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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 28, 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 9:05 a.m. on November 28, 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. Michael D. Pepoon, Interim 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. Brent Shelton, Director of Economic Development and Tax Systems; Ms. Joan Tammany, COMCARE Executive Director; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Will Deer, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Heddie Page, Deputy County Clerk.

INVOCATION: Reverend Elizabeth Montes, St. John's Episcopal 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, "We have one individual signed up to speak on public agenda, one of my appointees, Joe Brown. Welcome, please state your name for the record."

Mr. Joseph Brown, 11810 Birch Street, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am the Chairman of the Advisory Council, Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging and Physical Disabilities. We're on your consent agenda for a parliamentary item today.

"Our code that we look at every four years, our bylaws. But I'm here today to thank each and every one of you because as the Chairperson, I am working with the people that you represented and that you appointed to this Commission. The [Sedgwick County Advisory] Council [on Aging] has the privilege and the opportunity to be advocates for almost 95,000 seniors over 60 [years old] in Sedgwick County, plus the physically disabled. It is my great privilege and honor to be not only the Chair, but to thank you for appointing members who are passionate, active, and really engaged in helping the Division on Aging. I think do a superb job of administering the fiscal funds that you allocate every year in a way that helps people. I just wanted to publicly thank you for that because without them, I would not have the opportunity to do what I do as a citizen. So with that, my appreciation for a year in which this council has worked very, very hard to assist the Division on Aging. Thanks to each and every one of you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Mr. Brown thank you very much for being here this morning. We appreciate the work that you do for us. Mr. Brown was the only individual that I had signed up to speak on the public agenda, but if there's anyone else who would like to speak today on the public agenda, why you have that opportunity at this time. Seeing no one, Madam Clerk, next item."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A [18-969](#) SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2018.
All Commissioners were Present.

Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioners, everyone's had a chance to review the minutes from November 7th."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 7, 2018.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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| <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

NEW BUSINESS

B [18-329](#) COUNTY EXTENSION QUARTERLY REPORT.
Presented by: Jim Lindquist, PhD, Interim Director of the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center and Associate Director for Extension Field Operations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. This morning I'd like to welcome Dr. Lindquist to speak to us today. Please approach the podium and state your name for the record."

Dr. Jim Lindquist, PhD, Associate Director K-State Research and Extension, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Good to see you again. I'm helping out here in Sedgwick County with some of the administrative responsibilities while you're in the search for a County Director position. I did want to just bring you up-to-date with that process, and

also for another very important position that we are searching for in Sedgwick County, your Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent position.

"Sedgwick County is an urban county, however, you are one of the top agricultural producing counties in the State, as you know. So the agriculture position is very important to the programming that goes on through the Extension Center in Sedgwick County. We expect to be interviewing for that position in mid-December, and then a little bit later in December, the board plans to interview for the County Extension Director position. Again, that search is underway, and I'm confident that top candidates will be attracted for that position.

"So today I'd like to introduce a couple of the outstanding extension agents here in Sedgwick County that are going to provide a quarterly program report for some of the things that they're doing. This is snapshot related to some of their programming. But as you know, there is a lot of tremendous programming that's happening from all of the agents here in Sedgwick County. Today we have Rebecca McMahon, who is the Horticulture Food Crops Agent, and Shannon Rogge, 4-H Agent."

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, welcome."

Ms. Shannon Rogge, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning, just want to do a highlight of some programs that we're doing in 4-H there. My emphasis is school enrichment, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and youth livestock, so I have a couple things in that regard. If we could go to the next slide, please. So just an overall program of what's been happening this fall. We had our 4-H achievement banquet last Tuesday, right before Thanksgiving, had over 300 people in attendance. Just a chance for us to congratulate everything that has been going on through the year, and really highlight those individuals that have taken a step forward and done great things.

"The bottom picture is a young 4-H member, Wyatt. This was his pumpkin at the [Kansas] State Fair, and he, first year going to the State Fair he took five lambs, maxed out the number of animals he could take, woodworking and pumpkins, did great across the board. So we try to, those kids from a young age that really want to go and get, and do great things, we try to set them up and prepare them, give them opportunities to continue stepping forward. We don't want them to become stagnant at all.

"Next slide, please. Our new program for this year is a STEM Club that we are doing. We're holding it on site at the Extension Office. It is going tremendously well. We have once monthly meetings, so we've only held it a couple times, began in September. The whole concept, we focus on mostly engineering concepts, but the idea is for these kids to increase their confidence in doing things on their own in kind of a group setting, but so we really focus on the design and redesign and redesigned model, looking from an outside perspective, I'm sure it looks like complete chaos, but we set these kids up with basic science definitions, what we're going over for the day and then kind of let them go.

"There is always a designated testing center, whatever speed, distance, whatever we are testing that day. But I try to go around to all these groups and really try to facilitate how to fail successfully. Even a couple meetings in, these kids are increasing their confidence and being able to understand that a design that's not working isn't a failure,

it's just a chance to redesign and become better. So like I said, they've already increased their confidence. We have five more meetings for this school year, and I expect them to do great things and really continue and show their parents what they've learned. Next slide."

Ms. Rebecca McMahon, Horticultural Food Crop Agent, Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I wanted to share with you a little bit about a program that is 4-H related in that it is also working with youth and STEM, a little more focused on science and agriculture. These pictures show a garden program, an after-school program that our master gardeners started this year at Adams Elementary [School]. We did a pilot project in the spring, and then went back in the fall with these kids, and, again, as an after-school program, these children were selected because they were struggling to learn in a traditional classroom setting, and they wanted to expose them to more hands-on opportunities for learning.

"The best thing about this project beyond just the kids having the pride and seeing those plants growing and having a successful experience outside in the garden, getting to eat and sample things that they've grown themselves, is the fact that they are actually practicing their math skills and their reading and writing skills in an environment where they are not afraid, again, of failing. They have the opportunity to practice those things, measuring the growth of their plants, recording those in their journals, practicing those skills that in a classroom setting they really might struggle with, but can have success in that garden program.

"So this has been our second opportunity this fall. We're looking forward to going back with those kids again in the spring. Again, enjoying seeing the opportunity for those kids to experience those successes that they may otherwise not have that opportunity to experience. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Anything else, Dr. Lindquist?"

Dr. Lindquist said, "I just would ask if you have any questions while the agents are here, that you want to follow up with any of their programming, other things that they're involved in, or anything else at the [Sedgwick County] Extension Center.

Chairman Dennis said, "Well super. Well first of all, my granddaughter is involved in the 4-H program. So she does photography, and she made a nice dress and so forth for Sedgwick County Fair. A lot of our kids today don't understand where food comes from. It doesn't come from Dillon's, that's where you buy it, that's not where it comes from. So teaching kids actually where the product comes from that gets to their table I think is important.

"A lot of us grew up in a rural environment, and we understand that very well. But a lot of kids today don't have that opportunity, and able to tie that to STEM, is even more important, and putting it into an environment where that learning is fun is actually critical to making sure that we have learning. So I appreciate everything that you're doing for Sedgwick County and for our kids here in Sedgwick County, and getting them to learn what the cycle is of life a little bit better. We appreciate it. Any other Commissioners wish to say anything this morning?"

Dr. Lindquist said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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| <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, "Well thank you all very much again for being here. We sincerely appreciate everything you do for our kids and for our community."

Dr. Lindquist said, "Thank you."

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

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C [18-788](#)

QUARTERLY INTRUST BANK ARENA REPORT.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Lindsay."

Ms. Lindsay Poe-Rousseau, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you just heard, this morning's item will be an update on Intrust Bank Arena's performance through the third quarter of 2018. You should all be getting handouts now at the bench and at the front table, thank you, Emily, that we'll walk through today. Of course A.J. Boleski, the General Manager of Intrust Bank Arena of SMG is here with us today, and will help co-present this presentation for you this morning. Of course before we dig into the details, I always want to make sure to thank all the people who make this happen. So A.J. in particular and his team at Intrust Bank Arena, especially Chris Kibler and Ben Feekes, and then Dave Perricone is the Management Intern in the County Manager's Office who did the bulk of the work on this, so just want to say thank you to them.

"In terms of format, the presentation you'll see today is nearly identical to what you see each quarter, but we will move through it a little quickly, because you have heard quite a bit of this already this year. We will highlight the agreement and some quarterly reports for you. We'll then talk very briefly about our parking arrangement with the City of Wichita, we'll talk about the status of the sales tax reserve fund, and then A.J. will come and talk to you about the most exciting part, which of course is what's going on in the community and what do we have to look forward to.

"So as you know, the county hired SMG to operate its arena in 2007. As a part of that agreement, SMG promotes, operates and manages the facility to ensure the provision of high-quality management services, thereby enhancing the use and enjoyment of the [Intrust Bank] Arena. Of course, they do a great job of that. Under a unique arrangement, we do have a revenue-sharing agreement that allows SMG to potentially absorb any losses we may have, which thankfully we have not had to do that yet. But then that also results in a unique revenue-sharing agreement.

"So we'll move into the quarterly reports now. We'll talk about ticket sales, community affairs, and of course, our financial summary.

"So as you look at this slide, of course, like other presentations, this contrasts the performance of the Arena through the third quarter 2018 versus the same time period last year. So you can see that while the number of performances is down by five, from 69 to 64, all other metrics on this slide are positive. So you can see attendance is up by 27,180 folks.

"Tickets sold are up, gross ticket sales are up significantly, and the average cost per ticket sold continues to be up over last year. So a very good slide overall. Looking at community affairs then, you'll see that there are a mixture of positives and negatives on this one. The total number of community groups that were able to participate in the concession stands at the Arena is up, as is the amount of money paid to those. Spending with Sedgwick County Kansas companies is down slightly from [\$]3.04 million to [\$]2.96 million. Sales tax paid, though, of course is up. The number of presentations and tours is up slightly. The number of local events and activities is down slightly.

"So now we'll move into the financial summary. Just like past presentations, you'll see a number of terms and categories, that when taken together, give us kind of a bottom line figure. So again, I don't want to berate these definitions. As always I would encourage you if you are interested, to maybe flag this slide six and refer back to it if you have questions about anything that's contained as we work through these next few slides. So looking at year-to-date through September, again the first three quarters of 2018, as we just discussed, there were 64 performances total for this year, as compared with 59 total events. Again, there can be multiple performances of a single event. You can see net event income totaled approximately \$2.8 million. When we add in other operating income, you'll see a figure of [\$]4.2 million. When we take away the indirect expenses, so expenses that may not occur associated with an event, but more of the administrative costs of running the Arena, you still see that there is net building income through the third quarter of \$556,484. So certainly a good number, that as your CFO (Chief Financial Officer), I'm happy to see.

"So switching to the next slide then, we'll focus, in, a little bit on the specific numbers and contrast them versus the same time period last year. Again, you can see the total performances are down by five, a number of events, though, is only down by one, and net event income, while positive, is a little bit less than where we were at the same time last year. So looking at the other income categories then, other operating income is up about \$100,000 versus the same time last year. Total gross building income is down slightly, but, again, when we are talking about [\$]4.24 million versus [\$]4.28 million, it's a relatively insignificant decrease.

"Looking, then, when we compare the expense of income categories, so indirect expenses, while it shows a negative number that actually means our indirect expenses

actually increased a little bit over last year, which of course makes sense when you factor in personnel changes, health insurance increases, those kind of things. Net building income, again, as we talked about, is slightly down versus the same time period last year, but again, \$556,000, is still a very good number.

“So we’ll switch gears a little bit now and focus on the sales tax reserve. Again, the sales tax reserve is a combination of those dollars that were left over at the end of the one cent sales tax, as well as any profit sharing revenues that the county receives, less any money that’s then paid out for capital improvement expenses or emergency repairs, things like that. This slide shows you what those authorized uses are, I’m sure you’re very familiar with this. Of course what we’re used to is major repairs and capital expenses.

“We had talked a little bit at the beginning of the presentation about alluding to the City of Wichita parking agreement, if there ever was a time when the City [of Wichita] wasn’t able to make its revenues as required under our contract with them, then we may need to fill in the gap up to \$225,000. That would be funded through the sales tax reserve. Of course, any work that we would want to do on what we affectionately call the Coleman parking lot would come from this fund as well. So at the end of the third quarter, the balance of this fund is at \$8.4 million. Obviously, we know that that is a hot topic for the Commissioners, as we talk through the status of that, so as we go into the final quarter, we’ll be more than happy to come and talk with Commissioners about long-term projections, what we think that fund looks like, and how long it will sustain us at the current rate.

“We have had some fairly significant costs in the last year or two, particularly because of the new entrance C, that remodel. We expect those costs over time to be less, and of course we have the capital asset plan that we get from the Arena each year. It’s provided to me, and I’d be happy to provide it to you. So we use that in our projections as well. So you do have a unique footnote on this slide that’s not normally there. We did have a bit of a timing issue as compared with when we receive revenue versus when we paid it out. So if you were to compare the numbers here versus what’s in the quarterly report that Rick presented to you a couple weeks ago, the bottom line is the same, but how it is reflected here in this presentation is a little different. I’m happy to answer any questions if you want to get into the details, but I just want to explain why that might look a little different.

“So you saw the \$120,000 revenue on the prior side, this slide shows you expenses broken out in details. I know this font is kind of small, probably up on these screens, but you should all have full-sized slides in front of you that should make that a little bit easier to read. So you will see that while revenue was \$120,000 in the third quarter, expenses were approximately [\$]430,000. So when, again, we have talked about some of the larger uses of the sales tax reserve in the last year or so, this slide demonstrates that pretty well. I think you can see the overall decrease in the sales tax reserve at the same time last year versus where it stands this year. We did have approximately \$1.8 million of capital expenses this year for the Arena, \$200,000 of which was for those bollards that were placed around the Arena for security. So with that, unless you have any questions about those particular details, I can hand it over to A.J. or I’m happy to answer any questions after he’s done with his portion of the presentation.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Do any of the Commissioners have any questions before we

turn it over to A.J.? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "I was just curious, can you remind us if you have the number, what was the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) value for the entrance C upgrade?"

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "I believe it was approximately [\$]1.9 million, but I will get that number to you and send it to you after the meeting."

Commissioner Howell said, "That would be great, thank you so much."

Ms. Poe-Rousseau said, "No problem."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, A.J."

Mr. A. J. Boleski, General Manager, SMG, Intrust Bank Arena, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Glad to be with you guys today. Just kind of wanted to walk through some of our activities here for third quarter. Community involvement, you'll see the ticket donations, the various ticket donations and use of the marquee that we've had, also our staff has been pretty busy. Usually generally third quarter is a good time for us to get out in the community when things are a little bit slower for us, so we've been at Goodwill [Industries], we've been at the Ronald McDonald House [Charities-Wichita], [The] Salvation Army, just to name a few of the places we've been through the third quarter.

"Then I think one other slide to really point out is the final one on the community events where it talks about the marquee usage. This isn't something we talk about too often, but we do allow first come, first serve, non-profits can contact us and have use, have a slide up on that marquee that faces Kellogg, that faces south of the building. They can have access to that for an entire month. So that's a program we started a couple years ago. We actually worked with the county on starting that. We're pretty proud of it. In addition to the ticket donations and the community involvement, using the marquee to get the word out on some of the non-profit organizations and their events coming up. So those are the three that were on the marquee during the third quarter. So we're pretty proud of that as well.

"Then you also see the upcoming events that we've been pretty busy announcing events. We have, we're excited for Lindsey Stirling tomorrow night. So she is a violinist, and is one that can fill arenas. So we're expecting a pretty good crowd tomorrow night. Again, it's kind of the younger demo, something that we really haven't had and we want to build on. So it's a good show. Recently announced WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.) return, and that's a televised event, Tuesday, January 22nd. So it'll be a [WWE] Smackdown [Live] event is what they call it. But it is televised, and we enjoy hosting those events. Been a couple years since we had the televised version.

"Then also recently announced Kenny Chesney returning to the Arena May 3rd. So it's been, April, 2011 last time he was here. He usually plays stadiums. This year in '19, he's doing more intimate venues, as he calls it, so we are glad to have him. That will be going on sale December 7th. Then Wichita State [University] (WSU), we always get excited to host the Shockers, will be here December 15th playing [University of] Southern Miss[issippi] (USM). So those are some of the events. We've had a lot of

announcements, and we have a few more coming up as we go into the new year. Pretty excited about it."

Chairman Dennis said, "Well thank you, A.J. Do we have any questions from the bench? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh thanked the Chairman and said, "Not a question, just a statement that once again I'm proud of the Arena and the way that it's being managed. You clearly are a busy operation, but not only as an events center and making that profitable, but I'm really proud of the fact that you have community engagement as part of your mission and your activities, and you know, just a small example, use of the marquee, I think that is significant to those agencies that take advantage of that. So appreciate that you continually look for ways to be involved and support the community and make this truly a community asset. So thanks for your good work."

Mr. Boleski said, "Well thanks for the kind words. We appreciate you, Commissioner Unruh. That marquee wouldn't be there without you and the folks, the team here at the county that helped to get the vision for the Arena, the vote passed for the Arena and got the Arena built. So I believe this is our last presentation with you as part of Commission, and we can't thank you enough. Obviously the team here supports everything that we do from a day-to-day basis, but going all the way back to the beginning, I believe you're the last original Commissioner as far as when the vote was passed and the building was constructed, and we can't thank you enough for the opportunities you provided for the community to come out and be entertained, and just that vision to say this is a building we want to have. We want to host the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) someday, check. We've done it. All of those things have been possible now thanks to you and your team, so we appreciate it."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Well, thank you A.J. for being here today. I want to echo your comments about Commissioner Unruh having vision a few years ago along with the other four Commissioners who were here at that time to pass a one cent sales tax for a very short period of time that envisioned the Intrust Bank Arena that we have today, and now we look at the impact it has on the quality of life here in Sedgwick County with all of the things that you do, with the events that we have coming up, it's a great asset, and we appreciate what you do to manage it for us."

Mr. Boleski said, "Well thank you very much. Thanks for the opportunity."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner O'Donnell II Aye

Commissioner Ranzau Aye
Commissioner Howell Aye
Commissioner Unruh Aye
Chairman Dennis Aye

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

Received and Filed

D [18-944](#)

**CONSIDERATION OF AN EXTERNAL FUNDING REQUEST TO THE
WORKFORCE ALLIANCE FOR THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
PROGRAM.**

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Take action as the Commission deems
appropriate.

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Brent."

Mr. Brent Shelton, Tax System Director, Finance Department; greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item is a one-time \$25,000 request for county funding support received from the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas. They are our local workforce board for the region. They manage employment and training programs and operate the Wichita Workforce Center. Their mission is to, 'support and advance a competitive workforce in South Central Kansas.' Now, the funding will support one of the initiatives of the Workforce Alliance (of South Central Kansas), and that is the Youth Employment Project. This is designed to assist young adults in gaining work experience, and through participation in the Youth Employment Project, young people have opportunities to learn job skills that are crucial, things like resume creation, job search, how to prepare for an interview and so forth. The Youth Employment Project is a collaborative effort of the Workforce Alliance, the Greater Wichita YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association), the City of Wichita, many of the school districts in our area, and many employers that are designed to provide that first job experience, and they've been doing that for between four and 500 young people currently.

"The \$25,000 funding that would come from the county would be used to help create a joint marketing and outreach campaign to increase the number of employers and youth participating in the Youth Employment Project.

"The goal of the project and of the marketing campaign is to basically to double youth participation to 1,000 youth that would receive summer jobs and internships through the program. By increasing the awareness and the outreach efforts, that's probably the only key way to get to that doubling of the numbers of youth that participate. By focusing on providing their education via the different programs they have, the youth essential skills certificate, the dollar-wise program, which is designed for financial literacy, through their workshops and their online courses, and also providing that first job for that first work experience, getting these young people ready to enter the workforce.

"They promote developing our emerging local workforce to meet the employment challenges of our growing local economy. We've heard announcements for job creation and other things that are going on, but those can't happen without having a number of people and having a viable workforce ready to go to work. In your backup material, you

received some benchmarks from the Workforce Alliance about the program, but just to highlight it, they served over 1,420 young adults in the last reporting period through job fairs, through training exercises, through those youth that received those jobs, and while not all of them did get a first job, their sweet spot, if you will, is working with youth between the ages of 16 and 19. But there are younger folks that come in because of work requirements can't get a job at age 14 or 15, they're going through that training program. They are ready to go, when they are going to be able to get that first job.

"So they're serving more than just those folks in that age group, but those are the ones that are getting those first jobs that are so important. There are a number of other governmental and public sponsors for the Youth Employment Project, Butler County Community College (BCCC), Butler County, Mount Hope, the Greater Wichita Partnership (GWP), the Regional Chamber of Commerce, as well as the City Of Wichita, Riverside Township is even a participant as well as those school districts that we mentioned earlier.

"Now, how well does the program work? They've provided us this feedback, but to continue to provide meaningful, effective measures, Workforce Alliance is working with Wichita State to develop a model to target the economic impact of growing the Youth Employment Project in our area. So in order to grow the Youth Employment Project, additional funds are needed to develop the outreach and marketing campaign outside of their current funding sources and their current budgets. The county's being asked to join in this collaborative effort with other public and private organizations to expand this marketing and expand this outreach to double the number of participants. We do have sufficient resources to provide this \$25,000 in funding from our economic development fund, and utilizing these funds would be in line with the economic development strategic plan.

"Our mission is to promote a strong and diverse regional economy by working with regional partners to enhance opportunities for businesses, to retain or attract new jobs in the region. Certainly growing that local workforce aligns us with that strategic plan. So at this time I would recommend that you approve the \$25,000 grant to the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas for enhancing the marketing and outreach of the Youth Employment Project.

"Before I stand for questions, I would just like to introduce Keith Lawing, who is the President and the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas. If the questions get too tough, I will call him up to the lectern."

Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Thank you, Brent. I guess the only question I have right now is it's coming out of economic development, we're towards the end of the year, how much do we still have left in economic development?"

Mr. Shelton said, "I see that Lindsay has left the room. I know there's sufficient money in there to do this. I just have to get you the exact number."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, you can get back to me on that. Are there any other questions? Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "I have some questions about the funding here. I want to kind of clarify, because I've asked some questions about,

you know, the budget and sources of revenue. It says the total budget is \$458,000. But then we have some funding support from YMCA, [USD](Unified School District)259, and the City of Wichita. But in the backup material, it says that money isn't included in the [\$]458,000. I just want to make sure if that's correct and if so, where does the [\$]458,000, I haven't gotten a breakdown of that."

Mr. Shelton said, "Okay. My understanding is that is the operating budget for the Youth Employment Project that they're seeking additional funds outside that for this marketing and outreach, so I think [\$]50,000 from Bank of America and some other resources would be specifically targeted to the marketing effort."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "No, I got that. The youth employment budget, \$458,000, where does that money come from? Do we have a breakdown of the sources of income?"

Mr. Shelton said, "I think so. I will let Keith address that for you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Keith. Can you state your name for the record?"

Mr. Keith Lawing, President and Chief Executive Office of Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, greeted the Commissioner and said, "The funding, Commissioner Ranzau, that's in the backup material, that \$458,000, that is specifically designated in our overall funding for the Workforce Alliance to operate the Youth Employment Project. That is multiple funding sources. Some of that is the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Funds that we have allocated to us annually. There are also, as Brent said, some private dollars that are included in that budget that would come from our annual golf tournament, which we have every year. We also have received grants that are going into that budget, one was from Bank of America, Butler County was another funding opportunity that Brent described. "So that is the money in the Workforce Alliance budget specifically, so we leverage multiple funding streams so we can have greater community impact with the Youth Employment Project."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. That's what I was trying to get at. We don't have a breakdown, though, of the [\$]458,000 like exact amounts. Like how much comes from the grant program?"

Mr. Lawing said, "When you are saying a breakdown, so you want, I mean, you know, it is roughly probably 75 percent of that is the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act, the federal dollars that come in. So that's the lion's share of it. Then the other funding that we have from the nonfederal sources are what allow us to go have greater community impact with the federal funds. Because some of the federal dollars in particular, that limits us in terms of eligibility as to the youth we can work with. The additional dollars that we have that we can leverage in there, allow us to serve more youth and not just that finite number that would be eligible for our services."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. So that basically gives me a rough estimate. Okay, and then these other ones, YMCA, 259, City of Wichita is just added on top of that."

Mr. Lawing said, "Yeah, and part of, as Brent described, this is a community collaborative. So each of the agencies that are providing direct resources, that is out

of their individual budgets, and we are collaborating to leverage those dollars together. So as you can see, I think the Workforce Alliance has the most significant funding, and we are kind of the lead partner in this. We are able to serve larger numbers than our partners over at the Y[MCA] and the City, but they are actively putting their dollars and their budgets into this collaborative. So that's the description you see of the other funding that comes from the agencies."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Now, I am interested in this, I mean, are you working with 14 and 15-year-olds, is that an issue, is that something you are trying to tackle?"

Mr. Lawing said, "Yes, yes. Very much so. Brent described that, I think, in his overview. When you see the number that we've served and you compare that to the number that have jobs, you know, that is one of the factors that we see a lot of very enthusiastic 14 and 15 year-olds, freshmen and sophomore in high schools, and they want to go through the workshops.

"We take them through those workshops. We do career awareness for them, but it is very hard for them to find jobs. So one of the things that we are going to try to do in this upcoming summer, again, working with our school districts, is to try to find either some community volunteer opportunities, some career awareness opportunities for those youth to take advantage of their enthusiasm and not just have to send them away. Try to give them a job-like experience or something that would help them create a future career, identify future career opportunities. But yes, we have a large number of 14 and 15 year-olds that, you know, the job side of it is challenging. So we're trying to develop some alternative programming, again, to take advantage of their interest."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Okay. Alright, thanks that helps me out. So that's an interesting point, I think the reason 14 or 15-year-olds won't work or can't get jobs is because of the legal impediments put before them from the state and federal laws. If we want to help, if we want to help kids, 14 and 15 year-olds get jobs, then we need to tackle that issue, and I have encourage both Workforce Alliance, Sedgwick County, if we want to do that, because you are just kind of, it's tough. I know a lot of parents and a lot of kids that try to get jobs, and they can't get jobs at 14 or 15 year old, because of those, and I think tackling, I mean, that's the problem. If you would solve that problem and get rid of those impediments, you wouldn't need this program, because kids would go get jobs and people would hire them.

"So I encourage us to add this to a legislative agenda. You get a large percent of your funding from the federal government. Give some feedback up and say if you really want to help kids get jobs, and then, you know, as far as the rules for kids working ought to be sent back down to the state, the federal government ought to get out of it, and let the, I think parents ought to make the decision, I mean, there are a lot of people actually, it hurts us in a lot of ways, because kids don't learn the value of work early enough, then they get into trouble, or they're just doing video games or doing whatever.

"So you are trying to do good work here, but I don't think we're actually tackling the problem. The problem is the government you know, prohibition on some of this stuff, and the employers say it's just not worth it for them to deal with all the rules and regulations of 14 and 15 year-olds, it is too hard, they don't want to get in trouble and have the federal government come down on top of them. So I appreciate your efforts, I'm concerned, I don't believe I'll be supportive of Sedgwick County's role in this. I think already there's vast majority of this money is coming from the taxpayer. I would like to see a greater involvement of the private sector. I know there is some, but I

think the percentage needs to be more than what it is.

"Plus, in addition to the fact that there's about \$3.7 million worth of unfunded requests here at Sedgwick County for our own programs that I think we would be better off putting this money into. But beyond that, I would challenge you to address the problem moving forward, and that's the rules and regulations in Sedgwick County. Once again, we want to talk about our legislative agenda item, I'd like to suggest we add an issue there with respect to the rules of kids, how they can work, and anything the State's putting forward as an impediment to that.

"We need to look at addressing that if we really want to help them get jobs, which I think we do. I think it'd be fantastic. So let's tackle it from that point of view as well. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well Keith, I want to thank you for your efforts in the current environment in which we have to operate. I think this is a great way to try to give kids opportunities and even those younger kids, put them in a situation where they are involved in something other than video games.

"But they are out in the community and doing something that we hope has some usefulness to it. So I appreciate that. I think it's important to know also that in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act structure, that the local governing body does have a local government elected officials board and these Commissioners, Commissioner Howell and I sat on that board to provide the top, I don't like that word, but the policy for the operation."

Mr. Lawing said, "Yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Then you have an operation's board that is composed of local business folks in a broad structure, a broad array of interests. So the overall administration of this, I think, has got plenty of controls and input, and what we've come up with is very valuable, not only for community in general as far as developing the workforce, but for the individuals specifically, as they have opportunity for job service. So I'm going to be supportive of it. I think it's a good thing for us to do. This additional money, we're partnering with the City of Wichita, they're also going to step up with resources to help fund it. So there's just a lot of reasons that this is a pretty broad collaborative effort with good oversight, and I appreciate Workforce Alliance and your staff's support in really trying to push this forward, because I know it has not been a cake walk to get here. I know that you've really been working hard on it."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the funding request from Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, "We have a motion, I will second the motion. Mr. Manager."

Mr. Mike Scholes, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have an answer to your question on the Eco(Economic) Devo(Development) budget.

"Lindsay can correct my math here, but looking at my budget facts card in terms of

our Eco Devo budget, we have about [\$]1.8 million, and we are forecast to spend about [\$]684,000 of that, leaving about [\$]1.1 million. So we got plenty of ability to absorb that."

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

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a couple of questions. I understand that there was essentially a challenge to Wichita, we were going to, I think, provide [\$]25,000 if they provided [\$]25,000, is that correct?"

Mr. Lawing said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Howell said, "What is the status of that right now?"

Mr. Lawing said, "I have talked to the Mayor Longwell yesterday, and I believe the city is moving forward with that. I don't know the exact timing. I think they're planning to take action on that formally in 2019, but we have been assured that that money is, will be provided to help support the program. They also provided \$12,000 of funding this year as well in addition to the [\$]25[thousand] they intend to match the funding, if you all approve that today."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, I certainly do trust them. I just wanted to know if there was anything in the agreement that references that. Okay. Very good. I understand this is going to be used for marketing and outreach? Is that correct?"

Mr. Lawing said, "Yes, very much so. You know, and Brent mentioned that in the overview, you know, one of the challenges we have to increasing the numbers is to get more individuals, certainly students, teachers, counselors, aware of it, but also the businesses. This is really where the program has the ability to sustain itself, and even though in the budget figures that I provided, you don't see the direct impact the business community provides. They are the ones hiring the youth, they are the ones paying the wages.

"For example, in 2017, of the youth that we placed, we placed about 440 in that range, 166 of those youth were paid directly, the wages were paid directly by those employers. Some of the funding we have can subsidize some of those wages. This year of the 680-some youth that we helped place, about 450 of those wages were paid directly by employers. So that is one of the, to me, one of the value points that is very clear. We are getting more and more employers willing to consider hiring a youth, figuring out how that can be of value to their business, and that's the need for the more marketing. We have to really get out there and work with those businesses, you know, certainly the larger company, Spirit AeroSystems they can take a few dozen.

"But we really want to break this down and even get to small companies, small businesses that can both certainly use an extra set of hands around their shop, but also help to educate our youth as to other career opportunities that are available in the future."

Commissioner Howell said, "Very good. So I assume we're working through the school system primarily. Is that true, is there other methods that we..."

Mr. Lawing said, "No, 259 is certainly one of our operating partners. In fact, last year they provided us two externs that helped us to manage some of the youth, you know, follow up on the job sites, et cetera, that certainly helps our staff capacity. But we're

also working with school districts throughout the region. In El Dorado, in Butler County, even down in Harper County, down in Chaparral High School. But that's one of the keys, Commissioner, when we looked at successful programs, there's really two of the key elements, and I mentioned involvement in the business community, where you've seen this program succeed in other areas, whether that's Louisville or Boston or Philadelphia, the business community really steps up and is directly engaged. The long-term benefit for the youth is tying these job opportunities to academic interests and academic success.

"So the school district certainly realized that that's in their interests to provide those opportunities for their students, and they are very active, willing participants in this program."

Commissioner Howell said, "One thing I'm not seeing in here, maybe I'm just missing it, do we have any date on actually how many of these young folks, actually were able to secure a job, and was it a summer job or was it something more long-term than that."

Mr. Lawing said, "It's a combination, Commissioner. There is some data in there, again, some of the jobs that we are preparing these youth for and that these youth take are part-time temporary jobs that again, more of an internship format. But we also hold job fairs for these youth for companies that would be hiring this demographic anyways. So a lot of those youth are placed in that way, so it's a hybrid, it's a mix, and that's something else as Brent mentioned in his overview that the City of Wichita has asked Wichita State University to look at, what is the economic impact. You know, not only to kind of the dollars and cents of the community, but what is the impact on these youth, do they have higher rates of graduation, are they able to go directly into the workforce as a result of this. There are, have been studies, you know, across the nation, and certainly the bulk of the data indicates positive outcomes along those lines, but we're going to try to focus that on the outcomes we're able to generate here in the region."

Commissioner Howell said, "Alright. Very good. I strongly encourage young people to get jobs as early as possible. I kind of agree with the comments of Commissioner Ranzau. I think that the biggest reason we don't see people working at earlier ages is probably because of regulations that maybe prohibit that. But I remember when I was, even before I was 16, I had a number of jobs that people paid me to do all kinds of things. I was very, very busy. My first entry level real job was at Pizza Hut. I worked there for I think, more than two years, as I worked other jobs, and as I was in school. "I think that's just really a great experience. I do notice there's lots of help wanted signs around the community. Do you try to connect some of those open positions with these kids?"

Mr. Lawing said, "Most definitely, Commissioner. That's a big part of it. But again, part is the outreach that we need to do to some of these businesses. Not a lot of employers know about us, and the workforce center know the resources we have. So again, it's trying to raise awareness. We work with WIBA (Wichita Independent Business Association) and the Chamber [of Commerce], we do what we can to get businesses aware of the services and the resources that we can offer. But yeah, there's certainly a lot of businesses that, you know, I've been told that we are one of the best-kept secrets in the community when it comes to job development. We don't have marketing money you know, we're limited. Federal dollars provide most of the bulk of our activities, and they don't let us put commercials on for Zip Recruiter or Indeed.com that other people see. So our outreach is really kind of at the grassroots

level more than anything else. We try to take advantage of partnerships we have in the community.”

Commissioner Howell said, “I like the comments of Commissioner Unruh, we both serve on the Chief Elected Official’s Board. We have a chance to see this data more often. I think this is generally a good initiative. I do think the data is very important. Again, today’s request is a one-time only, so we can continue to monitor this. I think the data will hopefully speak for itself, and if our budget performs in the future, we’ll have opportunities, I’m sure, to reconsider this in the future. But that data will be very, very important. You mentioned return on the investment (ROI), tracking, you know, find out how many of these kids graduate and how it impacts their future employment. So that type of data would be really critical. I think that to the extent that this is an opportunity right now, we’ll see how this grows, I think the programs with our investment today, will, I would expect to see numbers, you know, better than what we see today right now, so with that I’ll be supportive of the motion. Thank you.”

Mr. Lawing said, “Thank you, sir.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you. I don’t see any other questions. To answer one of the questions that Commissioner Howell asked, all the Commissioners know that Commissioner Unruh and I meet with the Mayor and the Vice-Mayor every two weeks, and that was one of the issues that came up at the last meeting. He did acknowledge that it would be funded, and it sounded like it was going to come out of the in 2019 budget, so they should see that funding in the very near future. So I just wanted to follow up on that discussion. I see no other questions. We do have a motion and a second. Madam Clerk, call the roll.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you, Keith for being here today.”

Mr. Lawing said, “Thank you very much. We do appreciate the support and we look forward in coming back and talking to you about some of the outcomes we’ve been able to generate in 2019. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Super. Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item.”

Approved

E [18-976](#)

CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FOR EMERGENCY CRISIS HOUSING SERVICES FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES (KDADS).
Presented by: Joan M. Tammany, LMLP, COMCARE Executive Director.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the grant award, authorize the Chairman to sign the grant agreement, and approve the establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this request.

Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Joan."

Ms. Joan Tammany, Executive Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yeah, I come before you today to, it's a one-time grant from the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) in the amount of \$200,000. This funding is targeted toward emergency housing costs for adults within our services that have a severe and persistent mental illness and have a need for emergency housing."

"Housing is often a barrier for the population we serve, and this will help increase their potential of staying within the community and not utilizing higher levels of care, like emergency rooms and other state resources. So this population, one of the criteria for this \$200,000 is that the population we serve with this funding agree to participate in case management and other wrap-around support to help maintain them in the community. So I'm here to ask that you accept the grant award, authorize the Chairman to sign the grant agreement and approve the establishment of a budget authority as directed in the financial consideration section of the request."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I know that you briefed Commissioner Unruh and I on this yesterday. I think you briefed all the other Commissioners on it."

Ms. Tammany said, "I did."

Chairman Dennis said, "We are very aware of this. I actually don't see any questions today as a result of your briefings. You must have done a very good job yesterday."

Ms. Tammany said, "Yeah, one-time funding is always a nice thing, wish it was long-term, but we'll take it, because it benefits our community."

Chairman Dennis said, "Very good."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

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| <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

F [18-981](#)

CONSIDERATION OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$650,000 FOR EMERGENCY CRISIS STABILIZATION BEDS FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES (KDADS). Presented by: Joan M. Tammany, LMLP, COMCARE Executive Director.

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

Ms. Tammany said, "This is funding we've received for several years from the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services. The amount is unchanged. What's different this year is, they've issued us a half year contract versus the full year due to the change of administration at the state level come January, but we anticipate that we'll get the second half of the year payment and contract as well. So this grant funding is for \$650,000. It covers some of the operational expenses at the Community Crisis Center (CCC). I know you guys are all very well and familiar with the Community Crisis Center and the value it brings to our community, and we have a partner that helps with the substance abuse needs in our community by the name of SAACK (Substance Abuse Assessment Center of Kansas).

"This funding and the Community Crisis Center intent is designed around the fact that we want to make sure that people with a psychiatric or substance abuse emergency or crisis get the need in the community rather than winding up in our detention center or the emergency rooms in our community or at state hospitals outside of their community.

"The Community Crisis Center serves adults, it serves youth and adolescents for Sedgwick County, Sumner [County] and Butler [County], and, you know, as I've shared, anytime we have an opportunity to talk about mental health, suicide doesn't know a demographic, it's not distinct to a certain population, and the Community Crisis Center is there when somebody reaches out or has a need, we know that if somebody talks to somebody in the moment when they are in despair, they typically don't follow through on any impulsive action of self-harm. So I'm just here to ask that you approve the grant award and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant agreement."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Joan. Once again, you've briefed all of us on this issue in depth. I don't see any questions. I do want to pass on my thanks to the State of Kansas for both of these grants, they do help our citizens here in Sedgwick County."

MOTION

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

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

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| Commissioner Howell | Aye |
| Commissioner Unruh | Aye |
| Chairman Dennis | Aye |

Ms. Tammany said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

Approved

CONSENT

Mr. Scholes said, "Commissioners, recommend you approve consent agenda items Golf (G) through Tango (T) with the exception of Hotel (H), which we'll defer 'til 12 December meeting."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve consent agenda items Golf (G) through Tango (T) and defer item Hotel (H).

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Fire District Number 1 from 10:04 a.m. and returned at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

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| G | <u>18-973</u> | One (1) Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Stream Maintenance Project - Deer Lakes Estates. District 5. Approved As Amended |
| H | <u>18-959</u> | Amendment to the Capital Improvement Program for Security Camera Upgrades and Standardization. Deferred |
| I | <u>18-949</u> | Close Out of Micro-Loan Local Revolving Loan Fund Grant Agreement between the Kansas Department of Commerce and Sedgwick County. Approved As Amended |
| J | <u>18-987</u> | Resolution Authorizing Sale of Unredeemed Real Estate After Tax Sale. |

Approved As Amended

- K [18-799](#) Revise Sedgwick County Personnel Policies.
Approved As Amended
- L [18-966](#) A Resolution amending Chapter 20, Article IV of the Sedgwick County Code relating to Parks, Lakes, and Recreational Facility Rules.
Approved As Amended
- M [18-972](#) Funding Agreement with the Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County, Inc.
Approved As Amended
- N [18-975](#) Transitional Housing Services Agreement with Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas.
Approved As Amended
- O [18-510](#) Resolution to Amend the Duties of the Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging and Proposed Adoption of the Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging and Physical Disabilities 2018 Bylaws.
Approved As Amended
- P [18-971](#) Order dated 11/08/18 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.
Approved As Amended
- Q [18-984](#) Treasurer Claim Certification.
Approved As Amended
- R [18-983](#) General Bill Check Register for November 7, 2018 - November 13, 2018.
Approved As Amended
- S [18-985](#) General Bill Check Register for November 14, 2018 - November 20, 2018.
Approved As Amended
- T [18-986](#) Payroll Check Register for the November 10, 2018 payroll certification.
Approved As Amended

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Mr. Pepoon or Mr. Deer?"

Mr. Michael D. Pepoon, Interim County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I don't have anything, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, one thing that Commissioner Ranzau brought up during

the regular portion of that was for us to take a look at rules for youth employment. If we could do some research on that, see what we could do. I know we're going to start talking about the legislative agenda next week, but if we could look into that and find out if that's something that we need to include in our legislative agenda."

Mr. Will Deer, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We'll look into it."

Chairman Dennis said, "Sounds good. Anything else, Mr. Deer?"

Mr. Deer said, "Nope. Thank you."

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

OTHER

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Before we get too far into 'other' one of the questions that's come up several times that Commissioner Ranzau has discussed with us that on October 3rd, we voted to have an independent, external leadership investigation, and at that point in time, why Commissioner Ranzau and I were going to work on the scope of it, although he did decline because of other reasons. But then on October 24th, I did bring forth a scope that we did vote on, but during that meeting, we had a discussion and a motion to hold that, to have that investigation.

"But one other thing was added to that, that at the completion of the leadership investigation, Commissioner Ranzau wanted us to have an investigation into Commissioners. We did approve that on October the 24th, and that's where we're at today actually, because we have finished the first one. We need to move on to the next step, because we did have a vote to do that.

"I would hope that we'd follow the same process that we did on the first one. Then that we develop a scope to figure out where we're going to go with this, and I guess the first thing I need to do is ask Commissioner Ranzau if you would to work with me to develop a scope for this."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "I would."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I appreciate that. We'll need to work together with our [Interim] County Counselor to develop a scope. Commissioner Ranzau and I will work together with you. I think that we probably need to take a look at that code of ethics that we passed recently and make sure that that's included in this. So I think that this is something that we approved and we need to move forward with it.

"But before I move forward, I want to make sure that I remind everyone, especially the public, that I've said it before, and I'll say it again that last year there was an external investigation into Sedgwick County, and nothing, and I repeat, nothing was found regarding Commissioner behavior related to any county decisions or activities.

"Second, that the external whistleblower investigation that we've heard about publicly discussed, it's now been a month and a half since we've heard anything on that. I have not heard any further activity on anything involved in that. I believe now is the time for us to move forward with what we talked about earlier, and that we voted on, on October 24th. So that's the main thing that I wanted to talk about in 'other.' Does any other Commissioners have anything that they'd like to discuss during 'other'? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Just a couple comments. For me personally, I was not satisfied with the report we received for the investigation that you say is completed. I think there's unfinished business. I will continue to raise questions regarding information in that report. I would like to say that if we are going to call it an investigation, there's some things we need to actually investigate to finish up some of the things that are in that report, and so I would ask us to not consider that finished business, but to continue to have a discussion of whether we're satisfied with the report as is. I personally am not. I think we need to continue or I should say finish the process. We have, we started the process, but we have not finished the process, in my opinion."

"Second of all, just because we have not heard from any investigation recently doesn't mean it's not ongoing. We don't know what the timetable is. They have, they don't have any obligation to inform us of what they're doing, so I would agree we have not heard anything in six weeks, I guess, but that does not necessarily mean that's not something that's ongoing. So I don't know where that is, but by design, I don't think we're supposed to know."

"Finally, I would like to say that I would like to congratulate Derby Panthers. Derby High School once again have secured the 6A football championship this year, and this is tremendous. They were undefeated through the entire process, and just continue to impress. Some of the kids on this team have actually won three state championships. As seniors they're going to walk away with three state victories."

"So just tremendous football by the City of Derby, and of course that's in the heart of my district, so I need to take the time to congratulate them and tell them how proud I am of their success once again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I guess I'm rather disturbed that we do have a Commissioner that's attempting to discredit the investigation that was conducted. We had an independent, unbiased investigation that followed the scope that was provided to her. Our previous County Counselor is the one that chose the individual that conducted the investigation. I can't go into details, but as far as the process goes, she talked with over 45 different individuals in Sedgwick County externally and internally. She conducted over 100 hours of interviews during that process, and she did document a number of items during that. So I hope that we do respect the employees that participated in that, and we do respect the process that was followed as we move through that. That's all I want to say about the investigation."

"I do want to also congratulate the Derby Panthers on 6A championship. I think that was fantastic. Not only did Sedgwick County have someone involved from 6A, 5A championship which was also played Saturday, had Northwest [High School] playing against St. Thomas Aquinas. A lot of you know that I announced for Northwest, so I'm a little parochial in this congratulations. Unfortunately, we did not come out as the victors on that meeting of those two teams, but I am very proud of Northwest High School, their coach and their team for a great year. Any time you can come up 11-1 is really quite a season and end up in the championship game."

"The other team that I want to congratulate is the district that I live in, is Goddard. Goddard Lions were playing Saturday at the same time in the 4A championship, against Bishop [Carroll Catholic High School], and they came up short, too, but again, they had a tremendous year to get that far. I want to congratulate all three teams,"

Derby Panthers, Northwest Grizzlies and the Goddard Lions for a great year. Thank you very much. Anything else need to come up during 'other'? Seeing nothing else to come up, Commissioner Unruh."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session for 30 minutes, until 10:45 a.m., for consultation with an attorney for this Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship to discuss a legal claim and that the Board of County Commissioners returns to this room from executive session no sooner than 10:45 a.m.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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| <i>Commissioner O'Donnell 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> |

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into executive session at 10:14 a.m. and returned at 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Dennis said, "At this time I'd like to state that we took no binding action during executive session. Is there anything else that needs to come before the board?"

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.