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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:27 a.m. on August 15, 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; Ms. Lindsay Poe-Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Chris Labrum, Director Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department; Ms. Joan Tammany, Executive Director, COMCARE; Ms. Haither Zaragoza, Management Intern, County Manager's Office; Lieutenant Keith Allen, Sheriff's Office; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Scott Hadley, Director, Emergency Medical Services Department; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Heddie Page, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Jim Burgess, 427 Spring Creek Drive, Derby, Kansas

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

INVOCATION: Reverend Gary Brooks, Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

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 one individual signed up to speak on public agenda, Mr. Jim Burgess. Please state your name for the record and you have three minutes."

Mr. Jim Burgess, 427 Spring Creek Drive, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As before I will disclose that I am on the Board of, the Board for Derby Senior Center, and I'm also on the Advisory Council on Aging for Sedgwick County. I am speaking today, as always, as a private citizen. I am going to be very brief because I know there is a long agenda.

"It's come to my attention that the \$113,000 that we have requested as extra funding for senior centers is the equivalent of a 23 cent tax on a \$100,000 home. That's less

than one quarter, one little quarter per year that it would take to fund all five or six of the senior centers that have requested funding. If you happen to be well-to-do, have a \$400,000 house, it will cost you 92 cents. That's less than a buck.

"I can't imagine that anyone would oppose spending less than a quarter per year to ensure that their mom and dad or that their grandma and grandpa had a safe place to socialize, eat, exercise or to seek needed information. So I'm asking you again, gentleman if you would please fund the money that is required for the full funding of the formula for senior centers as is in the agreement that they have signed. Do the right thing, gentleman. Here's my fair share, it's there, it's yours. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Anyone else wish to speak on public agenda this morning? Anyone else? Thank you. Next item, please."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A** [18-618](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2018.
All Commissioners were Present.

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you've all had an opportunity to review the minutes for July 11th, July 17th, July 18th and July 25th."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 11, 2018, July 17, 2018, July 18, 2018 and July 25, 2018.

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>

Approved

- B** [18-626](#) SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2018.
All Commissioners were Present.

Action for this item was taken with Item A.

- C** [18-633](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2018.
All Commissioners were Present.

Action for this item was taken with item A.

- D** [18-636](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2018.
All Commissioners were Present.

Action for this item was taken with item A.

APPOINTMENTS

- E [18-625](#) ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF BERNARD PATRICK (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) FROM THE METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT BOARD OF APPEALS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS.
Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Resignation.

Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Items E and F can probably be handled at the same time. Item E is the resignation of Mr. Bernard J. Patrick from the MABCD (Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department) Board of Appeals of Plumbers and Gas Fitters. He'd held the mechanical engineer position on that board. No replacement has been named at this time.

"Then Item F is the resignation of Mr. Glenn Steele from the [Sedgwick County] Third District Citizens Advisory Board. No replacement for Mr. Steele just yet. I would recommend adoptions of both of these resolutions."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Yost. Mr. Steele serves on my advisory board for the citizens in district three. I sincerely appreciate his service during the time he was able to serve. However, his job has taken away from home quite frequently, so he can't continue to serve. I want to make sure that we express our sincere gratitude for his service. Also, Mr. Bernard Patrick for the [Metropolitan Area] Building [and] Construction Department. We sincerely appreciate his service also."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the resignation of Bernard Patrick from the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department Board of Appeals of Plumbers and Gas Fitters and the resignation of Glenn Steele from the Sedgwick County Third District Citizens Advisory Board.

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>

Chairman Dennis Aye

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

Approved

F [18-649](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF GLENN STEELE (COMMISSIONER DAVID DENNIS' APPOINTMENT) FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY THIRD DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation.

Action for this item was taken with item E.

G [18-630](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KENT KOSTER (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO FILL THE POSITION OF TREASURER FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY MORTON TOWNSHIP FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF RICHARD ROSENHAGEN, WHO PASSED AWAY.

Presented by: Eric Yost, County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Yost said, "This is a resolution appointing Kent Koster to the Treasurer position for [Sedgwick County] Morton Township to fill a vacancy created by the passing of Mr. Richard Rosenhagen. Morton Township is in Commissioner Dennis' district, and he is recommending that Mr. Koster be appointed. This term would expire on January 11, 2021. It's my understanding that Mr. Koster is not expected to be here this morning to be sworn in, but I would urge adoption of the resolution."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you very much. I have recommended this appointment to Treasurer for Morton Township for Kent Koster. I appreciate his volunteering to serve in this role. It's unfortunate that we have to replace him due to the death of Mr. Rosenhagen, but we do need to make this appointment."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution to appoint Kent Koster to Treasurer of Morton Township.

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

NEW BUSINESS

H [18-584](#)

ADOPTION OF THE 2019 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Presented by: Mike Scholes, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution for the 2019 Sedgwick County Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sedgwick County's 2019 recommended operating budget totals \$419,042,893. It will be supported with a property tax levy of \$142,756,344, which is approximately equivalent to 29.359 mills based on the estimated assessed valuation and subject to technical adjustments."

"The public was invited to participate in two public hearings, a social media town hall and comment on the online forum at www.sedgwickcounty.org. I recommend you adopt the resolutions for the 2019 Sedgwick County operating budget and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. We've had public comment on this two times in presence, we've had public comment again today, we've had online comments. I think that we're now at the point where we need to start passing a budget. So do I have any recommendations from the Board? Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "Well, I'll say in general I'm supportive with, I'm supportive of the budget. Although, do I have issues with some of the CIP (Capital Improvement Project) issues, bond funding and things like that. We can't completely take out the CIP separately, but we do have an option here to do two adoptions, which is what I'd like to do or two motions, one of which would be passing the main operating budget, which I would be supportive of, and then have a separate discussion on the bond fund and the externally funded CIP projects and some issues that resolve around there. But in general, I think we've, over the last couple of years, we've made some improvements on our financial outlook there again as a result of multiple years of working and making some decisions and then when you add that with the increased evaluation, that's helping us improve our financial outlook."

Chairman Dennis said, "So do you have a motion?"

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, I guess I can. Where's Lindsay? I am correct, I want to do so the adoption number one now, right? That's..."

Ms. Lindsay Poe-Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, Commissioner on your motions, you should have one that says if you want to adopt the two separately."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yes."

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "You want to do adoption one."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "You want me to make motion now before any discussion?"

Chairman Dennis said, "We need a motion..."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay."

Chairman Dennis said, "...before we can discuss."

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to adopt the resolution for the 2019 Sedgwick County budget that includes an operating budget of \$419,042,893 and the 2019 cash-funded Capital Improvement Program at \$13,789,137. The total operating budget is partially funded with a property tax levy of \$142,756,344, which is approximately equivalent to 29.359 mills based on the estimated assessed valuation, subject to review and technical adjustments.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, "Discussion?"

Commissioner Unruh thanked the Chairman and said, "Yes."

Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Lindsay, from our financial management standpoint, is this something, this is not the motion that you supported or that you wanted to advance. Is that or am I not saying I mean, I don't want to put you on the spot. But I mean this just has to do with whether or not we bond our road and bridges. That's..."

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "Right, so the motions that likely will follow here that adoption one would be adopting an operating budget with the cash funded Capital Improvement Program, because that is imbedded in the operating budget. The second motion that would come up would only be relevant to the debt funded and external funded Capital Improvement Program. Historically, we have done the single motion with a single resolution. Last year we did take this approach to break it into two parts. As long as a budget is adopted at the end of the day though, I am perfectly happy."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well okay, so if we were to approve this motion here, we could then, the subsequent motion on the CIP we could, if we weren't in favor of that, then we could approve a motion that says that, I mean, how would that language read? That if we wanted to go ahead and defeat Commissioner Ranzau's position and use bonded funding, what motion do we..."

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "I think at this point if you wanted to do that, there would be a substitute motion, which would be the motion that is listed at the bottom of your sheet that says Sedgwick County budget and it's a single operating budget and a single resolution. We could be prepared to accommodate that, if that's the wish of the

Commission.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Alright. I understand that and I’m prepared to make a substitute motion, however, if this motion prevails and we still want to bond fund those long term road projects and bridge projects, what does that motion look like?”

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, “That would be your adoption two motion on here, and it would solely address the bond fund and external funded Capital Improvement Projects, and there is a second resolution that’s attached to your back-up that would have to be passed as well.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, but that is not the motion that Commissioner Ranzau is going follow up with, is it?”

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, “I don’t know.”

Commissioner Ranzau said, “Let me comment. Those two together get you to where you want. So, I think we agree on this part and then we may have some discussion on that other part.”

Mr. Scholes said, “Correct.”

Commissioner Ranzau said, “There may be a substitute motion or you may just make that motion and I might just vote against I haven’t got that far yet.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Alright, well then I’ll just offer a substitute motion, Mr. Chairman.”

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the resolution for the 2019 Sedgwick County budget that includes an operating budget of \$419,042,893 and that the 2019 Capital Improvement Program of \$25,872,231. The total operating budget is partially funded with a property tax levy of \$142,756,344, which is approximately equivalent to 29.359 mills based on the estimated assessed valuation, subject to review and technical adjustments.

Commissioner O’Donnell seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, “We have a motion and a second on a substitute motion. Any discussion? Commissioner Howell.”

Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, “Well, I just wanted to make sure that I’m going to have a chance later on to move some money around within the budget, so this is not going to impact my ability to do that later. Is that correct?”

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, “I believe at this point the motion is to adopt a budget. So if it was adopted right now that way, then we would need to take some, maybe a different approach in the motions you may want to bring. So I would recommend you do your motions before this budget is actually adopted.”

Commissioner Howell said, “Yeah, so again, so I didn’t really get a chance to do that. Mr. Chairman, I have some motions I wanted to consider before we, before we got to

this point. Unfortunately, we went right to the end if you will. So I don't know that I, how to handle that at this point. But I've got a couple of motions I've been talking about for a while on senior centers and I do want to, I want to have some brief discussion about that. I think that the seniors that are here and showed up at our budget hearing deserve a chance to hear us deliberate and vote on things that they care about.

"So I have some motions prepared, actually three of them. I can go through them very short, very quickly. We can dispense with that and then at that point, get onto adopting the actual budget. But so Lindsay, I just ask you again, if we go forward right now, do I still have a chance to make the motions I need to make in terms of..."

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "I'll defer to Legal if they want to answer this question, otherwise, I have a proposal."

Chairman Dennis said, "Mr. Yost."

Mr. Yost said, "We have never adopted any parliamentary rules, and so there is no limit on substitute motions and that sort of thing. I would recommend that before we get to the vote on the overall budget, that we go ahead and take up any amendments to that. Roberts Rules [of Order] wouldn't allow that, but I think we don't have Robert's Rules here, and so I think if Commissioner Howell or any other Commissioner has an actual amendment to the budget, we should probably take that up before we do the overall budget adoption vote."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Should we table this motion?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "But there is a motion and a substitute motion on..."

Mr. Yost said, "There is."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So are you suggesting leaving those or ..."

Mr. Yost said, "But there is no limit on how many, I mean, they can do a substitute on a substitute in the absence of any rule prohibiting that."

Commissioner Unruh said, "In the absence of rules prohibiting it, we can be here a long time."

Mr. Yost said, "You could be."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Well okay, that's fine with me. I mean, I just want to be clear."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay. Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say we actually have done that in the last three and a half years I have been here. We've had a couple times where we've had a substitute with another substitute. We've accepted that in the past. So I'm not going to belabor the moment, I will just going to make a couple of quick points.

"We did have a couple of public budget hearings, and last Thursday we actually had

70, actually by the newspaper they said we had 80 seniors show up. We heard from 26 different people. I think all of them except for two were speaking on senior center funding and Aging programs. I, you know what this was one of those things where I feel like in 2015 we were criticized for, because we essentially reconsidered the zoo funding agreement.

"That was a very difficult year, and we got through that and the zoo is doing great. They're thriving, that's the word they used. But that was a very difficult time and one of the arguments that was made at that time was the county should just keep their word. There was a clause in that contract that says if you need to cancel for some reason you could do that, and so we had to take that option at that time. We have a new agreement and everybody's happy. It passed unanimously and the zoo's thriving once again.

"We do have an agreement that was passed in the middle of the 2000's. Again, I'm not sure of the exact year. It was an agreement. It wasn't a contract. It was a performance measures funding agreement that that was hammered out by Commissioners at that time. Commissioner Unruh, you were here at that time. It was a very long process to get this done, but anyway the community all agreed this was what we were going to do. It was an agreement. It was based on whether there's adequate funding to fund this. Its a performance based funding agreement, if you will.

"We have, I believe, six senior centers that actually have demonstrated performance measures that would qualify them for increases in funding this year, if we have the revenues. I think we do have the revenues. I've looked at the budget very closely. We actually have the revenues in this budget to fund this if we want to, and so that's really a political decision.

"But nevertheless, this agreement does exist, and I would like to reflect back on something that happened in 1982. In 1982, there was a ballot measure, whether you like the results or not, it doesn't really much matter. The people spoke, 66.4 percent of the people voted for language that would authorize the county to levy a tax up to one mill to fund senior programs for the elderly. It is essentially how it's worded. It was clear at the time, and I went back and looked.

"I spent several hours doing research on this, went back and looked at all the articles both before and after that ballot measure passed. It was very clear to everyone at the time. There was lots of editorials, there was all kinds of documents from staff writers that were explaining what this was supposed to do and why. There was no question this would be a tax increase. Anyway, it passed with 66.4 percent.

"The first year we had a budget after that, we put in 0.700 mill into that category from Sedgwick County. Today, we're down below 0.5 mills. It actually had gone up to 0.9 mills, but it's come back down again. I think we're down to 0.49 mills right now, but that also includes staff salaries.

"I'm not sure exactly how to break this out, but I don't know if that's a fair calculation or not because I can't really tell exactly what salaries should be in that calculation. If you simply look at the funding for the senior, for the 15 programs identified by Department of Aging (DoA) that we fund through property tax mill levy and you calculate that out, it's about 0.23 mill for the property tax funds for those 15 programs. Now most of those, 14 of them actually have other revenues. They're not solely funded by the county. So 14 out of those have other revenues, and so we provide match money or

whatever to make those programs acceptable and useable in Sedgwick County.

"The 15th of those priorities are senior centers. By the way in the writings back in 1982, senior centers were mentioned in, they had mentioned seven priorities and they listed seven priorities senior centers were mentioned three times. For example, nutrition programs administered by senior centers. It is a fact that our nutrition programs are administered through senior centers across our county. If senior centers didn't exist, that program, I don't know how logistically how you would administrate that program.

"Having said that, like it or not, that mill levy passed. Unless we want to put another ballot measure out there and ask the people once again, we have an internal mandate to do what that said. Now the legal interpretation is very simple, black and white, they said are we in fact doing what it says. Our black and white interpretation of that is it only limits us to one mill. You don't have to spend any money and your maximum you can spend is one mill on Aging services or programs for the elderly. That's the legal analysis of that right now.

"But going back to the original intent by the people that wrote that document, the County Commissioners themselves wrote letters in support explaining what they wanted to do with this. It's based on a 1974 law. We were the 57th or 58th county in the state that passed this, and it was eight years after the state passed the law, eight years later we passed our mill levy program. It's clearly a tax increase to fund seniors. The county actually demonstrated that by adding 0.7 mills, in fact that mill levy went up over three mills that following year. But they dedicated 0.7 mills to senior programs at that time.

"Here's my point, we have the revenues, we have an agreement. These folks have demonstrated performance measures, as a conservative Republican, I think performance-based funding actually is one of my things that I really like because you fund the things that work and you don't fund the things that don't work. I'll talk about that later. I think there is going to be a motion for some money fora youth program coming up here. I would like to make the point that if it works, it's worthy of funding. If it doesn't work, we should not fund it.

"So whether the programs work or not is really a key. As a conservative Republican, I think that performance-based funding actually is a good way to make sure we're getting the bang for the buck. We're actually making a difference in the community for the things that people support.

"So with that in mind, I asked the staff, and unfortunately two of the senior centers did not put in the paperwork, I understand. Although, I think they're qualified. They did not put in the paperwork and they're really not on this list."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to transfer \$78,000 of budget authority from the Operating Reserve to the Division of Aging senior centers program and allocate full funding to senior centers based on senior center standards. This includes an additional \$22,000 each to Haysville and Oaklawn and an additional \$17,000 each to Mulvane and Clearwater.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Yost said, "Mr. Chairman, could I clarify, \$17,000 for Haysville and Oaklawn each?"

Commissioner Howell said, "No, its \$22,000 for Haysville and Oaklawn and \$17,000 more for Mulvane and Clearwater. If you add that up that should be \$78,000."

Mr. Yost said, "Alright."

Commissioner Howell said, "That's full funding, and by the way, this is less than the person that testified this morning in public comment was referencing a number over a \$100,000 being a 23 cents on a \$100,000 home. So it's actually less than that if you just do the \$78,000 this year. Just for the record, one mill generates about \$4.6 million in Sedgwick County, so you can do the math, \$78,000 out of [\$]4.6 million is a pretty small mill levy."

Chairman Dennis said, "Any further discussion? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Just clarification, I think the Legal staff is checking this out, but what are the senior centers that are proposed for increases. Which ones are they?"

Commissioner Howell said, "Oaklawn, Mulvane, Haysville and Clearwater. Bel Aire pulled out. They didn't want the increase. They didn't ask for it, and the other two senior centers did not put in the paperwork. That would be Valley Center and Park City. So based on our time line they would be eligible in 2020, but they're not eligible this year because they didn't submit the paperwork. I think they've met the performance measures, but they did not submit the right paperwork at the right time and therefore they're about a year behind."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So this is somewhat arbitrary picking and choosing?"

Commissioner Howell said, "No sir, these four senior centers went through the process, they were analyzed by our staff, they were verified that they met the performance measures. It's based on the agreement that we put out in mid-2000's. That is not arbitrary. It's based on those that are working. Those that are being used by seniors. Those that are delivering services that meet the performance measures. We're simply putting them back into the proper funding based on the agreement that we passed in the mid-2000's."

Commissioner Unruh said, "These three are in your district, three of them are in your district?"

Commissioner Howell said, "No sir, two of them are in my district and two them are in Commissioner O'Donnell's district."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Two and two, okay. That's all I had."

Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, the problem that I have is this list here that we have for senior services that the county is providing basically \$1.3 million to their 15 programs, and staff has ranked them in priority and senior centers is the lowest priority. Not because they're not important but because the, all the services that are

higher than that, provide direct services to people that are just very close to going in a nursing home. They have suggested to us that if we have additional funds to give to senior services, that we would put that money into some higher priority programs. Correct me if I'm wrong Lindsay, I think we are putting another \$100,000 into senior service programs that are at a higher priority. Is that correct?"

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "So we are increasing funding for seniors by about a [\$]100,000 in some of these other programs and I fully support that. I have for some time thought with respect to the senior center funding, it is also important to note that even though senior centers is number 15 on the list, they get about 48 to 49 percent of the total funding to begin with. So I just have a hard time going against staff recommendations in this particular instance to give more money to things that are on the lowest priority when we should be giving it to the highest priority.

"I think we need to look at the formula and consider, we need to find a way to reallocate the existing funds somehow and come up with a different formula. I think we need to look at some of the requirements that we put on the senior center that may be driving up the cost unnecessarily, give us some more flexibility. I also think we need to look at some best practices that if there is a wide range of practices that that senior centers do to help supplement their income, because this funding was never intended to be the sole source of funding.

"Some senior centers do a better job of implementing a variety of strategies to increase the amount of money they bring in and others don't. I think we need to have some recommendations and put that out there for everyone to see and we can't just keep the way we are, locked people in forever.

"But I think we need to look at a way to reallocate the existing ones because I just can't, I understand you know, I think the formula we've had in the past puts us in a, creates an expectation that's not sustainable given the fact that we have higher priority programs with respect to seniors that probably need the money first. So that's kind of where I'm at."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the comments by Commissioner Ranzau are right on, and I know that he has worked on a funding formula that may be, after we've analyzed it, something that we want to implement rather than the formula that currently exists. But I believe it's going to take some time to look at it, analyze it and see what the long term impacts are and how it fits into our budget. So Mr. Chairman, I would like to just read a statement, and then I would like to make a substitute motion to the substitute motion, that's a substitute for the underlying motion. So I'd like to, let me read this and then I will make a substitute motion.

"We have heard much discussion in the last month or two about our Aging programs, and it is especially about senior centers. It's clear that senior centers are valued in our community, and we share that appreciation. With that said, this 2019 budget continues to address the restoration of prior reductions which had been primarily focused on direct Aging services and which generally held senior centers at flat funding levels. So we've had some reductions and the senior centers have stayed flat. The recommended

budget includes \$100,000 in additional funding for in-home, community-based and physical disability services.

“In the coming weeks, the Aging Advisory Board can work with staff to determine how to allocate that additional funding in the most effective and efficient manner. I’m told that is on their agenda and they will work toward that allocation. Requests for that additional funding are for services that help our seniors with some of their greatest needs and include programs like meal services, medication services, in-home behavioral health services and some others services that we provide, but important necessary personal services. So my motion is to set a cap on the senior center funding now and freezing the funding for 2019 and then we can move forward with our budget. But given this additional support for Aging services that I described...”

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to set a cap on the senior service funding at \$620,000 indefinitely and freeze funding for senior service at current level for the 2019 budget year. Further, I move that we direct staff to evaluate allocation models for senior center funding and bring the results to this Board for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process. Finally, I move to end discussions on senior center funding for today’s purpose of adopting the 2019 Sedgwick County budget.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, “Any discussion? Seeing none Madam Clerk, call the roll.”

Commissioner Howell said, “I’m sorry. My light was on.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Commissioner Howell.”

Commissioner Howell said, “Yeah, that was a very detailed motion. Is there a way I could have a copy of that so I can understand what is being voted on right now?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “You may.”

Commissioner Howell said, “Mr. Chairman, would you, I would like to indulge you for just about a moment to let me read through this and see if I understand what we are voting on here. So the cap of \$620,000 indefinitely, what programs would that fund or not fund. I mean, what is that dedicated towards?”

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, “That is the contractual amount that’s allocated in the budget for senior centers.”

Commissioner Howell said, “Is that the current amount that’s in the budget this year?”

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Howell said, “So if you subtract out senior centers, that’s the amount

left on this sheet? Everything else except senior centers, this [\$]620..."

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "Well, the senior centers themselves altogether receives \$620,000 at current funding levels. So this motion would freeze funding for senior centers at current levels. There is in the budget book an additional \$15,000, but that is for the staff support and so that part would not be included in this motion. It is just the contractual amounts that go to senior centers."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Alright. So just a comment then, and by the way I do have another motion in just a moment. So if this one, if this one passes, I guess this will preclude my next motion. But with respect to what Commissioner Ranzau said, you know the Aging Advisory Board needs to make recommendations to us. It was clear back in 1982 that we empowered the Aging Advisory Council, I think it was called at the time, empowered them to be fully aware of what our Aging service needs were in this community. They were supposed to set the priorities and make budget recommendations. Again, subject to our funding ability up to one mill, we were essentially obligated to fund those programs. We had discretion, it was our final approval, but that should have come from the senior centers, I'm sorry from the Senior Advisory Council to the Commission."

"Unfortunately, that's not happening today. That step is completely different. Aging Advisory Board I think, receives information, but their input to the process isn't getting upstream, it just isn't going anywhere. If those other programs need more funding, more commodities distribution or more health screenings or whatever the other things are, I think we ought to hear those requests. I don't know that we would say no to any of those things. As far as I know, we're providing the necessary funding to meet the requests of every one of those 14 items."

"Although senior centers may be the last on this list, it was mentioned three times in the original ballot question. They are critically important. We're not the only funder of senior centers. Most of these receive funding from their cities that they sit in other, except for Wichita. So we're not the only funder. A lot of these other program we fund, we are matching grant money, there is federal and state dollars that flow into those programs. We, it's required we provide some local match and we are doing that to make those programs work."

"But if those programs need more funds, then we ought to consider doing those things. But senior centers, although we are the, probably the largest amount of revenue that they receive overall, we're not the only funder of those. They do receive fee money from the users as well as the cities provide funding as well. The cities have actually stepped up. The funds actually gone up by, I think every city I'm looking at, the cities have actually increased their funding for the senior centers."

"So to the extent that we have the revenue available, I think this is really arbitrary. We could go ahead and fund the formula and still do the rest of what you asked for. Others do a review and change the formula if that's what we want to do. But to draw a line in the sand as we have for years and years and years, to me is not the right action here today."

"I recalculated the \$78,000 is a .16, it's a 0.016 mill, is what I come up with. I think that is correct, but nevertheless it's a very small amount of money compared to our budget. So I would urge us not to do this, and my next motion would be for, just to let you know would be for \$5,000 for the four senior centers only, that would be partial

funding, that would not be what they deserve but it would be enough to get them moving in the right direction.

Approved As Amended

"So just let you know what my next motion would be, and thank you for the chance to speak Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I support the substitute to the substitute, whichever version we're on right now. We are adding a \$100,000 to senior services overall in the budget, and we provided in the motion made by Commissioner Unruh, direction to take a look at what the formulas need to be. We keep having discussions constantly about what, how these formulas should work. We need to totally review those and that's what this substitute to the substitute motion does. So I am fully in support of that, I know Commissioner Ranzau has put forth some recommendations. We need the folks to take a look at this recommended motion and come up with some solutions for us, so that we don't go through this same discussion as we prepare our 2020 budget. So Madam Clerk, call the roll on the substitute to the substitute, which version are we one? Commissioner Unruh's substitute."

Ms. Page said, "Correct sir."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you."

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>No</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, "Okay, Commissioner Ranzau I think you need to make another motion."

Mr. Yost said, "Yes."

Chairman Dennis said, "Don't you?"

Mr. Yost said, "Because the adoption of the substitute wipes out any previously made motions. So some, but you can renew them. So if you got something."

Chairman Dennis said, "So far we've only passed part of the budget."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "We haven't passed any, I guess, so his motion would be an amendment to his motion."

Chairman Dennis said, "That is correct. I'm sorry."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "So now we have your motion, right?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Yes, I think my motion on the whole budget."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yes."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "As amended by what, well I guess..."

Chairman Dennis said, "No, we're back to the substitute to your motion."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yes."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Right."

Chairman Dennis said, "Everybody, Mr. Yost, do you agree? We're back to the substitute to Commissioner Ranzau's motion."

Mr. Scholes said, "Correct."

Mr. Yost said, "That would be fine."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Which now includes the motion that just passed."

Chairman Dennis said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Correct."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Even though I don't really think it changes in numbers."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Correct."

Chairman Dennis said, "Didn't change the numbers any."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay. Discussion, Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay, so now we're back on a motion to pass the entire budget, not splitting it out into two."

Mr. Scholes said, "Correct."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "So that leaves me, I either vote for all of it or I have to vote no.

"So I have, you know, multiple issues with some the CIP program. First of all, the R342 which has been removed from the CI program is not something I support. That allows Commissioners to identify one mile of cold mix or gravel road for replacement in each district every other year. I don't believe staff should have been able to remove this project from the CIP.

"Also, I have concerns about some of our bond funding. We had a plan to wean ourselves off of some of the unnecessary bonding that we were doing for roads and bridges. But now some of that has been put back in unfortunately. This is the sort of issue that I've been working on because I think it affects our long term financial sustainability, I guess as we move forward. We've made some progress in the recent years in some other areas.

“You know, we need to bond things that are appropriate and not bond things that aren’t appropriate. With respect to roads and bridges, you know, we’re doing \$4 million a year, but because of the habitual borrowing, we’re now spending \$5.7 million in principal and interest. Okay, so we’re getting \$4 million worth of road projects, but we’re spending \$5.7 million in cash to pay all the bond and interest payments because we’ve dug ourselves into a hole. If we could work ourselves out of it, which we did have a plan to do that, we could get to the point where we’d have \$4 million dollars for road and bridges and \$1.7 million for other stuff. That is a long-term problem that needs to be addressed.

“Additionally, I’ve continued to say that we need to have a more stable and consistent way to fund bond projects and maybe even some equipment projects. Either a set amount each year or a mill levy like the city of Wichita does. I’ve discussed this multiple years. We continue to not have that situation addressed in our budgets. So we just go from year-to-year and just kind of hobble along. I think we could, this is really one of last big hurdles or issues that I think need to be addressed to help our long term sustainability from our budget. It’s a big enough, when you put all the stuff together, its big enough that I would hope we could separate that out.

“I was going to vote against the bond funding portion of the CIP, but since I can’t do that, I will oppose this budget even though I support the large portion of it to include the motion that we just voted for. But I want to continue to register my concerns in this area and hope that it will continue to further a dialog that will improve things in the future similar to what has happened in the Fire District. We had some issues, discussions and we, you know, we had some no votes there. But we continued to push the issue and got to the point where I think we’re in a better place now. Like I say, we have made some significant progress here in the county’s budget, but we still have some work to go in this particular area. I will continue to advocate for that. For those reasons, I won’t be supportive of this motion today.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you. Further discussion? Seeing none, Madam Clerk call the roll.”

VOTE

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

Commissioner Unruh said, “We have a budget.”

Chairman Dennis said, “We have a budget. Okay. Next item, please.”

I [18-555](#)

PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2018 EDITION WITH AMENDMENTS.

Presented by: Chris W. Labrum, MABCD Director.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Open the public hearing. Close the public hearing. Adopt the Resolution.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Chris Labrum, Director, Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a public hearing, and as stated, it is to adopt Article 2 or to amend Article 2, Section 4 of our UBTC (Unified Building and Trade Code) which is the International Residential Code (IRC). Residential only, no commercial impact here, that will be later. The latest adoption of the residential code to OK place in May of 2015, that was the 2012 IRC (International Residential Code) and included 100 amendments. This version is the 2018, we did elect to skip the 2015 code and go to '18 and it includes 38 amendments. We are also requesting..."

Chairman Dennis said, "Chris, just a minute. I know Lindsay and her staff are leaving. They've been working for six or eight months on this budget. I just want to tell them thank you for all the hard work. It really came down to one very controversial item on it at the end. I sincerely appreciate all the work. I wanted to make sure before they left the room that I told them thank you very much for everything. Sorry about that. They were all leaving and I wanted to make sure I told them how much we appreciate their work."

Mr. Labrum said, "No problem, Chairman. I will second that. Thanks to you and your team, Lindsay. We do appreciate it as staff. So yes, this is the 2018 IRC, which includes 38 amendments. We're asking to adopt one appendix out of that manual and that is the one that impacts tiny homes or makes allowances for tiny houses.

"So a great deal or the reason for that vast reduction, three reasons for that vast reduction and amendments. One is we're happy to say that a lot of our prior amendments have been incorporated into the new baseline code book.

"So that's something we're very happy with, we also did some consolidation within our UBTC. We had some outlying areas, and then as you will see on the next slide, that takes us into the third portion of this and the way that the I-codes (International) work together. We were able to consolidate several areas and then also eliminate some redundant areas where we were repeating amendments in both the [International] Residential Code and the applicable trades' codes. So with that, as stated, the one thing we really like about the I-code, family of I-codes is how they coordinate.

"This will include the 2015 [International] Plumbing Code, 2015 [International] Mechanical [Code], and the 2015 [International] Fuel Gas Code as well as the 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC), which we've all adopted. We are working the '18 adoptions on a few of those. As I believe you all are aware and that part of the coordination was to ensure that none of that would conflict. So as we update those to '18 we will, we see no issues there.

"This does cover Sedgwick County and the city of Wichita. It also will include the 18 smaller cities that we contract with as well as the contract work we do for Butler and Sumner Counties. We also are pleased to report that our contractors have been very cooperative with these codes. We've had a lot of success. Our home builders seem to be very happy with them. We've seen no safety, no management issues and that includes those areas where the codes have relaxed a little bit in recent years.

"You've seen also that we were willing to make a few of those changes prior to actually adopting the full code in order to support the Parade of Homes and some the WABA (Wichita Area Builders Association) Home Show. Some of those initiatives specifically

with hand rails.

“The amendments that we see here today definitely increase our manageability of the code by reducing the volume and the amount of paper we’re looking at there. The adoption process did go through the Board of Code, the [Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department] Board of Code Standards and Appeals. They reviewed it and voted unanimously in support. Wichita Area Builders Association (WABA) code review committee also voted in support of this and was also very integral to the review committee, a few of their members serving on the actual sub-committee that presented the code.

“As stated, very, very happy to have that reduction and amendments. We will also again, be looking to adopt the Appendix Q and we do have no indication that staff, community or any industry has a problem with anything we’re supporting or presenting today, are in full support. So to that end I did not include anything for this on specific amendments. Again, most of those were administrative changes just to ensure numbering and position within the code, reducing redundancy, we have nothing that is more restrictive than we’ve seen in our previous codes.

“What I did include for presentation is some discussion on the tiny houses. So those will be defined in our jurisdiction as a home that is 500 square feet or less in floor area. That does not include the lofts. The lofts are normally the sleeping areas. Part of this is to realize that, of course, fire safety is what drives, initiates a lot of our code.

“So this did initiate with the National Fire Protection [Association] Service (NFPA). Now has been adopted into building. We expect that this appendix will probably become a portion of the baseline code in the next version or two. Then gives us some criteria to accommodate and permit and inspect specific to those clearances in those areas. So this provision relaxes several of those code requirements that would apply to a single dwelling unit on a permanent foundation.

“As I think you also know, these are permitted today, so anytime a tiny home comes to us, it is an individual effort to permit and create the criteria for that house. So this would provide a standardized set of that criteria that again, at this point, the community has reviewed and all agrees to specific on those impacts the stairs, handrails and the headroom requirements. It allows ladders versus requiring stairs in those homes. It does reduce ceiling height requirements for the lofts, and it allows for escape out of the roof in the event of a fire from the loft.

“So one thing to make clear, as I know there have been questions and some concerns on this. By putting this in the code, we are not changing or this does not in any way impact the zoning associated with where a tiny home can be located. So any zoning or private covenants that would restrict this type of build, this type home, those remain in place, those processes must still be followed. If someone receives that permission, they are authorized to, whether it be a development or individual home, then this would allow us a standardized permitting process. Again, with community endorsed and agreed upon standards versus having to take each of those as a separate variance or an individual process to review separately the engineering, et cetera, and put a permit into place for that home.

“It gives us the, then obviously the criteria to inspect with. So our stance, and it is a

stance of WABA, Mr. Galyon is not here today, he is traveling. But he spoke me with this morning to reiterate that our position on this, is we want this in the code in order to set those standards, therefore whether it be a [Metropolitan Area] Planning Commission (MAPC) or an elected official decision associated with placement of tiny homes, it would give you the criteria you need to know what you are deciding on. We see that as a big gain with this as well. So with that and pending any questions, I recommend, Commissioners that we accept any public comment, close the hearing, and adopt the resolution with the proposed code and amendments.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Good. Thank you, Chris. First of all before I open the public agenda, do any of the Commissioners have any questions for Mr. Labrum? Seeing none, I would like to open the public hearing on adoption of the International Residential Code, 2018 edition, with amendments. Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this issue? Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on the adoption of the International Residential Code? Anyone in the audience wish to speak?
“Seeing none, I would like to close the public hearing.”

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, “We have a motion and a second. Commissioner Howell.”

Commissioner Howell said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have a couple of questions for Mr. Labrum. I just wanted to see if there was anybody from the audience wanted to speak first, that's fine. Mr. Labrum, just a couple of quick questions. There is obviously an item in the news right now on the micro-mansion development out on 143rd Street out east, and I wanted to see how this might, how this decision might impact what's going on out there. So if we don't adopt this, is that development still able to go in as planned?”

Mr. Labrum said, “That is correct. That obviously, I think Mr. Miller is still here. Dale, looks like Dale left. But that would be according to zoning. I know Justin Waggoner is here, he could speak to that if we want more details. But yes, the zoning allows that. So that is separate from our permitting process.”

Commissioner Howell said, “In terms of the construction, the plan for that home, it might, you know, without some of these allowances, it potentially would change if we held them to the normal building standards. But this allows them to do some things differently, because it's considered a tiny home, but there's a variance opportunity. Can you please talk about that?”

Mr. Labrum said, “That's a good question, Commissioner. So they are actually still allowed to build the homes according to this now. The difference would be that on each individual case, they would come to us, request use of the Appendix Q, request any other stipulations with that, and MABCD would individually permit that, write a permit for that. So this just gives them standardized criteria, gives us a standardized process, definitely a lot more efficient than if in each case we have to establish or really provide a letter, is what we do, to allow them use of those criteria.”

Commissioner Howell said, “So really, if they wanted to go through the variance

process, they could get pretty much anything in Appendix Q done, basically administratively approved, it doesn't go to MAPC or anything like that."

Mr. Labrum said, "That is correct. Once MAPCD zoning, any of those stipulations are taken care of, there would be no legal reason for me to not permit that home."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. So I understand right now, there's about 90 homes that are planned, maybe a little bit more, I don't know. But to do variances on that many homes would take a lot of time and because you charge per square foot for your costs for your inspections are based on square footage. This would actually be a big hit to your office. I would assume."

Mr. Labrum said, "That is correct, Commissioner."

Commissioner Howell said, "So if I adopt this, it doesn't really change what they can do, but it does make your office more efficient."

Mr. Labrum said, "Yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "Again, so I don't want to connect this with whether this is supportive or opposing or supporting that development, because I think it is unrelated, frankly. I think that can go forward regardless whether we adopt this or not. I do think this is about efficiency in your office, and I'd also say that, you know, tiny home villages are trending across the nation. This is one in our community that's happening imminently, but I've heard of at least three others that potentially could happen."

"So clearly we need to get this on our books in terms of how we deal with these things, and so I would be supportive of this today. Only one other comment, and that would be I do think there ought to be potentially some zoning updates to help determine where tiny home villages can be located within a community, I mean, we regulate where mobile homes can go or multi-family housing can go and things like that. To me, this is almost its own class."

"So in my opinion, it should have its own zoning designation, and we ought to have discussions and public, public ought to have a chance to weigh in on those zoning decisions. But that's not what this is about today. So with that, I would be supportive of this amendment. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Further questions? Seeing none, 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>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

Approved

J [18-628](#)

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TOTALING \$810 FOR COMCARE'S COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER (CCC).

Presented by: Joan M. Tammany, LMLP, COMCARE Executive Director.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Acknowledge the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign letters of appreciation.

Chairman Dennis said, "Joan, welcome."

Ms. Joan Tammany, Executive Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here today again because three individuals in our community lost their life to suicide earlier this year. The family of Suzanne Milan came to our crisis program in late July to share that their daughter had lost her struggle or battle with depression. Suzanne was just 40 years old at the time of her death. Suzanne's family requested that any donations be designated to the Community Crisis Center (CCC), as she had utilized and valued the services she received from us in the past. We also have an additional donation in memory of Abraham Parks, we talked about earlier this year, and one to honor Larry Cline. In total we received 15 donations totaling \$810.

"As with any opportunity with a donation for suicide prevention awareness, I just want to take the opportunity to educate everyone to the fact that suicide doesn't discriminate by any demographic in our community, and that mental illness impacts one in four people. The number of deaths due to suicide locally and nationally, is on the rise. I am proud to say that at COMCARE we have staff trained to teach and deliver mental health first aid, which offers tools to citizens in our community to start conversations and to listen compassionately to someone who has thoughts of suicide and to give them information around community resources where they can get help.

"Our Community Crisis Center is here to help. It's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People can pick up the phone and call and reach out. They can walk in at any time. If anybody in the community is worried about someone, let them know you care, and ask if they are thinking about death and then hook them up with somebody who can help them and treat them. So I am here to ask that you accept the donations and authorize the Chairman to sign the letters of appreciation."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you very much, Joan. Thank you for bringing this donation to our attention. The Community Crisis Center impacts people every single day. I saw a study recently that it has an impact of something like \$18 million a year, is that what I heard on our community on savings?"

Ms. Tammany said, "Oh, yes. On the cost avoidance study, that it saves local hospitals, the Sheriff's Office, WPD (Wichita Police Department) and other people that intervene with this population by bringing them to the [Community] Crisis Center, it helps offset about \$18 million a year."

Chairman Dennis said, "That's significant. Not only the cost savings, but more importantly, the impact on our citizens..."

Ms. Tammany said, "Yes."

Chairman Dennis said, "...that need that service. So I think it is great that we have a donation."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the Chairman to sign letters of appreciation.

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

K [18-624](#)

CONSIDERATION OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,559,132 FOR COMCARE'S PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AGREEMENT.

Presented by: Joan M. Tammany, LMLP, COMCARE Executive Director.

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

Ms. Tammany said, "I'm coming to you today for, asking your consideration to accept the grant award, authorize the budget authority requested, and then to authorize the Chairman to sign all the necessary documents. This is grant funding that we get from the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). This year it's in the amount of \$7,559,132.

"It's our participating Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) contract that occurs each year, and is a primary funding source, or funding contract for COMCARE. The agreement that we are asking you to authorize and sign describes our responsibilities as a Community Mental Health Center. It defines the compensation amount and our reporting obligations to the state.

"The funding, it pays for the infrastructure for COMCARE, such as salaries and benefits for the employees who deliver direct services and other services to the organization. I do want to just point out that there's very few changes in the contract from a language perspective.

"The only language changes in there are things that we, the Community Mental Health Center in the State of Kansas, asked for in terms of clarification points. Then there are some changes in our reporting templates that we submit each month for payment. The grant award is an increase from the previous year, in the total of \$804,547, which is a good thing. We had lost some funding last year on the federal side. This restores some of that and gives us a little extra in terms of the grant funding.

"I just want to take the opportunity, I want to share that COMCARE has an exceptional reputation for quality of care that we provide to our community, and we are recognized

for that at both the state level and amongst our peers nationally. I don't think we ever take the opportunity to brag on ourself. So I wanted to do that. We strive to be progressive, we utilize best practices, and we are fortunate the work we do draws to us a very dedicated and passionate workforce that believes in helping others. So I am proud of what we do. I am proud of the workforce we have. I want to thank them publicly for what they do, what we do matters. We save lives, and we improve lives in our community. So I am asking that you accept the grant award, authorize the budget authority for the funding and then authorize the Chairman to sign all the documents associated with the grant."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Joan. We are very proud of what you all do in COMCARE. We sincerely appreciate the impact you have. Before I open this up for the rest of the Commissioners, one thing I always try to do is to recognize any elected officials in the audience. I just noticed that City Councilman Pete Mietzner joined us in the audience. We want to welcome him to our meeting today. Thank you for being here. Commissioners, we have a proposal. What is the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the grant award and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Ranzau 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. Tammany said, "Thank you."

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

Approved

L [18-646](#)

CONSIDERATION OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,695.00 FOR THE 2018 EDWARD J. BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT: 2018 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY PROJECT.

Presented by: Haither Zaragoza, Management Intern, County Manager's Office.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Open the public hearing, accept public comments, and close public hearing. Approve the grant application and related Agreement with the City of Wichita. Authorize the Chairman or his designee to submit the application through the Justice Department Grants Management System (GMS), execute all grant documents (as required) including a grant award agreement containing substantially the

same terms and conditions as the application. Approve the establishment of budget authority at the time the grant documents are executed.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Haither, welcome."

Ms. Haither Zaragoza, Management Intern, County Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today, I am going to present to you the 2018 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), also known as the JAG grant. The JAG grant provides federal funding to divisions and departments in the criminal justice system. Total funds for 2017 were [\$]344,963. Sedgwick County's share was \$172,481. The difference from last year to this year was a total of [\$]30,732 total funds, which is \$15,366 of the county.

"Currently, the city of Wichita and Sedgwick County are classified as disparate jurisdictions, which means they receive funding in one lump sum and that sum is divided through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and the county. The total amount of funding available for both jurisdictions for 2018 was \$375,695. Sedgwick County and city of Wichita have decided to split that amount 50/50, and that gives our share as \$187,847.50.

"Today in addition to accepting staff's recommendation to accept this grant, we ask that you conduct a public hearing and accept public comment required by the grant by the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ). Here's is the amounts requested from the departments and what was recommended from the advisory board. The total amounts requested for 2018 was \$199,357.85. The request for last year was \$207,281.36.

"The remaining information will cover what the specific departments will get through the JAG grant. The first one is the Sheriff's Department, their class that's about to come up has 30 Detention Deputies as well as 13 Road Patrol Deputies. They're requesting that we replace their current MCT (Mobile Computer Terminals) with these laptops to assist with that. The next one would be for their drone, the licensing for their drone. They can reconstruct roads with the drones so the accident scenes won't have to be closed as long. They can go and fly the drone, get the pictures and the measurements they need and then go back and put it in with their mapping software.

"The next item on the Sheriff's [Office] is for a UV (Ultra Violet) flare kit, so this item will allow for trace evidence to be detected. The next is for the cuff port/pass through systems. Currently the jail has 697 cell doors. Out of those, 305 currently have the system in use. They requested five. In the Sheriff's budget, they are going to be adding another 10. So that way we can get it to where the inmates that are violent and possibly disruptive will not be threats to the inmates.

"The other priority on this slide is the replacement of the MCT's. In April of this year, the MCT's they went out of warranty. So any time the Sheriff's Department has to call to even speak to somebody, they have to pay \$60. I think that Colonel Powell said one of the cheapest ones they've had to replace with MCT's was \$1,000, just because they aren't under warranty. The MCT's currently use Windows 7. As of January 2020, that will no longer be used. The current MCT's are no longer being produced by Dell, so this will be the new system that will have to go in all of the patrol cars.

"The jail needs to expand their riot gear. Currently, some of the deputies cannot be sized in the riot suits based off of weight and size. The other items in the riot gear do have expiration dates, and some of them are replacing ones that are actually safer to use indoors. So we're taking out the gear that's not available, like not as good as the new items would be for indoor capabilities. The total Sheriff's amount requested is \$77,268.97. Forty-one percent of that is the total amount allocated for Sedgwick County for the JAG grant.

"The [Sedgwick County Regional] Forensic Science Center (SCRFSC), all of their items are going to be replacement, except for one of their priorities. The first priority that they have is replacing a piece of equipment that is extremely outdated. If that goes down, we will no longer be able to do types of analyses that have to do with alcohol and other liquids that are submitted to the lab. The second one on their priority is the pipet fillers. The one that they have is aging, and so they're requesting two, one to replace the aging one and one to have as a backup for the DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) section.

"The next one is not replacing current technology. It is, however, advancing their technology in their conference room so that way they can have enhanced autopsy photos, x-rays, crime scenes when they do conferences for law enforcement and the DA (District Attorney). Currently, a bunch of people stand around one computer monitor, and that's how they do their briefings. The next one is the purification system that will assist with DNA. The current orbital rotator, which they are requesting to replace, is 20 years old and currently breaking down. This machine does the alcohol analysis, and if it's not replaced, they will not be able to perform alcohol analysis for the county. Their last request is two computers plus two of the Microsoft programming. Their current computers are over 10 years old, so these two would actually replace two of the ones that they have.

"Next is the District Attorney. They are requesting a computer. They have specific requests for it. This one will actually be used by multiple attorneys in the system. It will not be just for one specific attorney, and they also are requesting a large printer, so that way they can print out their own pictures or graphs or any other items they will need for court in their office instead of having to use the Print Shop or GIS (Geographic Information Services). The DA's total request is \$6,300.25, which is three percent of the allocated JAG amount for the county.

"Corrections asked for a bulk amount of items. They needed \$20,000. \$20,000 is what they requested for drug testing as well as electronic monitoring. They were given a little bit extra based off of what was left.

"Effective July 1st, House Bill 2458 is allowing Level 4 drug offenders to participate in Senate Bill 123, which will add an additional 80 to 100 clients in Community Corrections, but it does not add any funding. Currently, it's estimated that County Corrections does about 2,000 drug tests per month, and this will buy about approximately one month's worth of testing. Their total request was \$40,058.53, which is 21 percent of the JAG's allocated amount to Sedgwick County.

"The Courthouse Police are requesting the walk-through metal detectors, and those metal detectors will actually go to the north side of the courthouse lobby. Those are the ones that are utilized the most. They were purchased in 1997, and they have

scanned approximately 9.4 million people. They are also asking for some handheld scanners and licensing to be able to use all of the computer or all of the camera systems that could actually tap into one location here at the courthouse. They use that system for the Tag Office, this building, the [Ronald] Reagan Building, Munger and the old courthouse, the [Sedgwick County] Historic Courthouse.

“At this time, if there are no questions, I recommend that we open the public hearing, accept public comments, then close the public hearing, approve the grant application related agreement with the city of Wichita, authorize the Chairman or his designee to submit the application, through the Justice Department Grants Management System, execute all grant documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions of application above the establishment, approve the establishment of the budget authority at the time the grant is executed. If you have any questions I could answer, or there are also representatives from the department here at this time.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you, Haither. Commissioner Howell.”

Commissioner Howell said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the presentation. I look forward to this particular grant each year. I think it does a lot of great things in our community. I just want to say, you read the motion, I’d like to make I’m sorry, you read the recommended action. I would make the motion we take the recommended action, but along with that, I just wanted to point out that it’s a fascinating story to go read. This is a memorial to recognize Edward J. Byrne who is a law enforcement officer who was basically assassinated. So it’s a fascinating story, it happened in 1988 I guess 30 years ago. So I think it’s worthy of us to take just a moment and go back and read that. I won’t read it now. I have done that already. I just want to say thank you to his family for making this possible today. Thank you, Chairman.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Any other comments before I open the public hearing? Seeing none, I’d like to open the public hearing for the acceptance of the grant. Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this issue? Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this grant? Does anyone in the audience wish to speak on this grant? Seeing none, I would like to close the public hearing. Commissioner Howell would you like to make a motion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the grant application.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, “We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Commissioner Unruh, did you have...”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well Haither, I just wanted to congratulate you and Marty for working through this process. All of our criminal justice partners have priorities that they think are important, and they all come with a list. But it’s amazing how collegial that all of our partner’s in our criminal justice system work together to trying to effectively use this grant money in the best way possible. There is a little bit of give and take, but I’ve been involved two or three times

in this process. Every time, I'm impressed by how all the components in our criminal justice system are sensitive to one another's needs and they work together well. It's really a fun process, maybe I should say it that way. But anyway, thanks for you and Marty's leadership."

Ms. Zaragoza said, "Thank you."

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Any other comments. 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>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Ms. Zaragoza said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you very much, Haither. Next item, please."

Approved

M [18-647](#)

CONSIDERATION OF FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS PROGRAM.

Presented by: Lt. Keith Allen, Sheriff's Office.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant, authorize the chairman (or his designee) to sign grant documents, authorize the establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this Request, and authorize implementation of the Staffing Table changes identified in the Personnel Considerations section of this Request.

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Lieutenant."

Lieutenant Keith Allen, Sheriff's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In 2013, the Sheriff's Office was one of several community partners who joined together to form the Coordinated Community Response Team. This multi-disciplinary team was established as a formal comprehensive, collaborative and victim centered response to domestic violence and sexual violence. Through our work with these community and criminal justice agencies, it became clear that the Sheriff's Office lacked some of the same level of victim advocacy as some of our community partners. Of the 10 community partners who are part of the Coordinated Community Response Team, the Sheriff's Office is the only agency that does not have a victim advocate assigned to or working within its agency.

"Having an advocate immediately available to victims at the time of crisis is very important, because it greatly increases the likelihood of connecting that victim to other services, especially for citizens that live outside the city of Wichita, which is where

most of the victim advocacy, well actually all of the victim advocacy is located. In 2016, the Sheriff's Office utilized a summer intern to advocate for victims of crime. The intern provided information, assistance and advocacy to victims and made a noticeable positive impact. The Sheriff's Office identified this gap in victim services as a priority in the 2017-2020 strategic plan, which seeks to identify funding for the implementation of a victim advocate within the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office.

"The Victim of Crimes Act or VOCA grant, was established to provide direct services to victims of crime. The VOCA grant is an 80/20 match where 80 percent is provided by the grant and 20 percent from the applicant agency. The VOCA grant is administered by the Kansas Governor's Grant Program (KGGP). If awarded this grant, it would allow for the establishment of a victim advocate for the Sheriff's Office. The victim advocate would act as a first responder for victims, providing crisis response and collaboration with our community service providers.

"With your support, the Sheriff's Office would like to submit to the 2019 Victims of Crime Acts grant. There is one correction on the numbers. I know the agenda shows 70 and 14 split. Actual correct math is [\$]67,200 with a match of [\$]16,800.

"I would recommend the approval of the application for the grant, and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant, the establishment of budgetary authority that's provided in the financial consideration section of this request and implementation of staffing table changes identified in the personnel consideration section of this request. I'm open to any questions."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Lieutenant Allen. Do we have any questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the grant application.

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 for being here today."

Lieutenant Allen said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "We appreciate it. Next item, please."

Approved

N [18-594](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR
MEETING ON AUGUST 9, 2018.
Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Joe."

Mr. Joe Thomas, Director of Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of August 9th, we have seven items out of that meeting for your consideration."

1. SECURITY GUARD SERVICES -- COMCARE/TREASURER'S OFFICE
FUNDING -- COMCARE/TREASURER'S OFFICE

"This recommendation is to accept the proposal from Smart Security, Inc. and establish contract pricing for three (3) years with two (2) one (1) year options to renew."

2. HIV TEST EQUIPMENT AND KITS -- DIVISION OF HEALTH
FUNDING -- DIVISION OF HEALTH

"This recommendation is to accept the quote from Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. for HIV test equipment and kits at the rates listed and establish contract pricing for four (4) years."

3. STORAGE HARDWARE -- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPORT
SERVICES (ITSS)
FUNDING -- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPORT SERVICES
(ITSS)

"This recommendation is to utilize the NASPO Master Agreement ending in [MNNVP-]134 and [MNWNC-]115, which the State of Kansas did a Participating Contract #40399AB, and this contract is good through March 31st, 2020."

4. AVAMAR/DATA DOMAIN SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT -- INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPORT SERVICES (ITSS)
FUNDING -- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPORT SERVICES
(ITSS)

"This recommendation is to utilize the NASPO Master Agreement ending in [MNNVP-]109, and this is State of Kansas Participating Contract 40403, and that's also good through March 31st, 2020."

5. PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND ON-CALL SERVICES for BACK-UP
GENERATORS – FACILITIES
FUNDING – FACILITIES

"This recommendation is to accept the low bid from Foley Equipment Company at the rates listed and we're establishing contract pricing for (1) one year with (4) four (1) one year options to renew."

6. TAX FORECLOSURE TITLE SEARCH SERVICES -- TREASURER'S OFFICE
FUNDING -- TREASURER'S OFFICE

"This recommendation is to accept the low proposal from Security 1st Title, LLC at the rates listed above for each search, and this will be good for one (1) year with two (2) one-year options to renew."

7. MERCHANT SERVICES -- DIVISION OF FINANCE
FUNDING --VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

"The recommendation is to defer this item. We hope to bring this back to the Commission on September 12th.

"I'll try to answer any questions you may have, and I recommend approval of the items listed."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Thomas. Do we have questions from the Commission? Seeing none, do we have a motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Board of Bids and Contracts' meeting on August 9, 2018.

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>

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

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

Approved

CONSENT

Mr. Scholes said, "Commissioners, I recommend you approve consent agenda items Oscar (O) through Yankee (Y)."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau moved to approve consent agenda items Oscar (O) through Yankee (Y) except for item Quebec (Q).

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve consent agenda item Quebec (Q).

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Yeah, this is a grant, and the agreement with Via Christi [Hospital], which in general I support. It's designed to follow-up, do follow-up care on their patients. The primary beneficiary is, of course, Via Christi, although there are secondary benefits to the county. The issue that I have is that they're paying the money to, the person doing this is our employee.

"I believe the person doing this should be their employee because they're the primary beneficiaries of this, and I'm concerned that, as we go longer down the road that there will be, this will lead us to an effort to transition the responsibility of following up with their patients to the taxpayers. That's something I can't support.

"So like I say, in general, I support this partnership, but I do believe this employee should be a Via Christi employee, and so that's why I'll oppose this current situation unless we could somehow get that fixed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Further comments? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the comments of Commissioner Ranzau. I will support the motion to approve. I will not support the transitioning of this program to the county, but that's not what we're talking about today. So as it sits right now, this is a renewal. It's basically renewing what we are already currently doing, and for that reason, I'll be glad to support the motion. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. As I said, because I made the motion, I do support it, and we can control in the future if it looks like they want to transfer it to us. So as Commissioners, we have every ability to stop it, if it becomes something that they want to transfer to us. That's the reason I support the motion. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I see Mr. Hadley here, but he could probably give us a comment on how the county benefits out of this."

Mr. Scott Hadley, Director, Emergency Medical Services Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes Commissioners, the county does have some residual benefit from this position. The predominant scope of practice is to help Via Christi patients, the congestive heart failure patients, transition into the community and manage their disease processes, which has been very successful. What we get out of that position is, when they're not performing that work, they go out and visit some of our high utilizers.

"Just kind of give you an example, over the course of a year prior to this person, top five utilizers, we made about 341 encounters. Ninety days after our person went out and visited them, we only had 41 encounters. So it has helped us and helped our citizens in the community having this position. But yes, if it ever came to the point where it looked like they wanted to transition that to us, you always have the say to say no to that, and we don't have to support that position within the county."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Any other comments? We have a motion and a second, Madam Clerk, call the roll."

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>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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

- O** [18-577](#) Amendment to the PsychConsult License Agreement with Netsmart Technologies, Inc.

- P** [18-629](#) Shelter Plus Care Housing Rental Assistance Contracts.

- Q** [18-470](#) Consideration of a Grant in the amount of \$80,000 for Community Paramedicine Services between Sedgwick County EMS and Via Christi Hospitals, Wichita.

- R** [18-635](#) Salary (Employment) Agreement between Sedgwick County and Jan Luth, President/CEO, Exploration Place, Inc.

- S** [18-640](#) Resolution Adopting a Revision to the Grant Application and Award Policy.

- T** [18-641](#) Reclassification of positions in the Sedgwick County Finance Division.

- U** [18-644](#) Reclassification of positions in the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and COMCARE.

- V [18-623](#) Plat.
Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2017 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:
- HUSAMI ADDITION
- W [18-545](#) General Bill Check Register for August 1, 2018 - August 7, 2018.
- X [18-547](#) General Bill Check Register for August 8, 2018 - August 14, 2018.
- Y [18-550](#) Payroll Check Register for the August 4, 2018, payroll certification.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Chairman Dennis said, "Mr. Yost, do we have anything for legislation?"

Mr. Yost said, "No, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Alright. When are we going to start working on our legislative agenda?"

Mr. Yost said, "We had a staff meeting, as you know, yesterday. It seems like a long time ago. The Commission indicated some preferences as to communicating to Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) what they ought to include in their agenda, but that's separate from what our platform would be, and I anticipate taking that up in September."

Chairman Dennis said, "Sounds great. Okay, next item, please."

OTHER

Chairman Dennis said, "Does any of the Commissioners have anything for 'other'? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to let folks know that I had the privilege of attending the grand opening of the HealthCore Clinic on East 21st Street yesterday. It's just west of the [Wichita State] University (WSU), just west of Hillside. It's been a asset in our community for some time. They have rebranded a little bit. They have a beautiful new building and are able to provide medical services in kind of, the method of a safety net clinic to not only citizens of that area, primarily 67214 zip code, but I think it will have a regional impact.

"They provide medical services, dental services, behavioral health services and pharmaceutical services, and they've got quite a staff and are really going to provide a positive impact in our community. As Sedgwick County Board of Health, I thought it would be important for you all to know about this asset in the community. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

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

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to tell you all I really enjoyed an event that happened Saturday. It was the 60th anniversary of the Dockum [Drug Store] sit-in, which is part of Wichita's history. It was I thought well intended. It allowed me the opportunity to understand a little bit deeper exactly what that event was all about, and I just wanted to say thank you to the community for bringing that together. I don't even know who organized it, but it was a pretty interesting event. I like that type of history, because it helps me understand exactly where we came from.

"I'm reminded that I'm proud of Kansas. When we started as a state, we actually had four State Constitutions. There was a great big battle that happened about whether we would be a free state or slave state, and thankfully the right decision was made there. But that was our beginning, and then we had the Brown versus Board of Education (BOE) history. Plus, we also have the women's right to vote, the Women's Suffrage that started in Kansas and then the Dockum sit-in, which was the right for people to be served equally with people of different colors. I thought it was a tremendous part of our history.

"So I just want to say it was a great event that happened 60 years ago last Saturday. Was the conclusion, I think they sat at that counter for three weeks before they were able to be served. But that actually began a movement in this nation that went across the city, then across the state and then across the nation. This was the first sit-in in the nation. So anyway, I just wanted to reflect on that.

"Finally, I just wanted to let people know, if they want to have some fun on Saturday, there is an Old Settler's Day Parade. It is probably the biggest parade that happens in my district each year, and it's on this coming Saturday, at 11 o'clock a.m. So that's all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, appreciate it. A couple things I'd like to discuss since no one else has a light on right now. Yesterday, I attended a meeting about homelessness, and it's really part of three problems that we have in this area. One is drug and alcohol abuse problem. Another is mental health problems, and they really are all tied together with homelessness in one way or another.

"So we have funded a couple positions here in the future to support mental health and the drug use, and I hope that we can also kind of address the homelessness as part of that somehow, because it all fits together. They've got a little task force going on right now that I sat in on yesterday to talk about it. First steps and hopefully we can see things happen in the future with that.

"Also last night, Commissioner Howell, Commissioner O'Donnell and I were able to attend the 100th anniversary of Sedgwick County Farm Bureau. They had a great event last night. I think it was 15,000 members, something like that that they announced. It's a huge organization that supports our farmers, and it guarantees that you and I can eat food every day that's safe and nourishing. So I want to thank all the farmers that we have across the nation. There are actually very few actual farmers that produce the food for our 330 million people and do it safely every day. So I want to thank them very much for what they do there.

"Also, Jeff Ettl is in the back of the room, Director of our [Sedgwick County] Zoo. Don't forget we have Zoobilee coming up September the 9th as I recall, 8th I'm sorry, September 8th coming up Saturday night at the zoo. Tickets up until the last day of this month are \$135. If you wait until the last day of the month on, why it's \$150. So

see any of the board members or I'm sure that Mr. Ettling has tickets that he'd be glad to sell you, but it supports our zoo. It's the number one fundraising effort that we have every year for the zoo. So I want to make sure that I put a plug in for Zoobilee coming up on September the 8th.

"Final thing is that I already said thank you very much to our staff. They work tremendously hard over the last six or eight months getting a budget together that I think passed today fairly smoothly. I know we've got differences of opinion from five different Commissioners and that's to be expected. But I appreciate the fact that all five of our Commissioners work together during this entire process to make sure that we are supporting the citizens in Sedgwick County. We've said it a lot of times that our main job is to take care of people. Not only our people that are members of our staff, but people in Sedgwick County.

"All five of our Commissioners take that job very seriously. We have differences of opinion on some things, but that's healthy. I appreciate listening to each and every one of them as we moved through this process.

"When we come away from it, I know that we didn't all get exactly what we wanted every step of the way, but the bottom line is, I think our citizens are well served and that's what our job is here. So I sincerely appreciate all five of our Commissioners for all the work that they did. I appreciate the staff. I really do like the process that we went through over the last six months to get to where we're at today. We learned a lot, I think we know better about what happens in Sedgwick County and we can better serve our citizens. I just wanted to tell everyone thank you very much for that. Does anyone else have anything to come before the Commission today?"

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.