedgwick County

525 North Main Street 3rd Floor
Wichita, KS 67203



*Sedgwick County...
working for you*

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

Pursuant to Resolution #007-2016, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on January 20, 2016, members of the public are allowed to address the County Commission for a period of time limited to not more than five minutes or such time limits as may become necessary.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of Sedgwick County, should contact the office of Crissy Magee, Sedgwick County ADA Coordinator, 510 N. Main, Suite 306, Wichita, Kansas 67203. Phone: 316-660-7056, TDD: Kansas Relay at 711 or 800-766-3777

Email: Crissy.Magee@sedgwick.gov, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event. Please include the name, location, date and time of the service or program, your contact information and the type of aid, service, or policy modification needed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on MAY 9, 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; Sheriff Jeffery Easter, Sedgwick County Sheriff; Mr. Dale Miller, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Rick Durham, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Kristen McGovern, Senior Purchasing Agent; Mr. Justin Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Lynda Baker, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Mr. Don Hansen, 1815 S. Clifton
Ms. Debbie Parks, 8005 N. Hoover Road
Mr. Jeff Dreiling, 3501 S. 154th East
Ms. Ginnie Newman, Wichita Asian Association
Ms. Stephanie McCurdy, Animal Services Board Chairman, City of Wichita
Mr. AJ Boleski, General Manager, SMG, INTRUST Bank Arena*

INVOCATION: Pastor Willie Hamblen, Emporia Ave Church of Christ.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

PUBLIC AGENDA

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. We have several people that signed up to speak on the public agenda this morning. The first person is Mr. Don Hansen to talk about the Animal Control Advisory Board."

Mr. Don Hansen, 1815 S. Clifton, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have lived in Sedgwick County all my life. This morning as I was thinking what I should say, I realize that you, as County Commissioners, have the incredible responsibility of rewarding good and punishing evil.

"So this morning you will decide if George Theoharis's service on the [Sedgwick County] Animal Control Board has been good or evil. I have never attended an Animal Control Board meeting, so I do not know what transpires at those meetings. But I feel I

could still give you some positive reasons to vote to keep George on the board. I grew up in an urban neighborhood in Sedgwick County where dogs were allowed freedom to roam. One day I was attacked by a large dog while I was riding my bicycle in the street. My mother called the owner of the dog and told her what had happened, and the owner got rid of the dog. If a dog bites an innocent person and the owner does not get rid of the dog, then I believe the dog should be deemed dangerous and controls should be put in place so that the dog is not allowed to continue to attack people.

"I have been told in the last five years not one dog has been deemed dangerous in Sedgwick County. This is amazing to me. Is it true that in the last five years there has not been one single dangerous dog in Sedgwick County? Did anyone on the animal control board request an audit to see if this is true? Yes. One board member requested an audit. George requested it. Is it good or evil that he requested that the truth be established through an audit? It is rumored that one dog in the county bit three different joggers before the owner disposed of it. Why wasn't the dog deemed dangerous after biting one jogger or after biting two joggers? If you as County Commissioners want dangerous dogs identified and controlled, then you need to keep George on the board.

"When I was growing up, our family went to get hamburgers at a place that had carhops who delivered the food on a tray that is hooked to a car's window. We had our fox terrier along, and when the carhop saw it, she said she could not deliver the food until we had the dog restrained on the far side of the car. We complied with her instructions, and since our dog was harmless, we asked her why she was so afraid of dogs. She showed us a very large scar on her face which she had received when she has gotten bit once by a dog. She was emotionally scarred for life. George believes that dangerous dogs should be microchipped for identification and muzzled when in public places. If you want dangerous dogs traceable and muzzled when in public, then you should keep George on the board.

"Last fall, a lady I know while taking a walk in south Wichita was bitten on her head and both arms by a dog. Even though she enjoys taking walks out of doors for exercise, the lady is still afraid to walk beyond this cul-de-sac where she lives. Unfortunately in her case, the dog owner did not have liability insurance. The lady's medical bills were over \$10,000, of which she had to pay over \$3,000. The insurance covered the rest, her insurance did. She had to hire a lawyer to sue the dog owner for restitution. She won the case, but so far she has only received \$100. George wants people who own dangerous dogs to have sufficient liability insurance to cover the medical and trauma costs should their dog bite someone. Is that good or bad? If you want dangerous dog owners to be prepared for shouldering the costs associated with someone being bitten by their dog, then you should vote to keep George on the board. I hope you can see..."

Chairman Dennis said, "Excuse me, Mr. Hansen, but your time is up. Could you wrap it up please?"

Mr. Hansen said, "Yes. I hope you can see that you are voting for when you cast your vote today. George brings safety and sensibility to the board. I hope you will keep him on the board. Thank you very much."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Hansen. We also have Debbie Parks that wants to speak on Animal Control Board. Please approach the podium, and you have three minutes."

Ms. Debbie Parks, 8005 N. Hoover Road, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here to speak this morning about our Sedgwick County Care Advisory Board and let you know some of the items why we are requesting that Mr. Theoharis be removed from our board. Mr. Theoharis since joining this board has continually just about at every meeting, and we can check the minutes for that, brought up situations that of discussion that have already been covered in our previous year's minutes as not being necessary to address. The continual time that that takes to convince Mr. Theoharis of the need not to discuss them further takes out for positive type of activity and discussion in our meetings.

"We have closely worked as a team until now. We've asked him at several meetings to not bring up those situations again. He refuses and brings them up again. I appreciate his tenacity for wanting to bring that subject up because it's obviously passionate to him, but when our staff person, Mr. [Shawn] Hornbaker, can prove by statistics the things of Sedgwick County board that those issues of dangerous dogs are not there, we have a vet on our board that is in close contact with Mr. Hornbaker about situations of dogs that are brought in if they have bitten anyone, or they have not bitten anyone, but seemed too dangerous to be out in the public. So working as a team and having a person that totally and constantly is belittling what we are doing is very disruptive to our meetings.

"It puts everybody on edge. Oh, dear, what are we going to have to do now, when it clearly states in our minutes that that issue is not a big deal. So I'm asking that we've tried talking to him in person at a meeting. That hasn't worked, so the next course I chose was to contact my appointing Commissioner, Commissioner Ranzau, and explain what I see in our meetings as being disruptive and being disrespectful to a county employee, which would be Mr. Hornbaker, saying terms of things, not respecting him. So I thank you for letting me speak. If you have any questions, you can contact me later or whenever. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Next person who wanted to speak on animal control board is Mr. George Theoharis, but he asked to speak during the actual subject matter."

Mr. George Theoharis, 2115 S. Chautauqua, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just had one minute to something to say if I could now, but I do want to talk at the..."

Chairman Dennis said, "I'll give you one time. Do you want to speak now or do you want to speak during the..."

Mr. Theoharis said, "Later."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, thank you. Okay. Next person that has signed up to speak is Mr. Jeff Dreiling on the conditional use. He indicated he may not want to speak now."

Mr. Jeff Dreiling, 3501 S. 154th East, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Just defer until the actual..."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, alright if you want to speak when the item comes up, why we can give you that opportunity. Okay, thank you. That's all the folks that I had that signed up. Is there anyone else in the audience that did not get a chance to sign up that would like to speak on the public agenda? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, next item."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A** [18-346](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2018.
All Commissioners were present.
- Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Each one of us have had the chance to review the minutes from April 4th, April 11th and April 18th. All Commissioners were present at each one of those.*
- MOTION
- Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 4th, 11th and 18th.*
- Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*
- There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.*
- VOTE
- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| <i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</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> |
- Approved**

- B** [18-362](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2018.
All Commissioners were present.
- Action for this was taken with Item A*

- C** [18-370](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2018.
All Commissioners were present.
- Action for this item was taken with Item A*

PROCLAMATIONS

- D** [18-380](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING POLICE WEEK.
Read by: Chairman David Dennis or his designee.
- RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.
- Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I have a proclamation this morning that I'd like to read. It says,*
- WHEREAS, in 1962 the United States Congress first passed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15th of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day," honoring Federal, State and local officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, and the corresponding week as "Police Week;" and*

WHEREAS, over the years, devoted law enforcement officers of America have courageously sacrificed their personal safety, while working on behalf of the people; and

WHEREAS, because of their steadfast efforts to enforce our laws, we as citizens can enjoy a system of peace and order; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County desires to honor the valor, service and dedication of, not only its own Sheriff's deputies, but peace officers everywhere; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David Dennis, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 13 – 19, 2018 as

POLICE WEEK

in Sedgwick County, and call upon our citizens to show their sincere appreciation for the many law enforcement officers of Sedgwick County, past and present, and their legacy of humble dedicated service to the community.

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</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, "We have Sheriff Easter here this morning to accept the proclamation, and we sincerely appreciate you being here."

Mr. Jeff Easter, Sedgwick County Sheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I appreciate the fact that you recognized Police Week. I know we have Corrections Week coming up as well. It's very important that we do recognize the men and women that work in law enforcement this day and age. Policing has changed quite a bit, there's a lot of scrutiny that takes place. Some of it needs to be, some of it is a little bit over the top, but we do appreciate it. You know, this year here, it's been very deadly in the United States. Fortunately, we have not had any of those issues here in Sedgwick County, and so we do fully appreciate the support that we get from the Commission and from the citizens of Sedgwick County as we're out, as you said

earlier, being humble and serving the citizens of this county. So thank you very much."

Chairman Dennis said, "Sheriff, thank you very much for being here receiving this. That was very much of an honor for me to be able to read the proclamation this morning. I've told you before that my father was a police officer when I was born, so it's close to home, and I sincerely appreciate all of the service of each of our law enforcement officers. Thank you very much for being here."

Sheriff Easter said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Madam Clerk, next item."

Adopted

E [18-381](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK.

Read by: Chairman David Dennis or his designee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I have asked Commissioner Unruh to read the proclamation."

Commissioner Unruh thanked the Chairman.

WHEREAS, in 1984, then-President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5187 creating "National Correctional Officers Week." The first full week in May has since been recognized as National Correctional Officers Week to honor the work of correctional officers and correctional personnel nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of these Correctional Officers and Detention Deputies who serve our community quietly, taking on the very difficult and dangerous duties; and

WHEREAS, we would be unable to operate our Adult and Juvenile Detention Facilities and Community Correctional Programs without the hard work of these professionals that staff these facilities 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County, Kansas is pleased to join in celebrating Correctional Officers Week, recognizing these men and women who risk their lives and serve so diligently and faithfully.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David Dennis, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 – 12, 2018 as

NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK

in Sedgwick County, and encourage all citizens to honor and show sincere appreciation for the correctional officers who make it possible to keep the detention and correctional facilities safe each day.

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you Commissioner Unruh. Would you like to make a motion?"

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

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</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, and Sheriff Easter will receive this proclamation."

Sheriff Easter said, "Well again, thank you very much for announcing the proclamation. The women and men that work in the detention facility pretty much go unnoticed for everything that they do. They do a phenomenal job in there every day. They also serve the citizens by keeping the streets safe because they're watching the most, some of the most horrific criminals that we have in this city by keeping them safe in there as well. So we have a lot of detention deputies that do a lot of good work every day that goes unrecognized by the general public, because it's not a job that is very glamorous. However, every day they come to work, they serve the citizens of this county, and we appreciate what they do every day. So I appreciate the fact that you've recognized them, since we're on TV (television) I'm going to put in a plug. We need more detention deputies so please apply."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Sheriff Easter, and I concur, we do need more detention deputies. You have a number of openings right now. Most of our citizens never have an opportunity, luckily, to get to know your detention deputies in their official positions, but they do great job over there. I have had the opportunity to tour your facilities, and I sincerely do mean what we said in our proclamation, we appreciate their duties that they perform every single day."

Sheriff Easter said, "Thank you. Appreciate it."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you for being here this morning. Madam Clerk, next item."

Adopted

F [18-384](#)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH.

Read by: Chairman David Dennis or his designee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I've asked Commissioner Howell to read the

proclamation.”

Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, “The proclamation reads...”

WHEREAS, in 1981 four Asians formed the Wichita Asian Association to promote cultural awareness among various Asian groups, foster an understanding and application of Asian cultures by the community, to strengthen awareness among youths of Asian ancestry, and to provide opportunities for expression through diverse Asian cultural arts; and

WHEREAS, Wichita has an Asian population of about 11,300 and the WAA brings together a vastly diverse community consisting of more than 13 countries from south and Fareast Asia, representing various ethnic groups and religions under one roof; and

WHEREAS, WAA members give presentations to organizations, schools, and service providers about Asian culture and how to interact with Asian clients; and

WHEREAS, through the annual Asian Festival and other cultural events, the WAA is able to educate non-Asians about Asian art, culture, and religion; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David Dennis, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

and encourage all citizens to join them in celebration by attending the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month event May 13th, 2018 from 11am to 5pm at the Chinese Garden inside Botanica.

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you, Commissioner Howell. Would you like to make a motion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</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. This is going to be accepted by Ginnie Newman and Chiaw-weai Loo from the Wichita Asian Association (WAA). Welcome. Good morning.”

Ms. Ginnie Newman, Wichita Asian Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Commissioner, and thank you for announcing the proclamation. The Wichita Asian Association (WAA) is celebrating our Pacific Asian-American Heritage Month at the Chinese Garden in Botanica. This event will have cultural performance on the Chinese Terrace with also Asian food tasting as well as tea tasting in the garden. We also invite you guys to join us in October when we have our Wichita Festival in the Century II on October 28, 2018. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you very much. Thank you for being here today and sharing your culture with us. Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item."

Adopted

APPOINTMENTS

- G** [18-341](#) ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF REVEREND TERRANCE HOLDER (COMMISSIONER DAVE UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Resignation.

Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item G is the resignation of Reverend Terrance Holder from the Sheriff's Civil Service Board. His resignation was effective April 12, 2018. He had been an appointment of Commissioner Unruh. We don't yet have a replacement for Reverend Holder, although that is in the works. The paperwork appears to be in order, and I would urge adoption of this resolution."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the resignation.

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, "Thank you. Next item, please."

Approved

- H** [18-410](#) RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 93-2017.
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Chairman, This item is a rescission of a resolution 93-2017, which was passed which appointed Mr. Theoharis to the Sedgwick County Animal Care Advisory Board. That was done on June 7th of 2017. This resolution would rescind that appointment."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. We do have one person in the audience that would like to speak on this item, Mr. George Theoharis. Would you like to approach the podium? I told him I would give him five minutes today to speak."

Mr. Theoharis said, "It is with heavy heart that I turn in my resignation from the Animal Care Advisory Board. It was my belief advisory boards were established with the understanding they would be made up of people across Sedgwick County with different ideas and backgrounds to get a wide variety of views about any subject. It is a sad day when a caring person such as George Theoharis is condemned for those very ideals. He brought many ideas to the board to make Sedgwick County better. Going forward, I would be tentative to ever say or bring up any thoughts in an advisory board meeting for fear a precedence is being established today to oust anyone not thinking of like mind. My health and well-being will not let me be under that much stress. Thank you so very much for appointing me to the board from the start."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Theoharis, appreciate it. Mr. Yost."

Mr. Theoharis said, "Sir, hold on one second please."

Mr. Yost said, "Thank you."

Mr. Theoharis, "I hope that doesn't go against my five minutes. That's from Daniel Cruz that is on our board. He is the one resigning. I'm not resigning. I'm doing good things for the county. You're going to have to fire me. These are two postcards that the post office put out. This is the one that they wanted to put out and have put out. This is the one with my persistence we went, it's twice as big with twice as much information. That's what I bring to the table. I am persistent to get good things for the county. Back in January of this year, I was unanimously voted in as Vice-Chair.

"Since that time, February and March, all we did was have city legal in talking to us about stuff, so it wasn't really anything going on. So something happened in April. This is really a referendum on advisory boards, and whether or not we put differences or the same types of people on various boards. I talked with many people and have been given maybe ideas on how and what to say. I appreciate all of their advice. But in the words of Frank Sinatra, I'm going to do it my way. I started on this Animal Care Board to make a difference. There were many voids in the current county code. People have said don't make it about George. Well, guess what? George is who is being attacked here. I have been to every person's city animal advisory board meeting.

"I paid attention and I learned a lot. I brought much of the info to the county. A blaring deficiency I found out early was not one dangerous dog in the county, and you heard the lady before us said that she actually yelled at me in a meeting. I have never yelled at anyone in a meeting and there's two of them right here, you can ask them if I yelled at anyone. She yelled at me, George, we don't have dangerous dogs in the county, I'm sick of talking about it. If you think there isn't a dangerous dog in the county in five years, alright, well let's go with that. The county is now put on official notice when by another dangerous dog is deemed dangerous, I mean, that is not deemed so and it bites another person, they will be sued. This is public notice that if you are not going

to deem them dangerous, that's called gross negligence, and I think we can get that through to people to understand that.

"I have made every meeting to this board that I'm on, and I have the minutes, she said that you go look at the minutes. Here they are. These are all the things that I brought to the table, it's in yellow. They're not all about dangerous dogs. I'm the one who said about muzzling a dog to protect people. I'm the one who's talked about tethering. They didn't have a rule about tethering. You could put your dog on a chain for days and days, and that's fine. That's something I brought up. So we passed the, in the city, 17-0 to add this potentially dangerous. It's kind of like a misdemeanor because if you have a dangerous dog, it's almost like a felony. This is like a misdemeanor, it was just a tool to put in the tool box. I got beat down 7-1 on this, and it's just not right to do that. So it's with that, that if you really vote to vote me off the board, you have just put Sedgwick County in harm's way, and if that's what, so be it. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Theoharis. Do we have discussion? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Well thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a number of things I'd like to say. First of all I would like to say my thanks to George for serving on this board. I know it was already said before by Mr. Hansen, and I do know Mr. Hansen from a long time ago, I have great respect for you as well, Mr. Hansen. Appreciate your opinion in coming out today to speak on this matter. I want to say thank you for your service, George. I want to say thank you to the entire advisory board. They have important work to do, and they do have a number of things, I think, they have done very, very well, and I would like to see this board continue. The conflict that's happening right now, there's probably a number of ways to solve that, but this is the matter before us today.

"I don't plan on supporting the resolution this morning, but I anticipate it will pass. About George Theoharis, he is a very passionate person. He's the president of two neighborhood associations. I've attended a number of those meetings. I know that he has worked with Mr. John Stevens on this dangerous dogs issue, who is also very passionate about the topic, and the data does stand out. Wichita area does have a, statistically is not good on this matter. We probably need to do some things to get us back into a normal statistical analysis here. But we are kind of an outlier in terms of, we look like a bigger city than we are in terms of the number of dog bites and that type of thing.

"George highlighted this idea that we either go from zero to declaring a dog dangerous in the county, if I understand correctly, would essentially be euthanizing that dog. So we don't have anything between those two end points. To that point I think that George was advocating for some other tools in the tool box, and just to let my colleagues know, I do agree with him on that. I think there ought to be some other options. By the way, I did attend one of the Animal Care Board meetings. I was interested in possibly going back to talk about this from my perspective. I did meet with George with the Health Department and our Director of the Sedgwick County Department of Health and other staff, we talked about this. So it's an issue I think that's ongoing. It is true that Wichita did take up this idea, and they did amend their city code to include, I guess, some points between the two end points of that spectrum.

"The only thing I would say is it's a fairly new idea, and we need to probably allow that to cook for a while and see how it goes. Might need to be changed, and maybe the county is not ready to adopt that just yet. So to the extent I would support the advisory

board, maybe it's not yet the right time, we should maybe take it up at a later point once we get some data from the city. I think that would be a smart thing for us to do as a county. I hope that it still comes up, whether George is on the board or not. I do think that diversity on these boards is healthy. I don't like it to, I don't like it when boards necessarily stack the deck by making recommendations on people that think just like them. I think having diversity on any of these boards is healthy for the community. So I like the fact that we've got people of maybe all different ends of the spectrum on animal care that are on that board, which creates natural conflict. That's okay. That conflict is fine. That creates good discussion. It allows them to find the best policies. So I don't have a problem with the idea that there's conflict.

"I do have a problem when there's disrespect, or when there's shouting and that type of thing. So I think that there's something that's going to have to happen on this board, and I understand the need to probably do something today. It is true that I think most of the members of that board have sent letters to the appointing Commissioners and others, so it is a conflict that's got to be solved somehow. So with that, it's to the will of the board, I won't support the resolution this morning. I do appreciate Mr. Theoharis, but I do understand we need to solve the problem on this board and move forward. Just in summary, you know, I would say politically that we don't always agree on things, obviously you all know that.

"When you make your case and you talk about things, and you have a chance to say what you want to say and you lose on the item, or if the item goes forward, whatever happens on the item, it's time to go on to the next item. We don't need to go back and relive history over and over again. So my only thought would be on this board, once they've dealt with an issue, maybe bring it up a year from now to talk about it again, but you don't need to go back every meeting and bring up the same old things that have already been dealt with, so that's true, I would agree with that point. So anyway, it is disappointing that we have to do this this morning. I'm sorry that this is before us, but I understand why it's before us.

"Again, I plan to vote no, but I just want to say I appreciate George's service to the county up to this point. So thank you for your service, George, and with that, Mr. Chairman, that's all I have to say. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I believe Mr. Wright wanted to speak. You have three minutes, sir."

Mr. Lonny Wright, 1721 South Lulu Street, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm a strong supporter of our citizen boards. I enjoy the way citizen boards deal with issues for the elected. But going to the different boards, I notice there's differences. Some board's staff mainly just keeps the board informed and they just kind of monitor. Other boards, they may take a more active role in the decisions of what's going on. I appreciate diversity. Sometimes people are appointed to boards that don't get along with others, but I enjoy that diversity, and I think that we need that. George is an exceptionally strong leader. But I think it would be a bad message to all citizen boards for the Commission to remove another Commissioner's appointee. I think that should be between that appointing Commissioner and his appointee. So I would encourage you not to pass this resolution. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Please approach the podium, state your name and you have three minutes."

Ms. Stephanie McCurdy, Animal Services Advisory Board Chairman, City of Wichita,

greeted the Commissioners and said, "Without George Theoharis's support and his undying love for animals, we would have never passed the dangerous dog ordinance through the city. He and John Stevens were miraculous in creating an avenue for people to understand how this dangerous dog ordinance worked. Now with the city boards and the county boards, there's a lot of times that we have a lot of crossover. Although I have not attended their meeting nor seen anything that has transpired, I do know on a city board, this city board, we have had a similar instance with not all of the board appointees believing in the same topic and some being accused of having their own agenda.

"Now, with that, the city took that and went forward with a study with the Wichita State University (WSU) and they did a board study about how we are to work and how we are to function. I ask you today to table this and maybe do a little research of why this board is happening the way it is. Where is the leadership at? Who is governing this board? Who is bringing items to the table? Although I know that we have talked this morning about the fact that George has continually brought up items over and over again, that happens with new business and old business, and you have to correlate the two. So this morning, I do ask you, in the favor of the Sedgwick County citizens, to table this until more research can be done on how this board is functioning, and how we as a county and you as Commissioners can make this better. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a clarification on one of the previous comments, and that is that I don't appoint anybody. I actually just nominated him, and it's the majority of the board that actually makes the appointment. So I want to make sure people understand, it is the board's business to appoint or to unappoint people on these boards. I simply made the nomination as my district nomination, so to speak. So that was just a clarification. That's all, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Does anyone else in the audience wish to speak on this item? Seeing none, I'll bring it back to the board. What is the wish of the board? Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "Mr. Chairman, I have a copy of the letter sent to me by my appointee, Mrs. Parks. I'd like to enter into the record."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Do you have any statement you would like to make? Any other comments from the board? What's the will of the board? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know this becomes a real somewhat of a volatile issue because of the personalities involved. I just want to state the reason for my vote is that as has been my habit during my time as a Commissioner, when an advisory board comes to me with a recommendation, it's very rarely that I vote or take an action in opposition to the will of the advisory board. It's clear to me that our advisory board is pretty unanimous in its opinion that they are dysfunctional the way that the current makeup is, and that the correction is to take the action as proposed to us today. So I will be taking the advice of our advisory board."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you."

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner O'Donnell."

Commissioner O'Donnell thanked the Chairman and said, "I had initially planned to support the removal of Mr. Theoharis, but after hearing our friend, Lonnie the plumber and Stephanie McCurdy, I would be open to tabling this to see if there could be any other remedies before ultimate removal. But that would be a suggestion that I would like. But I also agree with Commissioner Unruh that I've heard from members of the board as well that find it to be a dysfunctional situation because of the appointee. But anyway, I'd be open to table or deferring this."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Any other comments? Well I have a couple comments. I did meet with Mr. George Theoharis last Friday. There is dysfunction on the board, on the Animal Control Board. The dysfunction on the animal control board is caused by one individual on that. I received a number of phone calls and some emails dealing with the dysfunction on the board."

"I know he's passionate. It's obvious that he's passionate. He's been given the opportunity to resign rather than have a resolution removing or reversing a previous resolution. During my discussions with him on Friday, I told him that if we leave him on the board, we're going to have board members that are resigning. His response to that was let them resign, he'll find people that'll replace them that meet his, that agree with him. That's not the way..."

Mr. Theoharis said, "I did not say that, sir. I said we would replace them. I did not say they would agree with me."

Chairman Dennis said, "That's alright. He believes that we need to have them resign so that we can replace them with people that agree with him."

Mr. Theoharis said, "Not true."

Chairman Dennis said, "He wants to do it his way. He has a combative attitude, it's obvious from his outburst just now when we're conducting a business meeting. He has a combative attitude."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution rescinding resolution 93-2017.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, "We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, based on some of the discussion this morning, I would, I guess I'd like a little more time for us to think about this. I'd like to see us table this."

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to table Item H for one month.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis said, "We have a motion and a second on the table. I see no further discussion. Madam Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

- I [18-337](#) CON2018-00013 - A COUNTY CONDITIONAL USE FOR A HORSE STABLE AND RIDING ACADEMY FACILITY ON WEST SIDE OF 154TH STREET EAST AND SOUTH OF 31ST STREET SOUTH. (3501 154TH STREET EAST).
Presented by: Dale Miller, Director of Planning.

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Mr. Miller."

Mr. Dale Miller, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This activity has been ongoing since at least 1992 as a horse stable. At that time, the previous owner only kept horses that they owned. The property has been sold to the current applicants, and they wish to board horses that are not their own, and so that's triggered the conditional use request. They have indicated that they're going to run the facility very similar to the previous one, only they

expect to be smaller and not have any breeding operation.

“As you can see here on the zoning map, there is approximately 38, or yeah, 48 acres here, and it’s all zoned rural residential (RR), including the properties that surround it. You can see that there’s been a division into smaller suburban lots to the north, east and south and then larger tracts to the west. “The aerial on this one, it’s kind of hard to see, but there are a number of facilities, buildings already on the facility, including, I believe, a 24-stall shed, a riding arena and other accessory buildings to support that activity. You can see in the lots to the north and east, these are the ones that are developed with single-family homes, and then to the south as well, farm ground to the south and west. This is an area that’s shown as agricultural on the future growth concept map. This is the site plan that accompanied the application area. See a little better where the existing buildings are. Driveway area that would be pasture and used as riding activity.

“At the [Metropolitan Area] Planning Commission (MAPC), the applicant indicated that he would ask his customers or clients to remain on the property, not use the public roads as a riding area. That was in one of the concerns that was expressed at Planning Commission. The other one had to do with employees, and the applicant has indicated that he does not plan to have any additional employees. There were three people that filed protests, equaling a little over 7 percent. I think in your packet there are three emails and/or letters with their comments. We did receive this morning, which we weren’t able to get to you an email in support, and Planning Commission recommended approval 11-0 with a maximum of 30 horses and no rodeos or other big events.

“The applicant has indicated that they have no interest in doing that sort of thing. The most they might do is training clinics that are typically held for small numbers of people where they bring in, you know, an expert, and then he basically teaches people how to train or improve their riding skills. He said he might be interested in that, but no major rodeo-type stuff or equine events that would attract large numbers of people. With that, I’d try and answer questions, and obviously the applicants are here.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you. Do we have questions from the Commissioners? Seeing none, we did have one individual that may want to speak. Mr. Jeff Dreiling, did you want to speak on this issue?”

Mr. Dreiling said, “Not unless the county has questions for me.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Okay, thank you. Okay, what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to 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.

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, please."

Approved

J [18-347](#)

COUNTY EXTENSION QUARTERLY REPORT.

Presented by: Matt McKernan, Ornamental Horticulture Agent, Sedgwick County Extension Education Center.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and File.

Chairman Dennis said, "Do we have anyone here to give the county extension quarterly report?"

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to defer Item J.

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."

Deferred

K [18-333](#)

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, "If you give me a moment, I'll pass out some handouts. I'm here this morning along with A. J. Boleski from SMG who is our INTRUST Bank Arena General Manager to give you an update on the arena's performance through the first quarter of 2018. Before I get into the details, I want to do what we always do and make sure to say

thank you to everyone who has been a part of this. Of course A. J., Christine Pileckas, the Director of Marketing for the arena who is here with us also, Chris Kibler and Ben Feekes, and then Michelline Stokes from the County Manager's office who helped us prepare the presentation today. Also, before we get into the details, I think it's important to distinguish the information I'll give you today versus what you'll see in Rick's quarterly report next. This is to talk about the arena's operations and the status of the arena reserve fund. We do talk about the condition of the asset and those finances within our quarterly report.

"So we can certainly illustrate that and talk about that separately if you wish. So like all other arena reports, we'll briefly cover the SMG agreement, the City of Wichita agreement, the status of our arena sales tax reserves and upcoming events. As you know, SMG was hired in 2007 as the building operator to oversee the business and management aspects of the arena. As a part of their business, they promote, operate and manage the facility to ensure the provision of high-quality management services, and under a unique arrangement, of course, SMG has agreed to incur any operating losses in the course of the year, while we do have a unique profit-sharing agreement otherwise. Also as a part of the agreement, we do receive an annual audit report from the arena for each year. I have that report. It has been provided to me as a contract administrator. We're happy to make that available if you'd like to see it.

"So for the next few slides we'll talk about how the arena performed in the first quarter. Looking at ticket sales, community affairs and then the financial summary. So of course it has been a very exciting first quarter for the arena. In addition to Pink, which was the arena's first major pop show since it opened, we of course also had the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) tournament, the Men's Division I tournament, rounds one and two. In addition to that, there was Avenged Sevenfold. We know that Thunder Hockey was working throughout the first quarter to make it to the playoffs. We had family events like Disney on Ice and Harlem Globetrotters and U.S. Figure Skating.

"So as this report, or this slide shows, you will see that there were three fewer performances in the first quarter of 2018 as compared to the first quarter of 2017, but across the board you'll see that all other categories actually increased, and increased significantly. So there was a 50,000 increase in the number of attendees at the arena over the same time period in 2017, up to about 194,000 attendees. That was an increase of more than a third. There also was a \$25,000 increase in tickets sold, or about 20 percent increase. There was a \$2.8 million increase in the amount of gross ticket sales, and on average, the cost per ticket sold was up \$13. So the next two slides are essentially, or I'm sorry, this slide talks about the community affairs for the arena. So the total number of groups volunteering at the concession stands was stable from the first quarter of 2017, but you'll see that the amount paid to those groups was up significantly from [\$]77,000 to about [\$]137,000.

"In addition, spending with Sedgwick County Kansas companies was also up significantly from about [\$]1.38 million to about [\$]1.46 million. Sales tax paid also was up, the number of arena presentations and tours was flat, and there were three fewer local events activities. Just to kind of give some context to what that is, those would be things like maybe a service award luncheon or some type of recognition event like that. So now moving into the next few slides, we'll talk about the financial summary. I'm not going to belabor this slide and read every single one of these definitions to you, but I would maybe encourage you to mark this slide six so that as we do work through the rest of the presentation, if you have questions about maybe what's included in the categories we talk about, you can find that information. So for the first quarter report

for the financial summary, you'll see that there were 31 total events with 42 performances through the first quarter of 2018. Of course the sporting events category is where we'll see the NCAA tournament.

"The numbers reflected there are preliminary for now, but just for your information, Visit Wichita is working with the Wichita State University CEDBR (Center for Economic Development and Business Research) to do an economic impact analysis. So we hope to have that information within the next month, month and a half. Rather than make you wait till the next quarterly report, we'll probably come to your Tuesday staff meeting and give you a briefing on that. You can see kind of the bottom line on this slide is that in the first quarter of 2018, net building income, this is when we take into account all the income streams and all of the expenses, including indirect expenses, that net building income was \$857,803 in the first quarter, which is truly a great number to see, especially this early in the year.

"This next slide is actually a duplicate of the slide before. This slide will change as we move throughout the year. This will be the year-to-date aggregate, so I'm not going to focus too much on this. Moving to slide nine, we'll compare, again, 2018 with 2017. While there were three fewer performances and four fewer events, net event income for the same time period in 2018 versus 2017 is up \$362,000. So certainly a great slide to see. Looking at our income categories, of course this is where you can go back to category six and see maybe what falls into each of these categories, if you're interested. Other operating income was up, total gross building income was up, expenses were actually, indirect expenses were actually down slightly from calendar year 2017 to 2018 through the first quarter. Of course as we just discussed, overall net building income for the first quarter was up about \$370,000 over the same time period last year.

"So shifting gears a little bit and looking at the arena sales tax reserve, again, this fund is essentially built up of the remaining proceeds from the sales tax that had been done back in the late 2000's. It can be used for major repairs or capital expenses, so just a reminder, obviously, the fund was used during calendar year 2017 to do the arena entrance C remodel. It also can be used up to \$225,000 annually to the city to provide parking lot services. It also can be used to maintain the county's parking lot at 2nd and St. Francis on the old Coleman lot.

"So talking about the status, then, of the arena sales tax reserve, at the beginning of the year, you can see the beginning balance in the arena reserve was just less than \$10 million. At the end of the first quarter, that balance was down to [\$]8.2 million. You can see the revenues and expenses that occurred in the first quarter.

"If you go to slide 15, you'll see the details that make up those expenses out of the fund in that first quarter. You can see the bulk of that was for 2018 capital improvement projects (CIP), which the county approves as a part of its standard process in early fall. So looking at the status of the reserve in a similar format to what we've seen on other slides, you can see that at the end of the first quarter last year, we had about \$11.4 million in the fund. That is down to [\$]8.2 million now. Again, a significant portion of that was the improvements made to the facility in anticipation of the NCAA tournament, not just the entrance C remodel, but also bollards, L.E.D. (light emitting diode) lighting and things like that. So this is my final slide. I'm happy to take any questions now, if you have anything that I have covered already, or I am happy to come back after A.J. comes up and walks you through the next several slides."

Chairman Dennis said, "Do we have any questions for Lindsay? Seeing none, thank you. Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you for the report, Lindsay, appreciate it. You did a good job in getting us through all that. But do you have a prediction of, you know, just trying to use best judgment, how long will that reserve O & M (operations and maintenance) reserve last, how far in the future do you expect that to take us?"

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "I don't have that with me right now. We do have some projections like that, I'm happy to provide that to you via email as soon as we're out of this meeting. But we do have a thoughtful projection on that. The arena works with us to put together capital asset replacement program, so that is being considered as we move through each year's deliberation."

Commissioner Unruh said, "But as I recall from a previous presentation, it's 15 or so years."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Yes, sir. It's quite a bit into the future, but I just can't recall with precision right now, I apologize."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well significant invasion of that fund this time, but we don't anticipate that on a regular basis."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Alright, thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Welcome, A. J."

Mr. A.J. Boleski, General Manager, SMG, INTRUST Bank Arena, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just wanted to talk through our community involvement in the first quarter. So you'll see a lot of ticket donations typically first quarter, we're kind of busy with events. So we do a lot of our volunteering in the summer and third quarter, so you'll see that later in the year. But for this quarter, a lot of ticket donations. We did the Dress for Success, all of our staff, majority participated in that. Also, one thing that you'll see in a lot of these slides is a lot of volunteering and donations from Sabre [Foods] which is our food and beverage department, so they have been busy this quarter with donations and community involvement.

"Then additionally, we just finished up Bowl for Kids' Sake and we have Habitat for Humanity coming up, like I said, a lot of this stuff happens in second and third quarter for us. So you'll see several slides of ticket donations. That's one thing we do do a lot of first quarter because we have a lot of events during that time, and we make sure to donate to many, many organizations. Another thing on page, or on the last slide there, you'll see the marquee usage.

"This is something else that we do with non-profits. We give the non-profit an entire month to be on our marquee, so 12 months a year, we have 12 different non-profits, it's first come, first serve, but they have the ability to be on our marquee at the arena. So that's kind of a neat project that we've had implemented for a couple years now. Then upcoming events, we just finished up, Lindsay talked about the playoffs for Thunder Hockey. They ended up playing three games in April, and then also we had the Wichita Force Football, we're about halfway through their season. We have three games left.

“Coming up, James Taylor in May, we have the DodgeBrawl event, which is kind of one of our community events that we promote ourselves. I think this is our third annual, and we’ve had a great time, our staff has a great time with this event, we love it. It’s coming up in July, bringing that back. Journey and there’s a little bit of editing, I think, from Lindsay’s end on that slide. The one that sticks out, Def Leppard, July 16th, she might a fan, I’m not sure. Then Imagine Dragons is another big show, kind of a younger demo. We’re really excited about this event. It’s selling very well, and we expect to have a full capacity that night. Sugarland in August, and then 311 and The Offspring in September. We just announced Cirque Du Soleil coming in October, and we’ll have a couple more announcements coming up for later this year.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you, A.J. First of all, a number of us attended the NCAA, and that was a great event. We enjoyed it immensely. It was a great event for this entire area, not just for Sedgwick County. I do have tickets to James Taylor. I’ve been looking forward to that. So there are a lot of neat things that are going on because we do have that arena downtown. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A. J. I just wanted to sort of echo the Commissioner’s comments that I don’t think that we can thank you enough and your staff enough for the great job that they did during the big NCAA tournament. I know it took a tremendous amount of work, and you had to do extra special things with the arena to make that successful. So just want to express, again, our thanks for that, and also express our appreciation that you involved the community in the activities of the arena, whether it’s with tickets, activities, or whether it’s making sure our community partners get their fair share of business activity. So good job. We thank you for that.”

Mr. Boleski said, “Well thank you for those comments. We thank you for putting us in position to succeed. We talked about, Lindsay talked about some of the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) projects we did last year, and as it relates to the NCAA tournament. If anybody saw the two-way traffic that occurred in entrance C going up and going down to and from games, I can’t imagine doing that event without having entrance C remodeled. The Wi-Fi (wireless fidelity), we didn’t hear a lot about, which is a great thing. That means it worked really well. Again, that was installed last year, so thank you for that.

“Then Commissioner Unruh, to you personally and the Commissioners that were here and the staff that was here, the vision to build the building, that event wouldn’t have happened without that, it wouldn’t have happened without that facility. I think it’d been what 24 years since the community last hosted the NCAA, and so it was a great event. We thank you for all your support. We thank our staff. You know, not only was there a lot of work that had to be done, we had an event storage room that we had to clear out for the media for that event. But there was also shows going on sale, there was Pink the week before, so there was other things going on. There’s Disney on Ice coming out of it, and our team did a fantastic job. Then thanks to the community, the NCAA seemed to be very pleased, and I think that we did a great job of standing out in their minds. Practice day, we had 14,000 people there. USD (Unified School District) 259 partnered with us, and brought almost 5,000 kids that day. So it was amazing.

“The community parties that happened outside the arena, I would like to say we planned all those, but we didn’t. That was the community coming to the table and saying we want to be a part of this event. That stood out. The fans that came into town

that weekend had an amazing time. We heard comments, people went to other sites the next weekend, and they couldn't really tell there was anything going on in some of those cities. So kudos to this entire community for stepping up and then supporting the event. All the games were sold out. So all of that together will help us continue to shine and keep us on the radar for future NCAA events."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, thank you. I mean, it took some imagination, and a lot of hard work and some initiative, and appreciate you all finding a way to make this a truly special event. I know my granddaughter went to the practice day, she goes to school at Andover. I'm not sure, I think she even watched basketball a little bit. I'm not sure what all she did."

Mr. Boleski said, "It was pretty fun to watch those kids come in."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thanks a lot."

Mr. Boleski said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, A. J. for the good report. I have a couple of questions. On the page eight of the slide show of, the slides here, it talks about sporting events is 13. Is that different than the Thunder and the Force? That is 13 other events?"

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Commissioner, you said you're on page eight?"

Commissioner Howell said, "Page eight."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "The sporting events, so the number of performances would be in addition to what you would have seen for Thunder or hockey. So for example, there are the NCAA games, U.S. Figure Skating, Monster Jam and the Oklahoma City Blue [NBA] G League team that was here."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. So again, so all of these events, the arena did make money on all of the events. So it did..."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "This is the aggregate number for those, and so I don't have that information with me today, but we can certainly go back and look at that."

Commissioner Howell said, "Just a point here I'd make, three concerts generated on average of \$183,000 each, and the Thunder Hockey, for example, had 17 events, generated around [\$]10,000, almost \$11,000 each on average, according to these numbers here. One thing I did notice, I know that the Thunder tickets are fairly inexpensive and in many cases free. I did notice on page four that the average ticket price, I'm assuming that includes both concerts and sporting events, this is for all 42 events."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Yes sir."

Commissioner Howell said, "So this would include the low-cost tickets, some of the free tickets, as well as the concert the tickets. So I noticed that the average price is \$43, which is \$13 increase. I am concerned that this is becoming unaffordable for some of the people who really rely on INTRUST Bank Arena for part of their quality of

life here in the Sedgwick County area. I guess it's just one of those things where I want to make sure people get to enjoy the arena that voted for it. It's just something we want to watch. If the price continues to go up, it's going to be a concern.

"If for example, for some reason the Wichita Thunder hockey wasn't there, the price would probably be a lot higher per ticket. The average would go way up at that point, if you did the math without that in there, for example."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Potentially."

Commissioner Howell said, "Yeah, okay. Well anyway, it's just a concern. I am concerned about the reserve fund. I understand that this was a very unusual year. We had a lot of capital investment this year. I would like to see that. I'd like to see the history of that once again. I know I've asked for this before, and I'm sorry for..."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Okay."

Commissioner Howell said, "...asking it again, but I'd like to see that produced for like an average, or I should say a trend line. I know this is a big year for the capital investment we put in there this year, but I am concerned, I guess I'm concerned about down the road we know this is going to have to be a taxpayer-funded thing. Right now we have a reserve fund that's taking that role, but down the road this is going to be a taxpayer-funded issue, we're going to have to deal with that down the road at some point."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Okay. We'll be happy to get that information for you."

Commissioner Howell said, "Alright, thank you again, and thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Further questions or comments from the Commissioners?"

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to receive and file.

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

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

Received and Filed

L [18-226](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

Presented by: Rick Durham, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It seems like I'm up here once a month to talk about another award that the Finance Department wins, which is a good problem to have. If you remember last week I sent you a message that stated, and I'll read it 'Sedgwick County has again won the prestigious Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by an organization yet again.' I think we've won this for the past three decades or so."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Thirty-five years."

Mr. Scholes said, "So 35 years of winning this award. It's just not a perfunctory award, it actually has a lot of criteria and rigor that goes into actually putting this together. But this reflects the hard work and commitment of the Finance Department to be the best of the best, which we expect and the citizens expect no less. Lindsay and her team deserve our gratitude and the highest recognition. No award done in private is actually recognition, it has to be done in public. So here we go. Lindsay, if you and your team could accept this award. Thank you."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Alright. Mike and Commissioners, thank you very much for this recognition. Certainly our budget office has worked under some intense deadlines trying to provide the best information on an extremely diverse organization with lots of needs. So I'm incredibly proud of their hard work in putting together this two-volume, 800-plus-page budget document that meets the very best practices out there, continually improving and continually taking the recommendations that GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) gives us and making it better. So they do an awesome job, and I'm just so impressed, so thank you for the recognition."

Chairman Dennis said, "Well thank you, Lindsay. We're very proud of you and your entire staff. Seems like we do recognize you weekly or monthly. So it's well deserved. We appreciate it very much. Thanks for everyone for coming up here. We're not going to let you off the hook yet because the next item on the agenda, I believe, as soon as I, have you already called it Madam Clerk? Well good. We are going to talk about the quarterly financial report. Welcome."

Mr. Rick Durham, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Finance Division is still on the hook at least for the foreseeable future here. I'm here to present to you the first quarter financial report for Fiscal Year 2018. This is our standard quarterly report. As you're aware, at the end of each quarter the Finance Division reports on the financial condition of the county. So I am going to give the financial report, I know this report has been delivered to you, it is also posted on the county's website for our citizens to view. The information contained in this report, I must say, is based on unaudited financial statements and excludes any adjustments that might be required by the county's auditors at a later date."

"Just as a refresher, the last time I stood before you is to give you the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) report. That's when you received the audited

financial statements and you see the results at the end of the fiscal year, and that's when you get the CAFR report. So as always, the first section of the report outlines financial information on budgetary basis for applicable fund types. We look at comparisons of financial activities with previous fiscal year. The second section outlines the financial status of active capital projects of the county. Then the final section will consist of fund statements which provide a broad overview of the county's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business, and those are based on GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) standards.

"Once again, if I can, I draw attention again to the staff of the Finance Division, the report itself is prepared by the budget office, and the accounting office represented here. You met the budget staff when they received their award, and then the accounting staff is sitting right in front of them. Hope Hernandez is the Accounting Director, and then her staff, Melissa, Mandy and Marty, and then I think there are others up on the 8th floor, so we didn't completely abandon the work of the Finance Division while we're down here giving reports.

"So when we report on financial status, the county aggregates information into one of several possible groupings. The general fund, property tax-supported funds, other operating funds, and then we also have non-property tax funds, the Fire District [No. 1] and then Enterprise and Internal Service. So let me begin this slide, which shows projections of each of those funds, it's a projection for end of year position after we look at the actual performance of the first quarter. So we begin with the general fund. That's the county's primary operating fund, and it accounts for county services that do not have a designated fund of their own. The general fund includes most general government and law enforcement functions, and receives the broadest variety of revenues.

"The operations of 42 divisions are funded from the general fund. As you see here, revenues are expected to exceed expenditures for the year. As we go down, we see a net change in fund balance projection of about [\$]800,000. So our ending fund balance then in the general fund is projected at \$67.5 million. We move to the right, the next column is our debt service. This fund provides for the retirement of the county's bonded indebtedness.

"Expenditures from the debt service funds are estimated to be about half a million [dollars] greater than revenues, and as we come down, you'll see a net change in fund balance of almost that almost half a million dollars. But we still have an ending fund balance in our debt service fund of about \$2.3 million. As we continue to move to the right, the county has seven other property tax-supported funds, and that includes EMS (Emergency Medical Services), COMCARE, Aging, Highway, Noxious Weeds and Wichita State [University]. Each fund provides services related to a specific function, and the property taxes levied in each of those funds are used only to support those specific functions. So as we see here in that other supported, other tax supported column, that revenues and expenditures are essentially equal to one another. The net change in fund balance is [\$]25,000, so the ending fund balance is projected to be at \$4.1 million in that other tax supported funds.

"We move now to the non-property tax-supported funds. The county has 31 other operating funds which are not supported directly with county property tax. These funds are estimated to decrease by about [\$]700,000 in combined fund balance. This is primarily due to deliberate draw down of fund balance. So as you can see in that non-property tax supported fund, the ending fund balance is projected to be at \$29.2

million. Sedgwick County Fire District [No. 1] is a distinct governmental entity that is operated as part of the county government and levies property taxes and is reported separately.

"The fund balance is estimated to increase \$1.8 million by end of the year, and this is primarily due to changes in the vehicle replacement plan for the Fire District, staff restructuring and higher than anticipated tax collections. The next column shows the county's enterprise and internal service fund. The fund balance within this fund group are estimated to decrease about [\$]900,000 by the end of the year, and this is primarily due to protect the decrease in health and dental insurance of \$1.8 million. So as we move to the very final column there, the total operating funds, references to operating funds is the property tax-supported funds plus other operating funds, so taking all of these columns into account, the total operating fund of the county is projected to have a net change in fund balance of about a half million dollars, and have an ending fund balance of \$140.6 million.

"So now we look at just property tax-supported funds, we'll focus in on just the property tax-supported funds. At the end of the first quarter, Fiscal Year '18, net revenues were \$105.9 million. A slight increase from 2017, same time period of \$3.6 million. Increases in this were realized in property tax of [\$]3.5 million, retail sales and use tax of about [\$]200,000, and charges for service of also about [\$]200,000. The overall increase for charges and services is insurance fees, and those are Medicare fees and Medicaid fees collected by COMCARE on behalf of EMS.

"At the end of the first quarter, net expenditures total \$64.5 million. This is a decrease in expenditures of \$4.5 million from the year before. The decrease in transfers out in the first quarter was the primary reason for that. So you see here you can see the percentage changes. So we have 3.5 percent increase in revenues and a 6.5 percent decrease in expenditures year-over-year for the first quarter. This slide shows the net income based on the previous information that I have given you.

"You can see net income for the first quarter is at [\$]41.4 million. Now we're going to dive down a little bit here and we'll look at the top ten revenue drivers for those county property tax-supported funds. So as we move down that, you can see ad valorem taxes increased [\$]3.5 million or 4.5 percent. Sales and use taxes, again, increased nearly three percent. Motor vehicle taxes showed a slight increase of 1.5 percent. You can see insurance fees are up 37.5 percent. Again, those are those collections that I discussed earlier. As we move down the chart, you'll see that some of the percentages might look large, but the dollar amounts are relatively small, so if we look down at the very bottom of that, all revenues, including transfers for the first quarter of 2018, are \$105.8 million, or \$3.5 million more or 3.5 percent increase as I showed earlier on that percentage increase slide.

"This is the key personnel expenditures in the county property tax-supported funds. Again, personnel is the largest category of expense that the county incurs. Salaries and wages ended the first quarter of 2018 [\$]6.13 million or 20.4 percent higher than the year previous. The significant increase is largely due to budgeted increases for employee compensation, as well as there's one additional pay period posted in 2018 versus 2017. So that's important to remember, that it's an additional pay period. So that accounts for that 19 or 20 percent increase on all of those categories as you move down. Listed here are key non-personnel expenditures in the county property tax-supported funds.

"Again, the grant awards lined across the top, accounts for payments to Exploration

Place, WATC (Wichita Area Technical College), extension council payments and the like. So the 11 percent decrease that you see there, 11.5 percent decrease is primarily due to funding for the WATC support ending as we rewrote that funding agreement. That was about \$718,000, so you can see that accounts for almost the entire dollar change there.

"We move now away from tax funded, property tax funded to non-property tax-funded. As I stated in the beginning of the presentation, the county has 31 operating funds, which are not supported directly with property taxes. So as we see in the first quarter, Fiscal Year 2018, there is a decrease of about \$1.7 million from the first quarter. Now we move and we look at expenditures, and expenditures in the non-tax special revenue funds, there's an increase of [\$]3.8 million from the first quarter. I'll explain those as we get into some of the subsequent slides here. So here's a year-over-year first quarter. We see that revenues decreased 8.8 percent, but expenditures increase 20.2 percent. Here are the revenues for those non-tax funds I spoke of.

"What I'd like to draw your attention to is the third and the fourth line, the state revenue for KDADS (Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services), and the state revenue for DCF (Department for Children and Families). If you see that those, there's a dollar change increase in KDADS and a decrease in the DCF line that are almost equal to one another, and all that is, is a way that we do internal accounting, we just change the G.O. (general operating) for that to report that increase in DCF, and what that is, is a participating mental health center contract to KDADS from DCF.

"There are other changes there. Some of the percentages look rather large, but again, if you'll focus on the dollar change, they're relatively small. Since we're in the first quarter reporting those things, as we move through the fiscal year, those things tend to level out. Here are some key expenditures for the non-tax funds. Again, you see that large increase in salaries and wages based on that additional pay period being posted in the first quarter. I'd like to draw your attention to the bottom two lines here, the management services line. That's due to a contract, a Veritas contract that we have. In 2017, the first quarter posted only half of a year, and in 2018 they've actually encumbered the full year of that contract. So it's again, it's an accounting function, but it shows a very large increase percentage-wise, and again, that will level out as we move through the year. The bottom line there, the software hardware maintenance, that is due to Emergency Communications. That \$900,000 change you see, half a million of that is for annual maintenance, and then [\$]400,000 is for next generation 911.

"So let's move away now from the budgetary statements, and we move into that other portion of the quarterly report I talked about where we report on a GAAP basis. So this is a portion of the report that shows six years of history. So we go back and we look at '13 through '17 complete years and then the first quarter of '18. What this shows is, is this is the general fund total fund balance. I've identified the first quarter of each of those years in the red. So you see that at the end of the first quarter 2018, the total fund balance on a GAAP basis is [\$]111,000.

"Now that seems to be significantly more than in previous years, and as you'll recall, we had some restricted fund balance from MABCD (Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department) as I reported to you in the CAFR statement. So about [\$]3 million of that is that restricted fund balance. This is a chart that essentially is the same data, it's just shown differently. The reason we show this is that the county has a policy that says that we will have an unrestricted fund balance as a percentage of

budgeted expenditures that doesn't go below 20 percent. So you can see our benchmark 20 percent line there along the bottom. Again, there's a clear pattern of when revenues come in for the taxes in the first part of the fiscal year. We spend those down in the third and the fourth quarter, and there is a clear pattern as you go back. Again, first quarter of 2018 is that 53 percent, higher than previous years, but again, that's part of that restricted fund balance.

"I'm going to shift gears again and we're going to look at the investment portfolio. So this is how the county invests its cash, if you will, to maximize things. So what I want to do is talk a little bit about the first quarter. The county closed the first quarter of '18 with a total portfolio of \$228.3 million. Now, that's a significant decrease if you look from December to March, that fourth quarter to the first quarter. That's due to the tax distribution in the first quarter of approximately \$257 million. However, what we need to do is compare each of the first quarters as you look back, and when compared to the first quarters of the previous years, it's fairly at a normal level, and just to give you a point of reference, because it might be difficult to look at those, again, we ended up at [\$]228.3 million. Last year it was [\$]233.7 [million]. In 2016 it was [\$]232.3 [million], so you can see that we're right in that average.

"As a note, the Fed (federal reserve system) has met two times already during the quarter, or during the first quarter, and they increased rates at both meetings, and so the current benchmark, if we look at the chart there, our benchmark is that green line is the one-year treasury bill, is over two percent, but our yield is significantly less than that at just less than 1.5 percent. That's because we have our investments tied up in one and two-year investments, so if we were to cash those in, we would take a penalty hit, so in order to catch up, we're doing some analysis to look and see would it behoove us to perhaps cash some of those investments in, reinvest them at the higher rate and what that would, how long that would take to repay or to catch up. So we're doing that analysis to see if we can improve what our yield is as the Fed continues to increase the rate.

Here's a look at just some selected capital projects. So we start at the top. The Murdock tag office remodel, this renovation includes demolishing portions of the interior to make room for new offices and training spaces as well as updating and maintaining the exterior, the roof and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) equipment. Demo began on April 17th, and the first site meeting was on April 23rd. The next one, the new EMS northeast post, post 15, the bid for that was awarded on April 18th of 2018. As we move down, we look at a couple of bridge projects. Bridge project on 143rd Street East between 63rd and 71st Street South, that project is completed and it's waiting for KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) to complete final accounting and change orders and then final billing. So if you look in your quarterly report at that CIP section, you'll see some of these projects will show that they're still open or active when actually they're complete. We're just trying to close the books on them. That's why that status will show that when you go, well, I know that project is complete.

"Move down to the next bridge, 95th Street South between 151st Street and 167th Street West. Again, this project was also certified as complete on the 30th of April and final payments are being processed. Of course, we give an update on the construction of the [Interstate]235 interchange on [Highway] 54. So we're in the process of making our third and final payment on the interchange project. At this point, the following movements have been completed, northbound 235 to eastbound Kellogg Bridge and ramp and southbound I-235 to eastbound Kellogg Bridge and ramp opened last

weekend. Dirt work and other prep for paving is underway for the following movements, eastbound Kellogg to northbound 235 and westbound Kellogg to northbound 235. Contracts call for overall completion by late 2019, but it appears that it is ahead of schedule and perhaps by the spring of 2019 is completion on that. I'll make sure you guys get a copy of all of those movements, because I'm not sure what all of that means myself.

"So here we look at leading economic indicators. This is provided by Wichita State Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR). So as you can see, there was a small downturn in the fourth quarter of 2017, and now it seems to be bouncing back up. Projections, the leading index is forecasting a 1.23 percent increase in economic activity over the next six months. So I anticipate seeing the leading indicators continue to trend up.

"Okay, we're going to get into some statistics. Some of these are annualized statistics. So what we'll do is we'll start with some key metrics on long-term trends of the county. What we see here is that these compare from 2012 through 2017 end of year numbers, so we see tax base growth increased three percent. Our home sales numbers are up slightly from '16 to '17. New home permits are up also. That trend is up. The number of mortgages registered is slightly down from '16 to '17 but up from the two years prior, '14 and '15, but it is a trend down year-over-year. We see sales and use tax increase in 2017, and then the unemployment rate is going down. It's down to 3.5 percent. What these metrics look at is the change from the first quarter of '17 to the first quarter of '18.

"So we look at some of the same measures that we looked at on an annualized basis on the previous slide. This is a quarter-by-quarter comparison. So we see home sales, and when I show a down arrow, that's a 1.6 percent. Well, that was a 1.6 percent increase in this quarter, but the same quarter in one of '17 had an increase of 3.8. So it's a slower growth. So new home permits were down 1.5 percent. The number of mortgages registered was down four percent. Again, this is a quarter-to-quarter comparison, not an annualized number that we saw on the first slide. Sales and use tax, up nearly three percent. The total employed is down .7 percent, but again, that's better than the year prior, same quarter. The total unemployed reduced nearly 13 percent.

"So now we're going to look at some of the fiscal stressors to the county's finances. So this shows three years of data, and this information is taken from our CAFR. So what we look at here is the first measure, is liquidity. How many days' cash-on-hand does the general fund have? You can see we have about 139 days of cash-on-hand based on current operations. The flexibility is the general fund unrestricted balance, that unrestricted balance of the general fund as a percentage of the expenditures of the county and that shows it's 26 percent. Our property values, that's taxable value per capita, is up from the other previous years, and it's at 67,159. Our direct debt per capita is down to \$202 per capita. Our debt burden is decreasing, it's at 11 percent. That's debt service as a percentage of revenue in the general fund. Then our effective property tax rate, that is the total levy as a percent of the property values is at .39 percent, and then our reliance on the property taxes is flat at 40 percent.

"So the next couple slides, what I want to do is I want to do some comparisons. In the past, what we've done is we've relied on GFOA to provide that and they aggregated data for us so we could look at comparable counties based on population and size. I don't get that information from GFOA anymore, so what I did, was I went and I

essentially just hand-picked some of the different local areas, and I drove down into their CAFR, just like I do our own CAFR to get the same measures. So here we have some counties in the region compared to Sedgwick County. So if we look at, I have Johnson County, Kansas, Wyandotte County, Kansas, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, and Douglas County, Nebraska, which is the Omaha area. I looked at their population size, and they're fairly similar.

"So liquidity, if we look at the comparable counties, Johnson County obviously has 208 days of cash-on-hand. While Wyandotte County and Tulsa County have significantly less than that, and Douglas County, Nebraska is fairly similar to us. So we look at, again, their flexibility numbers, and I'm just going to kind of hit this at a high level, just kind of breeze over that. I'll let you guys analyze that and study that. But you can see our flexibility numbers are some higher, some lower. The property values, that taxable value per capita, you can see that we're in line really with Douglas County, Nebraska and Tulsa County, Oklahoma, actually. But Johnson County, the property values are significantly higher than ours. Our debt per capita is significantly lower than some but higher than Tulsa County.

"I will tell you the difficulty that I had in measuring debt and debt burden is that the way a lot of these counties structure their debt is different than we do. Some of them don't use G.O. debt the way we do. A lot of their debt is done through what we would call our Public Building Commission or PBC or some sort of other kind of commission, so it was kind of difficult to do an apples-to-apples, because they structure their debt differently. But when we look at that specific page in the CAFR, and all of these individuals have received the GFOA award by the way for CAFR presentation, which means they're presenting their numbers exactly the same way we are.

"When you look at the numbers in the CAFR, that's an exact comparison to ours. So it's as close as we can get. So you can see the debt burden. We're 11 percent, Wyandotte County is at 17 percent. But the reason I say that is that Tulsa County at one percent, a lot of their debt rolls through these commissions. Then property tax reliance, some are higher and some are lower, but we're usually pretty close there. My next slide that doesn't look at a county, but it looks at cities. This looks at the city of Wichita. It looks at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and it looks at Oklahoma City. I didn't use Omaha. I guess I could have added that in there since I used Douglas County, Nebraska.

"But you can see, some of the measures are going to be a little bit different as we look at liquidity. Yes, that's a right number in Oklahoma City. They must manage their cash differently than we do, because on their CAFR, it shows they only have five days of cash-on-hand. Flexibility, obviously we're a little higher than the city of Wichita and Tulsa but right in line with Oklahoma City. You can see the property values as you look across there. You can see that Sedgwick County's per capita debt is significantly lower than all of the cities. Effective property tax, relatively close, and property tax reliance, you can see there. What I notice when I looked at the CAFRs from the cities as opposed to the counties is that, you know, they're governed by different rules and they get to do their debt different than we do, also, as a county.

"So there are just some different rules that they have to, or get to live by or have to live by than a county does. But I know that Commissioner Dennis, you wanted to see a

comparison, so I tried to reach out just kind of hand pick some of those. If there are others that you might be interested in seeing, I can see if I can locate their CAFR or if there is one that maybe is more relevant than another that I didn't think about, I'd be happy to look at those in the future. So I'm going to wrap up now. Some key points we need to keep in mind is that Sedgwick County is in sound financial condition. "There's no deficit projected in the general fund for the current fiscal year. We do show reliance on taxes to fund the government. The loss of the mortgage registration fee is still looming in 2019. There is a slight increase in the officer's fees, but it's not accounting for the complete loss of the mortgage registration fees. So revenues grow modestly or decrease, and the cost of doing business continues to increase. Our county focus reflects continued emphasis on core services, and we look to reduce funding to government services that can be provided by private entities or other governments. So conclusion, through the first quarter, it's consistent with what we expected. Fundamentals reflect strong financial position, and the county focus continues to use a strategic plan as a roadmap for success. With that, I would attempt to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Dennis said, "Well I appreciate it. The briefing is very timely, because we're just starting into our budget cycle, and so it's nice to see exactly where we're at to this date before we go into what we're going to do for 2019. Do I have any questions from any of the Commissioners? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the report, well done. I'm looking at slide number nine, you made a comment about the operation revenue for WATC has changed. Can you please elaborate on that a little bit?"

Mr. Durham said, "It has to do with the funding agreement with the way that is done, and I don't know if, Lindsay, do you want to speak to this? I know that there was the funding agreement was rewritten on the way that's done between WATC and Wichita State, and I'd be happy to let the CFO (Chief Financial Officer) discuss the details of that agreement."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Way to delegate."

Mr. Durham said, "Did you like that? Manage out, isn't that what you always say."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "There you go. Commissioners, so for 2018, the budget that you adopted initially included funding for the Wichita Area Technical College and reimbursement for utilities and its impact by the NIAR (National Institute for Aviation Research) folks. After we went through budget deliberations last year, there was an agreement made as a result of the affiliation between WSU and WATC, so that now it is called WSU Tech. As a result, we used to receive \$800,000 in revenue from the Wichita State mill levy that we imposed on their behalf. That money was received primarily in our debt service fund, and we put that toward NCAT (National Center for Aviation Training) payments.

"On the flip side, on the expense side, the county would pay roughly \$900,000 total per year for that direct support to WATC along with the utility reimbursement. What we have done now with the direction of the Commission in conjunction with WSU is basically cease both of those things. So we are not making payments to WATC or on

behalf of NCAT utilities nor are they giving us \$800,000 that went into our debt service fund. So that's essentially why you're seeing savings in that category, it's because we're not making that payment and going forward we don't anticipate doing that. So that'll be a part of the budget discussions we have on Friday."

Commissioner Howell said, "So just from my understanding then, so the net result of those two changes is to the county, what is the..."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "It would be about a net \$100,000 benefit to the county."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, well that's very good. Thank you. Other questions I had, I guess just on the, on page, on slide 22, this kind of gets to the question I asked you yesterday, Lindsay, as well. But it looks like if you were to use a starting point in 2015 and then go through the 2017, it looks like we paid off around, quite a bit of debt per person. If it's just using per person debt and calculate that out, it's about a 23 percent reduction in debt load per person over the two-year period. Does that seem a reasonable calculation?"

Mr. Durham said, "Yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "That's pretty impressive. Glad to know that. That's very, very good. I think this is the first time I've seen a comparison of our debt to other organizations added to this report. I think that's very, very interesting, and I just want to reflect on that for a little while. I think that's some of the most interesting numbers on this entire report. But I guess overall, I just want to say I appreciate the good work you all do, and I think that my take-away is that Sedgwick County is very fiscally healthy. I'd give us an A+ at the moment. I think we're doing great. I appreciate all the good work that the Manager's office does as well as the Finance office to bring this report to us. It's very, very positive overall. Thank you."

Mr. Durham said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I do appreciate you including some of the cities so that we can see how we compare to those. I think that was a great addition to this. One question still on WSU Tech, we did bond and build the facilities out there, and we're still paying those, correct?"

Mr. Durham said, "Yes."

Chairman Dennis said, "Do you know how much we still owe?"

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "Commissioners, I believe, Commissioner, excuse me, we're paying through 2028 on that debt service around [\$]3 million per year. So based on that, it's approximately 10 years, so I would say roughly [\$]30 million between principal and interest owed on that facility."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay. So that's one expense that we still have that we're going to carry on for another 10 years for building that building, and then how much other funding do we give to now WSU and WSU Tech together?"

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "We don't give anything to WSU but for their 1.5 mill levy proceeds..."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay."

Ms. Poe Rousseau said, "...and so that equates to around [\$]7 million per year, [\$]7.8 million per year. In terms of any funding going to WATC directly, we won't be doing any of that any longer."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, great. Alright, that's all the questions I have. Are there any other questions from Commissioners? I don't see any other questions at this time. Do we have a motion to receive and file?"

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Howell 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, "Thank you. Next item, please."

Received and Filed

M [18-385](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 3, 2018.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning."

Ms. Kristen McGovern, Senior Purchasing Agent, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts for May 3rd 2018 results in 10 items."

1. ROAD IMPROVEMENTS -- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING -- R175 PREVENTIVE MX-16+

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Cornejo & Sons LLC in the amount of \$602,681.06."

2. ROAD IMPROVEMENTS -- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING -- R175 PREVENTIVE MX-16+

"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Cornejo & Sons, LLC in the amount of \$3,260,668.73."

3. SEDGWICK COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATION (SCDDO) INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY PROGRAMS (NON-HCBS) -- SEDGWICK COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATION (SCDDO) FUNDING -- STATE AID

"The recommendation is to accept the proposal from The Arc of Sedgwick County, Inc. in the amount of \$81,000."

4. 2018 STREET APPEARANCE DODGE CHARGER -- FLEET MANAGEMENT FUNDING -- DODGE CHARGER

"The recommendation is to accept the bid from Park Motors in the amount of \$25,180."

5. AMMUNITION – SHERIFF'S OFFICE FUNDING – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

"The recommendation is to accept the bid from Accuracy Inc. dba Ultramax Ammunition for items 1 (one) and 2 (two), and from Precision Delta Corporation for item 3 (three), and the overall low bid for practice ammunition from Armscor Cartridge Inc., and establish contract pricing for two (2) years with two (2) one (1) year options to renew at the rates listed."

6. MAILING SERVICES -- APPRAISER/TREASURER'S OFFICE FUNDING -- APPRAISER/TREASURER'S OFFICE

"The recommendation is to accept the overall low bid from Mail Communications Group at the rates listed for three (3) years with two (2) one (1) year options to renew. Just for the record, the motion passed 4-1, and Linda Kizzire abstained from that vote."

7. MAIL INSERTER AND SOFTWARE -- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPORT SERVICES (ITSS) FUNDING – ITSS

"The recommendation is to accept the quote from Neopost USA Inc. for a five (5) year total cost of \$73,161.60."

8. AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT UPGRADES -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNDING -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

"The recommendation is to accept the quote from Conference Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$74,902.91."

9. VARIOUS OFFICE FURNITURE -- VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FUNDING -- VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

"The recommendation is to utilize the State of Kansas contracts that are listed above through December 31, 2023 as indicated by the State of Kansas."

10. ON-CALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES -- FACILITIES FUNDING – FACILITIES

"The recommendation is to accept the bids from Linder and Associates, Inc., Phillips Southern Electric, Inc. and Advanced Electric at the rates listed for one (1) year with four (4) one (1) year options to renew."

Ms. McGovern said, "I will be happy to try and answer any questions you may have, and I recommend approval of these items."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I read through all of your bid board. It looks like it was a fairly lengthy bid board, and..."

Ms. McGovern said, "It was."

Chairman Dennis said, "...it had a lot of lively discussions during some of the topics on there. I did read item four with very much interest. I agree with the decision that you all made on item four."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</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>

Ms. McGovern said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Well that was a lengthy Bid Board, but it was a lot easier here than it was at the Bid Board."

Ms. McGovern said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

Approved

CONSENT

Mr. Mike Scholes, said, "Commissioners, I recommend you approve consent agenda items November (N) through Alpha Foxtrot (AF) or Air Force if it applies."

Chairman Dennis said, "We do understand the phonetic alphabet in the Air Force."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve consent agenda items November (N) through

Alpha Foxtrot (AF).

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, "We have a motion and a second. Discussion?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask our Public Works Director to make a comment on item O if he would."

Chairman Dennis said, "Sounds appropriate."

Mr. David Spears, Assistant County Manager of Public Works, Facilities Maintenance, Project Services and County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd just like to highlight item O. This was reimbursement for a bridge that was washed out, not completely washed out but not usable after some flooding in 2016, and we applied to KDOT, and it's funding through FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) on damage to roads and on a federal aid secondary system. We were first told no, and I just want to thank Jim Weber and Jeana Morgan of our office for sticking with this and their determination not to give up. We're going to receive back \$346,000 for that bridge, which is 80 percent of what it cost. So we're very thrilled about that. It will go back into the general fund, and I just wanted to highlight that good news. You can see from the rec[ommendation] where there's four others, three other things on there for us also, which we've been pretty busy down there with agreements with KDOT. So just wanted to highlight that item."

Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Thank you. Do we have anything else?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well no, it's just good news to get that reimbursement, and I just appreciate the hard work of our Public Works department overseeing the project to get that bridge, which was unusable, and they reconstructed it, and folks of Kechi were delighted with the quick work and the results of that refurbished bridge."

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

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one quick question on item Sierra, there is a zone change in district four. I'm curious, is this, it's a little unusual to see a zone change on consent agenda. Is this, did this go through MAPC or, I'm just curious about how that is on here as consent."

Mr. Scholes said, "What item, Sierra?"

Commissioner Howell said, "Item Sierra. Yes, I'm an Air Force guy. I know the alphabet as well."

Mr. Scholes said, "Justin will answer."

Mr. Justin Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I believe that Planning staff had altered how they handled agenda items. That was approved by the Planning Commission, I believe it was a unanimous approval. If there has not been any type of any protest petition filed on the item and if the item was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, then they have been placing items on the consent agenda. I think that was something they started doing earlier this year."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Well my memory is not great on that, so I just was curious about it. The second thing I'd just like to point out, item Uniform is certainly a thing I appreciate. Commissioner Ranzau has put this together and a push for this change. But this was a change that was approved by the advisory board and it was, I think, unanimous. So this is a deregulation allowing some different uses of surface water. Of course, it has to go through KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) still, but I think that this is a good change for our county laws, so thank you to Commissioner Ranzau for making that happen."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I'll echo your comments. Commissioner Ranzau sat in with me when we were briefed on this, and I do believe that they did a great job on the recommendations. I thank MABCD for working that one. Any other comments? Seeing none, 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."

- N** [18-327](#) Agreement with David and Tammy Doyel for the Construction of 37th St. N. between 127th St. E. and 143rd St. E. (R342-2018) (District 1).
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- O** [18-349](#) Agreement with KDOT for an Emergency Relief Federal-Aid Road Construction Project on 61st St. North between Oliver and Woodlawn (B499) (District 1).
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- P** [18-367](#) Agreement with KDOT for Construction of the Derby-Mulvane Multi-Use Pathway (District 5).
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- Q** [18-377](#) Authority to Award Contract and Commitment of Funds to KDOT for Aviation Pathway Phase 2 (District 5).
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- R** [18-352](#) Setting of a public hearing date for the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Plan.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- S** [18-338](#) ZON2018-02 - County zone change from SF-20 Single-Family Residential to LI Limited Industrial; generally located at the northwest corner of K-96 Highway and North Ridge Road (District 4).
Approved on the Consent Agenda

- T** [18-383](#) VAC2018-00007 - Vacation of a Platted Front Yard Building Setback for extensions of an existing garage on property zoned SF-20, generally located north of Central Avenue and east of 143rd Street East (751 North Stagecoach Street) (District 1).
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- U** [18-334](#) 2018 Proposed Changes to the Domestic Water Well Code of Sedgwick County for Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Consideration.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- V** [18-364](#) Agreement with the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education (WCGME) and the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- W** [18-303](#) Housing First Funding Agreement with the City of Wichita.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- X** [18-309](#) Service Provision Agreement with the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC).
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- Y** [18-360](#) Resolution for the Interfund Transfer of Monies to the General Fund, and Earmark of Funds in the 2018 Sedgwick County Budget.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- Z** [18-336](#) Retail Dealer's Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for Newman University's Gladiator Dash Event located at the Sedgwick County Park: 6511 W. 21st. Street North, Wichita, Kansas 67213.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- AA** [18-324](#) Order dated 04/02/2018 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- AB** [18-284](#) General Bill Check Register for April 18, 2018 - April 24, 2018.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- AC** [18-395](#) General Bill Check Register for April 25, 2018 - May 1, 2018.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- AD** [18-396](#) General Bill Check Register for May 2, 2018 - May 8, 2018.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- AE** [18-285](#) Payroll Check Register for the April 14, 2018 payroll certification.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

AF [18-397](#)

Payroll Check Register for the April 28, 2018, payroll certification.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Is Will Deer here today?"

Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Deer is not here..."

Chairman Dennis said, "Mr. Yost."

Mr. Yost said, "...Mr. Chairman. Well of course, we'd already reported to you that the legislation with our urban designation had been adopted, and in that same legislation, there was actually a proposal by the city regarding the mayors voting on charter ordinances. That was clarified, and then we also had in that legislation, authority from the State for us to control or at least put the Election Commissioner through the same budget process as all the other departments. That was all in one bill, and that was approved by the governor last week, passed by both houses. Then we have a bill, and I don't know that we obtained a governor signature yet, but pertaining to election matters.

"You all, as the Board of Canvassers had requested that the envelope used by people voting by mail be tweaked a little and clarified, so people understand if they have to sign or not on it. That legislation was passed. There were other things in that bill, but what we'd asked for was done, and of course, there is also the audit provision in that bill. I think on the auditing function for future elections, there will be random audits that are authorized now which we couldn't have done before. But the Rule and Reg[ulations] process by the Secretary of State is going to determine how that works, and that hasn't taken place yet."

Chairman Dennis said, "Good."

Mr. Yost said, "So I think it was a very successful session for Sedgwick County. We got our top priorities."

Chairman Dennis said, "I concur. It was, the major things that we had on our legislative agenda were all passed, and I think that's great news for Sedgwick County. The audit portion, as we talked about the other day, made some confusion in my mind, so I think the Rules and Regs are going to make a big difference on what happens in that audit portion, because they say we select precincts at random. The problem with that, you could select one precinct that had 6[00] or 700 voters in it and the precinct right beside it might have two. So it wouldn't be a very accurate audit if we ended up selecting something that way. So the Rules and Regs are going to make a lot of difference on what happens on that one.

"The other one that we were pushing for, which was very important, you know, we had over 20 people that we had to throw their ballots out when we were doing the canvas, and this corrects those problems. So overall, I thought we had a great legislative session. We had several of us went up to Topeka last Friday. The Manager, Commissioner Unruh and I went up, and we got to watch the governor sign the bill. It gave us authority over the Election Commissioner's Budget and HR (human resources)

functions and gave us the urban area designation. So that is actually laying on Commissioner Howell's desk right now, because he's going to frame that and we'll hang it up in here so that we can show the great work that everyone did on working on those. Commissioner Howell, you have some comments?"

Commissioner Howell said, "I do, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to say I'm really proud of Sedgwick County. I think we had four items off our legislative platform that passed the legislature this year. That's phenomenal. I just wanted to say thank you to all of those that were involved in that. I got involved in some of that personally. I did actually travel to Topeka and testify on some of that. The one that comes to my mind, has been, I think, I'm very, very proud of, and that's the Election Audit Bill. It's been in the news for years, people wanting to audit the elections, and I think the people deserve that transparency and that accountability. We needed to get that done, and we have led on that. It's been on our platform for a number of years. It should have passed last year, frankly, but got gummed up in the process.

"So I'm just so proud of us for getting that finally to the governor. I'm sure he'll sign it, at least I'm confident that he will. But we spent about \$7 million on new election equipment so that it's designed to be audited, and I'm looking forward to finally moving forward with this. The problem in the past was the electronic equipment had a paper tape really designed for the voter to see their selections on paper so they could be confident that their selections were, in fact, registered on that machine, but that was never intended to be an audit trail.

"It was opined by the judicial system, by the judges, that should someone be observing the voters in the poll site, they could figure out the machine number and the time that they voted, they could simply trace that back to a voter. That was a privacy concern, because people, their selections should be private and held in strict confidentiality forever. So the anonymity of the voter needs to be maintained in the process while we audit. So this new equipment, of course, does that very well. It's designed to be audited. So I'm proud of us. I think it would have been desirable, it's been desirable for us to audit this for years. I think it was misunderstood by some of the public that we were trying to shy away from audits thinking that we were not wanting to audit, but I think we took exactly the opposite side, we actually led, I believe we're the only county that actually took that position strongly, trying to get that to change.

"We had it on our platform, we've lobbied for it. I went to Topeka and testified for it. I think I was the only elected official to do so. I'm actually mentioned in the conference committee report. So I think that this is a tremendous accomplishment by our county, and I'm very proud of us for taking that leadership position. But to have four items off our platform accomplished this year, I'm just very, very proud of the entire process, and our lobbyists as well, and those of us that got involved in moving these issues forward. So it's a great process up in Topeka when things work, and I'm proud of getting some things done this year. So those are my comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Do we have any other comments or questions on the legislative issues? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, next item."

OTHER

Chairman Dennis said, "Do we have any comments under 'other'? Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to mention and congratulate our Secretary of State Congressman Pompeo. Not only on his

nomination, but right before we came here, I heard that he had touched down in Japan with the three hostages from North Korea, and I think that's something that's momentous. I'm sure for the family and friends of those people, they're very happy. It's a big deal to have someone from here in Wichita to be involved in that. I think it's worthy to take note of and congratulate him and the President and everybody else that was involved in that, I'm sure. I mean, he's gone from Congressman to CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) Director to Secretary of State fairly quickly. Of course, we don't know how long he'll stay there as Secretary of State, but all bets are off on that. But this is a great thing for us and for the people who have now been released, so that's all."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Any other comments? I have just a couple comments. First of all, I echo Commissioner Ranzau's comments on Secretary of State Pompeo. I think it was a great thing for him, for our country, for the State of Kansas that he was selected as Secretary of State.

"I'm very proud that he was a West Pointer, that he served his country in a number of ways, and now he's doing some great things. I hadn't heard the news that he touched down with the hostages. We all hoped and prayed that that was exactly what was going to happen, and we're very much pleased that it did. The other thing was we started our meeting today talking about a couple of proclamations that we had for our Sheriff's department and our correctional custodies, but correctional officers, but they are part of our community of folks that are serving, and this week we're recognizing all of those folks that are serving their community in a variety of ways. We're very proud of our folks that serve here in Sedgwick County and all of our employees. We're very pleased that we represent those folks and we want to support them in any way that we can. This afternoon at 4:30[p.m.], I believe, we're going to be over at Botanica to recognize one of our Sheriff's Deputies for excellence in public service. I think that's another great way that we honor the folks that are serving us.

"One other thing that I wanted to talk about briefly was, the end of last month I had the opportunity to go down to San Antonio with some leaders, with the Sheriff, with Councilmember Clendenin, with folks from COMCARE, with folks from Via Christi, and take a look at what San Antonio is doing, because they have, they're a city of 1.5 million, so the same issues that they're facing are about three times as big as what we're facing here. But they have come up with some solutions to drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness, mental health, and these are some tremendous issues that are impacting us here in this area. If you take a look at what we're spending right now because of those issues, the D.A. (District Attorney), the courts that are involved in trying to react to problems involving drug abuse, mental health and so forth.

"Our EMS that responds to people overdosing and having medical problems every single day. Our fire department doing the same exact thing, COMCARE, the Sheriff's Office, the jail. When I was talking to the D.A. yesterday, he gave me an interesting statistic. He said, as he's charging people for different crimes, 11 percent of all of the people that he charges today are charged an additional charge is levied because of possession of illegal drugs. That's the people that are possessing it. That doesn't include those people that he's charging that are now using drugs that are committing the crime because of it, but they don't have drugs on them. So the figure is really much higher than that. We're looking, the reason that we had a meeting yesterday with the Sheriff and the D.A. and Via Christi and a bunch of folks that are involved in these issues is that this is a huge issue and it's going to have a huge impact on the budget

here in Sedgwick County. It's going to have a huge impact on our community. We need to come up with some solutions.

"One of the things we're looking at is trying to get together a request for up to between [\$]100,000 and \$500,000 to take a look at this problem and see what we can do. We're going to see a grant proposal in one of our upcoming meetings in the very near future, because it's due on May 29th to see if we can get some funding to help work this. But that funding is going to look at someone that we can hire to solve this, because one of the areas that I forgot to mention is the cost to our hospitals when these people end up in a hospital is immense.

"So we need, first step is really to find someone that we can put in place to start working these issues for us and figure out what their next steps are. But San Antonio was blessed, Valero came up with \$20 million to put together a campus. They've got 149 nonprofits all located in one place that they can bring people in that have problems with homelessness, problems with mental illness, problems with drug and alcohol abuse, and serve them right there at this campus. \$20 million is a huge hurdle, but we need first of all, the person in place that can start working this and figuring out what we need to do, because it's going to continue to impact our budget every single day and the budgets of a lot of important businesses, community support issues around here.

"So our COMCARE is really, that we've got today is kind of miniature view of what they're doing in San Antonio. The problem is, it is miniature, and it doesn't really address all of the issues that we have to come to grips with. So I hope that we can get this grant through that we're talking about and seeing if we can fund the position to work this, but I hope that we can get the community together, and it would really be nice if we had somebody like Valero that came through with [\$]20 million to start this because it's going to cost that much and probably more. I think the total cost in San Antonio after that was another [\$]29 million on top of that, so their total cost down in San Antonio is approximately \$49 million. But their problem is concentrated in one place, and they have the resources in order to be able to work those.

"So I was, it was a long day. We flew to San Antonio in the morning, and we flew back that night. The airlines had a few issues because we broke two planes trying to get there and back, so it was a long day, but it was worth it. That's the main thing is what we saw down there and what we know to be the problem here in Sedgwick County, there's a solution out there. I'm not sure that we can afford the solution San Antonio has, but we have to find the solution, and we have to work it, and then we have to find out what we can do. So I first of all applaud our Sheriff for everything that he's doing. I applaud Via Christi for what they're doing to help us out. Our COMCARE is doing a great job. There's a lot of people that are working this right now, but it's going to take some resources in order to solve this problem. So, that's my report. Does anyone else have anything? We have no executive session today, so therefore I don't think we have anything else on our agenda."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.