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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

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 9:09 a.m. on January 9, 2019 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. Thomas Stolz, Interim 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; Mr. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Heddie Page, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

*Dr. Karen Countryman-Roswurm, Executive Director, Center for Combating Human Trafficking
Mr. Edwin Ide, 1830 Lazendy Street, Newton, North Carolina
Mr. John Todd, 1559 North Payne
Mr. Kelly Parks, 8005 North Hoover, Valley Center
Ms. Nancy Hinten, Appointee
Mr. Michael Reed, Appointee
Mr. Lonny Wright, 1721 South Lulu
Ms. Gayle Malone, Sedgwick County Zoological Society
Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Kansas Health Foundation*

INVOCATION: W.E. Hamblen, Emporia Avenue Church of Christ.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

PUBLIC AGENDA

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. We have several folks signed up to speak on the public agenda today, and as I said, if you're here to speak for Commissioner Ranzau or Commissioner Unruh, you can do it either now or during the session at the end. The first person that signed up is Edwin Ide. You need to approach the podium, and state your name for the record, please."

Mr. Edwin Ide, 1830 Lazendy Street, Newton, North Carolina, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm not a resident of the area. I live in Newton, North Carolina, but I'm a member of the Berlin Airlift Veterans Association."

"My purpose here this morning is to announce to the county and to the city, that the Berlin Airlift Veterans will be holding their reunion in Wichita in September, September 26th through the 29th. These gentlemen are obviously a lot older than I am because they made me their reunion chairman because of my background in aviation and in communication. But I'm proud to be a part of their group. These gentlemen, as I call them, are the real heroes of the Cold War. It was, the Berlin Airlift was the first battle of the Cold War when the communists, under General [Joseph] Stalin, isolated the City of Berlin, blockaded it physically by land, and the United States Air Force and the Royal Air Force proceeded to save 2.4 million people living in West Berlin from slavery by supplying them with everything except water for 15 months, and it was the first battle of the Cold War. It was the most significant noncombat military operation of the 20th Century, and I'm proud to represent these men and work with them and be their reunion chairman.

"We hope to have a very good reunion here in the county and city. I'm working with Visit Wichita, and they've been very helpful. I compliment them. I'm hoping that we will have a very successful reunion. We will have a reception that will be announced in the newspapers and on television when the veterans start arriving, and we invite the public to come to our reception and meet the veterans. These gentlemen, as I call them, our average age is 91 years old. The oldest one is 98, and it's quite possible he will be here. He is known as the Berlin Airlift "Candy Bomber," and he's quite a gentleman and a good friend of mine, but I thank you for your time. If you have any questions, I'll be glad to try to answer them. I think I passed a press release out to you and also to the media, and we are looking forward to a good event here in town, and thank you very much for your time this morning."

Chairman Dennis said, "Well Mr. Ide, thank you very much for being here and speaking about that event. I spent 29 years in the Air Force..."

Mr. Ide said, "Sure."

Chairman Dennis said, "...so the Air Force is very close to my heart, and things like this are something that we'd certainly like to make sure that we are a part of. We would love to attend the reception. If you would like a proclamation from the county, we would enjoy preparing a proclamation for this event and anything else that you need."

Mr. Ide said, "I learned that being a politician, you have to be a mind reader, so we would look forward to that, and I thank you for your time."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, sir."

Mr. Ide said, "I have to leave. I hope you don't mind that I walk out, but I've got a very busy agenda today thanks to Visit Wichita."

Chairman Dennis said, "I understand. Thank you very much. The next two individuals may want to speak during the latter portion. Mr. John Todd, do you want to speak now or later? Thank you."

Mr. John Todd, 1559 N. Payne, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Later."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay. Mr. Kelly Parks, do you want to speak now or later?"

Mr. Kelly Parks, 8005 N. Hoover, Valley Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Now."

Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Please state your name for the record. We do know you."

Mr. Parks said, "I choose to do this now because I want to get as many people informed out here as I can, because I know sometimes the media doesn't give Richard the accolades that he needs. In early 2010, I announced I wasn't sure if I was going to seek re-election from my seat up there. When I arrived at home that evening, I got a call, and that call was from Richard Ranzau. He wanted to meet with me about the job. He was kind of curious about that and wanted to do his homework, investigate how he could help his county. There's no person that fit that job better than Richard. Richard is intelligent, honest, sincere, vocal, christian and caring. He cares about people. He cares about children, seniors and those that can't take care of themselves. He cares about those in the county that live differently than those in the 19 cities of the county.

"He cares about those small farms near cities that have been annexed merely for the tax revenue. Richard realized life on the farm is different than life inside a limited city. Many thank him for his votes on common sense rules. Whether it was a party line issue or not, Richard voted on issues that were right with the private property owner. Richard knows the U.S. (United States) Constitution and applied that in his job. I would like to thank Richard for his military service. His honesty is beyond reproach.

Mr. Parks continued, "He leads by example and encourages others to be honest, patriotic and subscribe to the All-American values. Richard is not a loser. He has a great family, a great civilian job that will enable him to achieve life goals, and it wasn't the opposition party that made sure he wasn't re-elected, but indicted and future indicted persons within his own political party. Richard, job well done. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Would anyone else, I do not have anyone else that's signed up today, but is there anyone else in the audience that would like to speak at this time on the public agenda? Seeing no one, next item, please."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A [18-1082](#)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2018.

All Commissioners were Present.

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Commissioners, everyone has a chance to review the minutes from December the 5th, December 12th and December 19th."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 5, 2018, December 12, 2018 and December 19, 2018.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner O'Donnell II Aye

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

B [19-011](#) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2018.
All Commissioners were Present.
Action for this item was taken with item A.

C [19-022](#) SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2018.
All Commissioners were Present.
Action for this item was taken with item A.

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

PROCLAMATIONS

D [19-001](#) PROCLAMATION DECLARING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS
MONTH.
Read by: Chairman David T. Dennis or his designee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation that I'd like to read this morning. It says:"

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of abuse and exploitation on the continuum of violence which involves the commoditization of human beings for both labor and sexual purpose, robbing individuals of their freedom, dignity and right to self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is not immune to this crime, as vulnerable youth and adults who are at-risk to become victims of sexual exploitation, traffickers who exploit vulnerabilities, and buyers who drive demand and survivors on their way to healing and prosperity all live in our community; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County has recognized and acknowledged human trafficking as an issue in our community and has led the way in efforts to combat human trafficking in the State of Kansas through multidisciplinary collaboration, community awareness, education, training, research, and policy development; and

WHEREAS, Wichita State University, Center for Combating Human Trafficking and the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recognize the commitment of the Sedgwick County community to educate and raise awareness about human trafficking to create contexts in which prosperity and growth are possible for all.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Chairman David T. Dennis, and the

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim January 2019 as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

and call on all Sedgwick County businesses, organization, faith-based groups and families to recognize the vital role they can play in ending all forms of abuse and exploitation, like human trafficking, and urge all citizens to join in observing this month with appropriate programs and activities.

Chairman Dennis said, "Gentleman, you've heard the proclamation."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the proclamation.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 001-2019.

Chairman Dennis said, "We have Dr. Karen Countryman-Roswurm here to receive the proclamation."

Dr. Karen Countryman-Roswurm, Executive Director, Center for Combating Human Trafficking, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Between all those exploitations and Countryman-Roswurm, we just wanted to give you a tongue twister at the first of the year. Good morning. I also want to recognize we have several of our team members here from the Center for Combating Human Trafficking and other community members that work with us in this movement. In light of National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, again, I thank you for the recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month with this proclamation.

"You know, over the last couple of decades, we've made significant progress in the anti-trafficking movement, not only in our state, but across the country. Specifically in our state, many of you may be aware that we've changed legislation and policy. We've removed terminology such as prostitution, specifically when referring to minor children. Dr. Countryman-Roswurm continued, "Then thinking about our own team, on our team alone, we cumulatively have been serving in the anti-trafficking movement for over 120 years at the Center for Combating Human Trafficking with Wichita State [University] (WSU). In just the last year, we provided training and technical assistance to over 17,000 multi-disciplinary professionals across the country in 2018. We also provided prevention education locally to young people at no cost to over 1,500 children and youth, including their parents and guardians and teachers.

"Then we had 29 survivors in our Pathway to Prosperity program at Wichita State in the

last year. But despite all this progress, the reality is that we still have a long ways to go. Many of you may have heard about the Cyntoia Brown case in the news media, the national news lately, the young lady who despite being a victim of human trafficking, was unjustly criminalized and just recently this week received clemency. We have those same kind of cases here. So in light of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, I ask all of us to stop with just the typical rhetoric and saying, yeah, let's go get the traffickers, but really stop and pause and recognize that we have a problem in our own state of young people who, due to their socioeconomic status, due to their connections with our systems of care, such as Department of Children and Families, or our criminal legal systems, they're getting swept up in trafficking too.

"Then when we identify them, we charge them with these crimes and they're not getting adequate help. So again, in light of National Human Trafficking Awareness Month and in light of this proclamation, I ask that we do better and that we stand up for those most marginalized in our community, and that we give them the help that they need, because we truly believe that one person exploited is one too many, and we also believe that it's transformational relationships that will change their lives, not being detained. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Well thank you very much for being here today. We appreciate it. We are proud to be part of the proclamation on this, but hope that we can do better. I serve on the board for the Exploited and Missing Child's [Children's] Unit here, so I see firsthand exactly what the magnitude of the problem is."

Ms. Countryman-Roswurm said, "Yes."

Chairman Dennis said, "There is a problem that we need to..."

Ms. Countryman-Roswurm said, "Yes."

Chairman Dennis said, "...address, and I appreciate it."

Ms. Countryman-Roswurm said, "Absolutely, and I encourage anybody, we have several events going on this month, including a men's event that's open to the public on the 24th in which the Attorney General, Derek Schmidt, will be there. It's called Men Rising, and then also we have a conference on the 25th in which we'll have speakers from across the country that will be there, so I'll give you a list of those events. Those events are also available on our Facebook page or on our website combatinghumantrafficking.org. May I approach you to give you a gift as well?"

Chairman Dennis said, "Sure, thank you."

Ms. Countryman-Roswurm said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I appreciate it. Thanks again for being here today. Madam Clerk, next item."

Adopted

APPOINTMENTS

E [19-003](#)

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LARRY WHITE (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISISON APPOINTMENT) FROM THE SEDGWICK

COUNTY DISTRICT 3 CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation.

Mr. Michael Pepoon, Interim County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you a letter from Mr. White who's asking to resign from the Third District Citizen's Advisory Board due to health reasons. We'd ask that you accept Mr. White's resignation."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Pepoon. Mr. White served as a member of my Citizen's Advisory Board from the very first. Unfortunately, his health is not going to allow him to be able to continue to serve."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the resignation of Larry White from the Sedgwick County District Three Citizens Advisory Board.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

Approved

F [19-015](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING NANCY HINTEN (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY THIRD DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD AS RECOMMENDED BY THIRD DISTRICT COMMISSIONER DAVID DENNIS.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Mr. Pepoon said, "To replace Mr. White, the Chairman has recommended the appointment of Nancy Hinten to serve on the Third District Citizen's Advisory Board. The resolution before you is for this appointment, and it's in proper form, and I ask you to approve the resolution."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Why don't we combine foxtrot and golf?"

Mr. Pepoon said, "Okay. Item G is a resolution appointing Sherry Livingston to the Third District Citizen's Advisory Board. The resolution is also in proper form, and so

Items F and G, approval resolutions from Items F and G would appoint both Ms. Hinten and Ms. Livingston to the Third District Advisory Board."

Chairman Dennis said, "Okay, and I understand that they're here to be sworn in this morning. Okay, and as soon as we make the motion, we'll let each speak individually if they're both here."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolutions to appoint Nancy Hinten and Sherry Livingston to the Sedgwick County Third District Citizen's 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>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 002-2019.

Chairman Dennis said, "Mr. Clerk."

Mr. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk, thanked the Commissioners and said, "Please raise your right hand:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Third District Citizen's Advisory Board, so help me God."

Ms. Nancy Hinten, appointee, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Ms. Hinten said, "Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Since I've retired from the Pando Initiative, I've always wanted to find a way to continue to serve the community, and I appreciate Mr. Dennis supporting my nomination for that position, so thank you very much, and I look forward to working with you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Well, thank you. I appreciate your service."

Ms. Hinten said, "Sure."

Chairman Dennis said, "We look forward to seeing you the first Monday of the month. We meet the first Monday of every month. This last meeting we decided to take July off because if we meet the first Monday, it runs right into the Fourth of July, so we are going to take one month off, but I do want to make sure that the public is aware that

we meet out at the Goddard Activity Center the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m..”

Ms. Hinten said, “Great. Look forward to working with you. Thank you.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you. Okay. Next item, please.”

Approved

G [18-1081](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHERRY LIVINGSTON (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY THIRD DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD AS RECOMMENDED BY THIRD DISTRICT COMMISSIONER DAVID DENNIS.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Action for this item was taken with item F.

County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 003-2019.

H [19-016](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL REED (BOCC APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY GYPSUM TOWNSHIP BOARD AS TREASURER, PER RECOMMENDATION BY COMMISSIONER JIM HOWELL, 5TH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Pepoon said, “Commissioners, you have before you a resolution appointing Michael Reed to be the Sedgwick County Gypsum Township Board Treasurer. As you remember, I think it was a meeting on December 19th that we accepted the resignation of Mr. Goevert, who was previous township treasurer. Upon the recommendation of Commissioner Howell, we would now ask you for this resolution to appoint Michael Reed.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Commissioner Howell.”

Commissioner Howell said, “I would like to just point out that I didn’t know this when we made the resolution in December, but Mr. Goevert actually served the township for 30 years. I thought that was extraordinary and worthy of mention, so again, I thank him for his service. But I know that Michael Reed will do a tremendous job, and he and his wife are both here this morning, and I wanted to thank him for his willingness to step up and take over this position. Gypsum Township is very well managed, and their mill levy is very low. They do a great job.”

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to adopt the resolution to appoint Michael Reed to the Sedgwick County Gypsum Township as Treasurer.

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

County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 004-2019.

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please. I'm sorry. He's here to get sworn in. Very good."

Mr. Arnold said, "Alright, please raise your right hand:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Gypsum Township Board Treasurer, so help me God."

Mr. Michael Reed, appointee, greeted the Commissioners and said, "So help me God, I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Mr. Reed said, "First of all, I want to thank Commissioner Jim Howell for the recommendation for this and also for the board's support. My goal is, as Jim stated, Willie Goevert is a personal friend of mine, when he first approached me on possibly taking over this position for him, that he wanted to retire, I'll be quite honest with you, I wasn't quite familiar with what the township duties were.

"I attended some of their meetings as an observer. I've learned now how important the townships are and what their functions are that they serve, and my goal will be to just be, continue the fiscal responsibility that Willie Goevert has shown over the last 30 years and the township board in general. So I thank you for this opportunity, and that's my goal. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Okay, next item, please."

Adopted

I [19-019](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JERI MYERS (COMMISSIONER JIM HOWELL'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to, just to..."

Chairman Dennis said, "Should've let Mr. Pepoon..."

Commissioner Howell said, "That's fine. Let me..."

Mr. Pepoon said, "I'll defer to Commissioner Howell if you want, or if you want, I'll be happy to do it. This is a resolution for you appointing Jeri Myers to be Commissioner Howell's appointment to the Advisory Council on Aging and Physical Disabilities, due to the unfortunate passing recently of Mr. Clifford Helms. This is to replace that appointment, and the resolution is in proper form, and I ask that you approve the resolution."

Chairman Dennis said, "Now, Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to recognize Clifford Helms as a tremendous man that was extremely passionate and a huge advocate for seniors. He did a great job on the board, but he recently unexpectedly did pass, and we do miss him. I want to thank him and his family for his dedication and service to the county. But in his stead, I'd like to now recognize and appoint or nominate Jeri Myers to replace him on this board. Jeri Myers is also a strong and passionate advocate for seniors, and I know her very well. She's done a great job over the years. She is connected with the Mulvane Senior Center."

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to adopt the resolution to appoint Jeri Myers to the Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging.

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>

County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 005-2019.

Mr. Arnold said, "Please raise your right hand:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, so help me God."

Ms. Jeri Myers, Appointee, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Okay, Congratulations. That's good."

Mr. Myers said, "Commissioners, I would like to thank Mr. Howell personally for calling me and asking if somebody in Mulvane wanted to serve on this committee. Seniors are very, very important people. In fact, I'm one too, so I understand where they're coming from. I love them very much. I will do my very best to serve on this committee in any

way that I will be needed, and I thank you very much."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you very much for being here today. Thanks for serving. Before we go on to new business, this is the last meeting, as I said, of the current Commission as it is impaneled today. I want to make sure that I thank them before we go into that portion of it, but I also want to recognize that we do have the new Commission being sworn in on the 12th at 2:00 p.m. down in the jury room downstairs. We want to make sure everyone is invited to that that would like to attend, and both new members that are going to be sworn in are here today. We've got Commissioner-Elect Pete Meitzner for District One is visiting with us this morning, and Commissioner-Elect Lacey Cruse from District Four is with us this morning, so we want to welcome them to our meeting."

Commissioner Howell said, "It's the 13th by the way, not the 12th."

Chairman Dennis said, "The 13th, you're right."

Commissioner Howell said, "Sunday the 13th, yes."

Chairman Dennis said, "I've got the 12th on my mind because I'm going to the commissioning of the USS (United States Ship) Wichita on the 12th. Alright, next item, please."

Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

J [19-008](#)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 3, 2019.

Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.

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

Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts on January 3rd, we have one item to present to you today.

1. CHANGE ORDER #4 - 2018 COLD MIX & GRAVEL -- PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING
-- R342 COLDMIX REPL-16+

"This recommendation is to accept this change order from Flint Hills Materials, LLC, and in this case, it's a decrease amount of \$79,851.89.

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Any Commissioners have any questions? Seeing none."

MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids

and Contracts.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Thomas said, "Thank you."

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

Approved

CONSENT

Chairman Dennis said, "Mr. Manager."

Mr. Thomas Stolz, Interim County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Recommend approval of Items K through T on the Consent Agenda."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Howell moved to approve Consent Agenda Items Kilo (K) through Tango (T).

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Howell said, "Well, thank you Mr. Chairman. On Item M, I do want to make just a brief comment, and I don't need to pull it off the Consent Agenda. I do support all of these items. But on Item M, I want you to know we did spend some extra time on this. We did push this back several weeks, maybe even a month for further discussion, and I wanted to just thank the staff for all their extra work, helping me feel more comfortable with this one. I would say we do absolutely need to do this. We have identified a number of action items to make this process better in the future, but this is very, very important. I want to thank Tania Cole, Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Wes Ellington and a few others. Chief Haynes, thank you for your work on this. Manager Stolz, thank you. But with that, I would like to make that motion that we would approve these items. Thank you. Thank you, Chairman."

VOTE

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Before that we continue on with the next item, I'd like to recess the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for January 9th, 2019."

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Fire District No. 1 at 9:38 a.m. and returned at 9:39 a.m.

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

- K** [19-012](#) Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to an Agreement with KDOT for Construction of the Derby-Mulvane Multi-Use Pathway (R-343) (District 5).
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- L** [18-1083](#) One (1) Dedication Deed for Sedgwick County Multi-use Path along Rock Road from Derby to Mulvane; CIP# R-343. District 5.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- M** [18-959](#) Amendment to the Capital Improvement Program for Security Camera Upgrades and Standardization.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- N** [19-018](#) Affiliation Agreement with the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- O** [19-031](#) Revise Sedgwick County Personnel Policies.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- P** [18-1077](#) Treasurer Claim Certification.
- Q** [19-004](#) General Bill Check Register for December 12, 2018 - December 18, 2018.
- R** [19-005](#) General Bill Check Register for December 19, 2018 - December 24, 2018.
- S** [19-006](#) General Bill Check Register for December 25, 2018 - December 31, 2018.
- T** [19-007](#) Payroll Check Register for the December 22, 2018 payroll certification.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Chairman Dennis said, "Mr. Pepoon, do we have anything for legislative issues today?"

Mr. Pepoon said, "No, sir. We do have a legislative dinner this evening, but no issues for you today."

Chairman Dennis said, "We not only have a dinner, but tomorrow out at WSU, we have a meeting with the delegation also, so we do have a lot going on with our legislative agenda right now. Very good. Madam Clerk, next item."

OTHER

Chairman Dennis said, "Other. At this point in time, we are going to start recognizing Commissioner Ranzau and Commissioner Unruh. One of the things that I will be presenting today is a picture to each of those individuals. It will be in a frame when it's presented today, but we will take it back from them and have it out of the frame so that during the reception today, if anyone would like to sign that picture, that they would have an opportunity at that time. So that is something that you'll see when we go over to the other conference room."

Recognition of outgoing Commissioner Richard Ranzau, District 4.

"The way that we're going to go through the process today is that here in a moment, Commissioner Ranzau and I are going to go down and take our place at the podium, and we will present the items where we get the photos taken at that time, and I will then open it up to anyone in the audience that wants to speak. When they're done, I will open it up to our Commissioners so that they can speak, and after Commissioner Ranzau is finished with us recognizing eight years of public service, I will then ask Commissioner Unruh to come down and join me at the podium. So, just so that no one is confused about what we're doing, Commissioner Ranzau and I are going to come down to the podium at this time."

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is kind of a bittersweet moment, because it's the last time that these five individuals will be serving as a Commission for the citizens in Sedgwick County. It's been my honor to serve with Commissioner Ranzau for the past two years. I have learned an awful lot from him during that period of time. I think that after two years of serving with him, I'm a better Commissioner than I was when I started, and I sincerely appreciate his service."

"At this time, we've got a couple of gifts that we're going to present to him, and then as I said, we'll open it up to the public. The last person to be able to speak after we're finished will be Commissioner Ranzau, so his opportunity will be coming up here in a moment."

"But first of all, we've got Lisa and Carol here today. We have the picture that, let's go around front [inaudible]. I have a photo that I'd like to present that's kind of a collage of the different things that he's participated in here recently. This is what we'll take back out of the frame and allow everyone to sign. The second thing, I'm not sure if I'm going to give him or keep it, but unfortunately, it's got his name on it. It's a beautiful clock that says Richard Ranzau, Commissioner Fourth District, eight years of service, in appreciation for your dedication and service to Sedgwick County. At this time, I'm going to step away from the podium with Commissioner Ranzau, and I want to invite the public, if anyone wants to come up at this time and speak, please state your name for the record, please."

Mr. Todd said, "Thank you, Commissioner Dennis. It is my pleasure as a citizen of Wichita, Sedgwick County, on behalf of over 50 other citizens who signed an award certificate to present an Exemplary Citizen Award to outgoing Commissioner Richard Ranzau."

"Whereas our fellow citizen, Richard Ranzau, has honorably served the citizens of Sedgwick County on the Board of County Commissioners with distinction for eight years, from 2011 to 2019. Richard has set the bar for other public officials by demonstrating the highest levels of service with integrity. Richard has taken principled stands second to none in fighting corruption, supporting common sense, fiscal responsibility, by advocating a low tax and regulatory structure that benefits everyone, not just the insider few. Richard has been willing to stand alone when fighting for the interest of the citizens of Sedgwick County by taking principled stands on important issues that many times serve to the detriment of his own personal interest as an elected official.

"This is an aside, this is a noble position to take. Thank you, Richard, for your service to our community. We wish you Godspeed on your future endeavors. This is an award presented to Richard Ranzau by fellow citizens. Congratulations, Richard. Can we get pictures? Could we bring the family up? Is there anyone who'd like to come up for pictures?"

Chairman Dennis said, "Is there anyone else in the audience who would like to speak today? Lonny, state your name for the record."

Mr. Lonny Wright, 1721 South Lulu Street, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've appreciated my friendship with Commissioner Ranzau, and I have learned from him. There sometimes have been more entertainment than I've wanted, but I recognize that you've contributed to our decision-making, and I appreciate how you became involved. As a Physician's Assistant, you started reading some of our original documents, and you developed your own understanding of how government should relate to people, and I recognize that distinction. So while we've not always agreed, I always appreciate our friendship, and I think you have had a favorable affect for us, so I just wanted to thank you for that."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Lonny. Anyone else? Then I'll turn it to the Commission. I don't have a light in front of me, so you're going to have to raise your hand if you want to be recognized. Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I struggled for about the last month thinking about what I would say at this time, and I've come up with a few things I would like to reflect on. I'll also speak from my heart. I don't have it written out, so I'm just going to talk about some of the values and principles and accomplishments that Commissioner Ranzau has made in the county. First off, let me just start off by saying he's a good friend and a good mentor.

Commissioner Howell continued, "When I chose to run for this office, I didn't know a lot about the county, and I looked to him as one I could go to to get information about the details about how the county would operate, and he always knew the information. He was always a detail person and very analytical, and very, very smart. So some of the words I would like to highlight, I think he's very hard working. I noticed that he always studies the agenda, he does the background information, he knows why he votes the way he does, and I respect him for that. I think that's a rare thing in many elected officials, but he has always been very hard working. He's very detailed and analytical. I appreciate those things. I think I'm the same way in those regards, and so when I find people that are detailed and analytical, I always tend to appreciate those character traits, and I can say that certainly about him.

"I know he's very passionate, and you know, he's taken some criticism for his passion on some things. But he's always been passionate, and I would just say the substance of what he said was always important to me, so you have to look past some of the emotion and look at the things that he's saying, and the substance was always important to him, and I hope that the messages would get through to people, because what he said was really very well grounded in truth. In that regard, he's a leader. A lot of people in political offices, they just vote on the agenda items as they come up. But Commissioner Ranzau would actually go find things that needed to be worked on, and he would bring items to the agenda that he was passionate about.

"Some of those things never made the news, but they were things that he worked on for years that were based on regulations and fees, reducing, or I should say creating more freedom for people to create businesses, agri-tourism is a good example. A lot of these things didn't make the news very much, and a lot of people may not even know about that. It's easy to talk about the big accomplishments.

"The INTRUST Bank Arena, for example, is a huge accomplishment, and Commissioner Unruh had a lot to do with that with Commissioner Norton. Those are really big items that the whole community can really look at and say that's a big deal, and it was. But Commissioner Ranzau focused on a lot of little things, and so it's, he didn't get recognition, but they were important nonetheless. So I'd like to just point out a few of those things.

"The Douglas Tag Office was a change. It was going to go in the [Ronald] Reagan Building, but we moved it over to Douglas. I think everybody would agree, a huge success. Let me say, we saved a lot of money, and I credit Commissioner Ranzau for that. The debt policy, we cut our debt policy in half. We set a resolution to target a mill levy, so we don't have the incremental increases in our mill levy over the years like typically does happen in most municipalities, so that was a tremendous change.

Commissioner Howell continued, "Community Crisis Center, we should be very proud of that, and we need to continue that effort going forward. I know mental health is one of our biggest priorities going forward. But I think one of the biggest accomplishments, of course, is the Community Crisis Center, and Commissioner Ranzau has been a huge advocate for that.

"The Law Enforcement Training Center, when he was the Chairman in 2015, he initiated that discussion with the Mayor across the street and asked that we would be the leader on that and was able to encourage the city to agree to that. Commissioner Ranzau, I would credit, you know, we had a very, very long community discussion, maybe 15 or 20 years, about trying to find a replacement for the Law Enforcement Training Center. But Commissioner Ranzau was able to get that deal moving forward, and that was very, that was probably his, in my opinion, maybe your greatest success, is getting that done. In the process, we saved about \$20 million as a community. We only had to pay \$5 million, we actually paid cash.

"Commissioner Ranzau has been an advocate for a more responsible government, for transparency and accountability, and effective and efficient government, using less debt and more cash, prioritizing within government. He is a standard for all of those ideas. In fact, I would say that he is a conservative standard. In fact, I would say to his disappointment, he couldn't control my vote. Sometimes I wouldn't vote along with him. It caused me to question myself a little bit, because I would wonder, you know, if Commissioner Ranzau is overt on this position, I need to really double-check and

rethink why am I maybe not with him.

"He's a conservative standard, and so I appreciate his consistent conservative values he's had this whole time he's been here. Anyway, I don't know what else to say other than he's going to be missed. He has made a huge difference in Sedgwick County. You left a legacy. I think you will always be remembered as a conservative, probably, in my opinion, the most conservative Commissioner in the history of Sedgwick County. So I want to say thank you for your service, and I wish you the best going forward. I know your career is going to be fine. You're a professional.

"You don't need to worry about your future. You're very employable, and you're going to do fine. But I think you've done a great job here, and I want to say thank you for all you've done. So with that, thank you, Commissioner Ranzau."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Anyone else? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman I think probably most of my comments would be very consistent with what Lonny Wright said, so Lonny, you did a good job, and I would echo that. For seven and a half years, I think Richard and I were pretty good friends and lament the fact that that friendship has changed, but nevertheless, that's a fact of life, I guess, and I just would say that I hope, as you go forward, that things will be successful for you."

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

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "I would just like to thank Commissioner Ranzau. It's never easy serving in elected office. You put yourself, your family through a lot of trials that you wouldn't have otherwise, and best of luck in your new endeavors."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Well anyone that's ever followed the Commission knows that we are really pretty formal. We call each other by the last name and Commissioner. Today, I want to call him Richard, because over the past two years, he has become a friend of mine, and when we're not at the desk, it's Richard and David, and I appreciate that. He speaks very frequently about his family. I appreciate that part of his family is here. I wish they all could have been here today to recognize his eight years of service. We speak about basketball, because both of us are very involved in youth sports, and he's very involved in his family. As a matter of fact, yesterday afternoon, they had a basketball game that they went to.

"So I have truly enjoyed working with Richard. I apologize because I said his last name wrong so many times, and I keep trying to say it right. But I started out saying it wrong to begin with, and it just stuck in my mind. But then again, I have learned a lot. If you go back and look at our voting record, you'll find that probably more often than not we voted the same way. There are a few things that we disagree on, but we do it as gentlemen, and that's why I appreciate working with Richard. So with that, I'd like to turn it over to Richard Ranzau and let him have the final word. Thank you."

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Well, thank you. I've written down some notes here. I have a long list of things to talk about. I remember the first time I spoke in a Commission meeting. I was a little nervous, and I was trying to thank everybody that

helped me get elected, and I forgot to thank my family. So I decided I better write everything down here today so I don't forget everything. First I want to thank my fellow County Commissioners, both past and present, for being able to serve with them over the last eight years. It has been a pleasure, and it has been something that I've enjoyed. It's had its ups and downs. It's had its challenges, but I'm happy to serve with everyone I've served with.

Commissioner Ranzau continued, "You know, one thing I'll say is we actually end up voting the same way 95 to 98 percent of the time. Okay? Because most of the things we do here are routine. But the things that we don't vote on, sometimes there's dissension, there's differences of opinion, and I want to say that that's important, and I think that's good. We need different voices, different points of views. We need to have a vigorous debate about important issues for the health of our republic at every level of government. If we get to the point where everything is unanimous all the time, then I think we're in trouble. But I also want to thank all the employees of Sedgwick County that work so hard day in and day out and make sacrifices.

"Everybody I have come across and worked with at the county, I've enjoyed meeting, to get to know and working with. It's been a pleasure. I celebrate everything that they do, and I'm very appreciative of all the efforts they put out there. I'm very proud to say that I was a Sedgwick County Commissioner, because I think we have a reputation of hard work, getting things done and doing things the right way, and I'm very proud of that, and I'm very proud of our employees.

"Next, I want to thank the citizens of Sedgwick County, people who came here today, Kelly Parks, John Todd, Pete and Kathy Hanas and everybody else who supported me by going door to door for me, voting for me, making financial contributions. I remember very well the first time somebody handed me a check. It was very sobering to say, to come to the realization that this person is putting their faith in me to the point that they're giving me their hard earned money. I didn't take that lightly. Then after the first election that I won the primary, I looked at the numbers, I don't remember the number, but I remember all of those people voted for me. Once again, they put their faith in me to fight for them and do what I thought was best to help them, and that's very sobering and something I've never forgotten.

"I've tried to fight for the taxpayer every day I was in here. I've tried to remain consistent, and I think I've done that, but I want to thank them for the support and their trust they've given to me over the last eight years, and I hope they're happy with how I served them. Then obviously I want to thank my family, my wife Rachelle and my son Ryan is here today. The other two are in school. Ryan is a freshman at K-State (Kansas State University), and he's home on Christmas break, so he was able to be here today. When I look back as to why I ran for office to begin with, it was really out of frustration and concern. Frustration with how I saw government working at all levels of government, and the concern for the future of our children.

"That motivated me to give up really my dream job as a Physician Assistant. I loved doing orthopedic surgery, and it was a very, very tough decision, but I felt like, you know, I would get mad at the TV and scream and holler, and I said I'm going to get involved and try and do something, and I did, and I'm glad that I did. But I did it for them.

Commissioner Ranzau continued, "I wish I could say that I'm more optimistic for the

future of our children and our country, but after experiencing politics, I'm really not. You know, it's ironic, today we had a gentleman show up and talk about the Berlin Airlift Veterans Association. He talked about it was the first battle of the Cold War where we fought against the communists and their economic ideology called socialism, something that we in the past fought against and worked against, and now the evil godless ideology of socialism is being celebrated by politicians and news media, professors, teachers throughout this country, and it's scary.

"That shows the lack of understanding of history, of economics. My son Ryan was told when he was a sophomore in high school that socialism is better than capitalism. That scares me. So the fight isn't over, but I've tried to stand for the principles of individual freedom, individual responsibility, limited government, fiscal conservatism. I've tried to remain consistent. I believe I have. I sleep good at night knowing that I did, I voted the way I felt the way I needed to based on the facts I was given. I didn't compromise.

"Some of my votes were very tough. I anguished over them, tossed and turned at night, because I knew I was going against the grain, but when you look at the facts and look at the data, it took me in a certain direction, and I'm proud that I was able to stand true to my values and do what I thought was right. In the end, I have no regrets. You can say I lost an election, but I did not lose my soul, and in the end, that's the only thing that really matters. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Again, thank you, Richard, very much. The one thing I can always say that I always trust Richard. I've told him this a couple times privately. I said I would give him my billfold, I trust him that much. I always know where he's coming from. We don't always agree, but I always know where he's coming from, so I appreciate that in him. One thing I would ask Tony to do is I don't think we've got a nice picture, once we get over to the other room, of the current five Commissioners together, and before that we don't have this group together, I'd like to get a picture of all five of us, if we could. Thank you, Richard.

Recognition of outgoing Commissioner Dave Unruh, District 1

"At this time, I'd like to bring Commissioner Dave Unruh down and recognize him. Thank you. I've known Dave a little bit longer, and I'm going to use his first name again instead of Commissioner. I think today is the day that we need to be a little bit more informal, because we're saying goodbye to some of our friends today. But I've known Dave a little longer than I've known Richard, and I've appreciated him for a long time. I appreciate what he's done for our community. He's the last Commissioner here that had anything to do with the purchase of the INTRUST Bank Arena. I think that is a tribute to all the Commissioners that voted to have that.

Chairman Dennis continued, "It's one of the nice things that you get to do when you're the Chairman, is you get to go over when there is a huge event that's coming up, and you get to state that this is something that belongs to Sedgwick County, and it's a testament to the decisions of the Commission that went before us. He is the last one that participated in that. He's also one of the Commissioners that was involved in getting the new elephant exhibit that we have at the [Sedgwick County] Zoo, which is again a testament to his foresight, the number one tourist attraction in the State of Kansas.

"We have a fantastic elephant exhibit right now, and there is a breeding program that

they are working on currently. We may have one of the elephants, I haven't heard lately for sure, but I think that one of them is expecting, and again, that is something that is a testament to Commissioner Unruh, Dave Unruh, and what he has done. So at this time, we've got a couple gifts that we're going to give him, the same two gifts that we just gave before, and I'd like him to come out in front of the podium so he can receive each one of these. Again, we have a picture, a collage that everyone will have a chance to sign. The other thing we have is a beautiful crystal clock. It's got the first name correct. The rest of it's wrong. But it says David M. Unruh on this one, Commissioner First District, 16 years of service in appreciation to your dedication and service to Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay."

Chairman Dennis said, "Come out here and get a picture. At this time, I'd like to open it up to anyone in the audience. If anyone would like to speak this morning, this is the time to do it. Gayle Malone. Please state your name for the record."

Ms. Gayle Malone, Sedgwick County Zoological Society, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am a volunteer in this community, and I live in the first district. I have been a long-time volunteer for a variety of nonprofit boards in our community over the years, including the Sedgwick County Zoological Society, which I've worked with staff to raise dollars to enhance our zoo with new and improved exhibits. I am pleased to be part of a group of community leaders who wanted to publicly thank Dave Unruh for his 16 years.

"Those leaders and many more are grateful today for his public service, and if you allow me, we would like to provide that gratitude on the record. In addition to myself, those who have signed this editorial were Charlie Chandler, Debbie Gann, John Rolfe, Jeff Turner, Jim Walters, Sheryl Wohlford and Vera Bothner. I personally know and have received many e-mails since this came out of others that wish their name would have been on it also.

Ms. Malone continued, "We have volunteered as business and community members for years on boards and initiatives to advance our community. Through these efforts, we experienced working with great public servants who are local elected leaders. For 16 years, Sedgwick County has been fortunate Dave Unruh served as one of those elected leaders. After building a successful business, he ran and won four consecutive terms. He chose to retire, and his fourth term ends this week. He easily won re-election because his constituents and the rest of us knew he was dedicated to strengthening our community, region and state. Commissioner Unruh supported game changing initiatives. Through them, he demonstrated his commitment to people and the organizations serving them while also remaining a fiscal conservative.

"His humility allowed him to listen to others. He was a great partner who realized when the county needed to lead and when it was time for others to lead. He asked questions to learn what worked best whether from government, nonprofit or business. It takes courage to embrace a vision or implement change. It takes more courage to act. For every one of these big initiatives, Commissioner Unruh helped lead because he believed they have the ability to change the community and region for the better for now and for generations. Many have already demonstrated their value for our long-term future. In economic development, Commissioner Unruh was Chairman in 2006 when the board voted to build a world class technical educational facility to ensure we

remain competitive for new jobs. The National Center for Aviation Training is home to the growing WSU Tech.

“He also championed smart economic development programs that generated additional tax dollars and regional cooperation through REAP (Regional Economic Area Partnership) and other efforts. In quality of life, Commissioner Unruh is the last Commissioner who served 15 [16] years when voters approved the sales tax to build INTRUST Bank Arena, now open 9 years. His leadership helped ensure the Sedgwick County Zoo could inspire future generations to protect elephants through a nationally recognized exhibit. He supported Exploration Place where children and their families have the first opportunity for hands-on learning, especially in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). In public safety, Commissioner Unruh advocated for important policy decisions that saved the county and taxpayers money while ensuring a safe community including eliminating the need for jail expansion.

“His support of new mental health programs and public health issues changed lives for many. These and hundreds of other efforts required teamwork among multiple organizations, partners, people and governments. Commissioner Unruh would be the first to give credit to the entire team of other leaders, the support of the community, nonprofit partners and especially the great county staff. Throughout Dave Unruh’s business and elected career, he has been dedicated to our community. In his perseverance to get things done and his belief in our future, he’s made a difference. We join with the community in thanking him and wishing him well.

Ms. Malone continued, “Commissioner Unruh, I personally want to thank you in addition to the public thank you, for all that you have done. I have personally enjoyed working with you to better our community. I wish you all the best in this new chapter of your life knowing that our community is better thanks to you.”

Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you, Gayle. Anyone else who’d like to speak today? Please state your name for the record, although we know you.”

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Kansas Health Foundation, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Dave, would you come closer?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “This is getting scary.”

Ms. Zukovich said, “I am here today to speak as a county employee, and I still consider myself as a county employee even though I’m a former employee, and Dave is an employee. He has always acted like an employee. He has always acted like he’s one of us, so that’s why I wanted you close.

“I had the privilege to work with a number of elected officials both in the county, the City of Wichita and the other cities in our community over 29 years, and it has been a privilege to understand, and for them to remind us all what it means to be a true public servant. I had the privilege to learn from so many like Tom Winters and Ben Sciortino, Tim Norton, Carolyn McGinn, our retired Manager Bill Buchanan, and of course, you. We had at one time, and for most of my career, values of our organization of accountability, commitment, equal opportunity, honesty, open communication, professionalism and respect.

“You always modeled all of these to the public and especially to the employees. You told us that a true public employee is focused on what the community needs. A few of the words that other employees, both current and past, have used to describe Dave,

include things that demonstrate his character: leadership, wisdom, fairness, kindness, voice of reason and integrity. Again, that all describes your character. So I now know that your values at Sedgwick County are aligned to spell out Sedgwick, instead of what we all knew as Ace Hopper, but I'd like to spell out 'character' because I think it is what describes you. That is courteous, humble, admirable, rational, appreciative, civil, thoughtful, even-mannered and respectful. So on behalf of myself, my husband John who served for 31 years, and all other employees who maybe can't come up here and publicly say thank you, we appreciate you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Anyone else in the audience wish to speak today? Seeing no one. I'll bring it back to the bench. Does any of the Commissioners wish to speak today? Commissioner O'Donnell."

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, this is not fun for me personally, it's a very sad day, but I am excited for Dave and Karen and the future they're going to have. They're going to be able to travel and do a lot of stuff that Dave's put on hold because of his service to the community. A famous political quote says that, 'A politician thinks of the next election, but a statesman thinks of the next generation.' I for one can attest that Dave Unruh is a statesman."

"Much has been written and said very eloquently, by the way, by Gayle, that was wonderful, has talked about Dave Unruh's consequential victories. The National Center for Aviation Training, INTRUST Bank Arena, stabilizing our budget through the great recession, stabilizing the jail, creating a positive work environment for the thousands of the employees and their families because of his temperament and his personality."

"Many do not discuss the faith that the citizens of Sedgwick County had for him. His blowout election victories, and even most recently in his last election, he didn't even have an opponent in the primary or general. The voters had such faith that Dave Unruh was the right man for the job that they didn't even bother running against him, which is pretty unheard of in this environment."

"Our partners like the City of Wichita, like the State of Kansas, like Wichita State University were able to achieve many huge accomplishments because Dave Unruh understands that collaboration and partnering is extremely important, and it's critical to allow us to have successes in our community. There are so many victories that Dave Unruh's fingerprints are all over, but yet his name is not on."

"I've heard it often said that a society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they will never sit in. I love that quote because it exemplifies Dave Unruh. It also has the phrase old men in it, and that became quite a topic during the 2016 election. A lot was said about old men. I asked Dave Unruh, I said, Dave does this bother you that they're calling you an old man? He said, no Michael, because I'm an old man. That is Dave's personality to a tee, he brushes things off. He does not hold grudges. He laughs it off because he knows there's important work to be done."

"That's why I'm going to miss him. I think that's why our community, it's a loss for our community. But for sure his legacy is going to be felt, not just in the immediate future, but for legacies to come, and that our children, our grandchildren, they're going to be able to sit under those innumerable trees that Dave Unruh planted. So thank you, Commissioner Unruh."

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

Commissioner Ranzau said, "Thank you. Well Dave, I've served with you longer than anyone up here, eight years. We've had agreements and disagreements on policy, and as much as I appreciate and enjoy the political debates, I think the things that I will remember the most will be the personal things. We spent a lot of time in your office talking about religion, wrestling, family, kids. My kids have grown up while I've served here with you."

"The life challenges of the funerals for your parents, my father. I remember you came down to Ark City, [Arkansas City, Kansas] for my Dad's funeral, and I didn't expect you to do that. You and a couple of others and I appreciate that. I'll never forget it. So it's really the life things that we've gone through together that I will always remember, and I thank you for your service to Sedgwick County."

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

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want you to know that I find it an honor that I got to serve alongside you. You're a legacy for Sedgwick County. You also will be remembered for, I think, forever. You left your marks across the county. I know Commissioner O'Donnell said that your name is not everywhere, but really it is everywhere. There is brass plaques all over this county with your name on it. You've made a difference in numerous ways. I won't repeat the comments about INTRUST Bank Arena and National Center for Aviation Training and other things, elephant exhibit, those are big items of course, that you were instrumental in making those things happen, so I won't repeat any of that, but you were behind the scenes."

"I know that Commissioner Ranzau just mentioned it. You were a wrestler when you were, I guess, growing up you were a wrestler, and pretty good at it. I would tell you that you've wrestled some issues behind the scenes here as well and I respect you for that. As Commissioner Ranzau said, debate is good, difference of opinion is good. It's why we have a board. Boards are healthier when they have disagreements and differences of opinion. I think that you and I have voted together nearly all the time. Very few times have we actually voted differently. In fact, I've voted with you more than Richard has, just for the record."

"You're active in your church. You're a man of faith and I respect you for that, and I consider you my friend. We've also had many discussions as friends about doctrine, and I've enjoyed that very much. I know you're an esteemed husband and father and grandfather. You've earned the right to have a new chapter in your life. I hope you enjoy many, many more years to come. You're esteemed not only by the people in this room, and the staff across Sedgwick County, but really by your district and the business world across our county. You're an esteemed official."

Commissioner Howell continued, "When people think of Sedgwick County, you're the face of Sedgwick County right now and have been for quite a long time. So you will be missed, and I want to say thank you for your service, and I'm grateful that I got to serve alongside you. Thank you so much."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Dave asked to have this last word, so I'm going to have the next to the last word, and then I'll go back up to the bench and let him to finish off with the last word. But a couple things just to, I know some folks have already touched on it. First of all, wrestling is near and dear to his heart. I don't know how many of you know that he is in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, which he was just inducted in just within the last year I believe, or a little longer than that, but that is

one of his passions. Again, just as with Commissioner Ranzau, why Dave and I do talk about sports a little bit, and wrestling is one of the sports that I announce. Matter of fact, tomorrow night if anyone wants to come out and watch Northwest [High School], we've got a match at Northwest, 7 o'clock tomorrow night that I will be announcing.

"But as Commissioner O'Donnell mentioned, his legacy is going to live on. Twice in the last couple of months we've had international companies in here, and we can't talk about who they are, but we're trying to woo them into this area. The way we do that is we show them NCAT (National Center for Aviation Training) that Sedgwick County put \$50 million in. They're looking for someone that is interested in developing the workforce, and that is very impressive when I can say, when I can sit there with an international company and say we built this. Sedgwick County built this for our workforce. So that's a legacy that is paying dividends even today.

"I sincerely appreciate working with him, getting to know he and Karen very well. I'm going to sell all my stocks in the stock market and buy wine, because I'm going to make a fortune off of he and Karen. So I look forward to continuing our close friendship that we've developed. At this time, I'm going to turn it over to Commissioner Dave Unruh, and I'm going to go back up to the bench. Thank you, sir."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I don't know where to start after all these comments. Some beautiful comments from Gayle and Kristi and from the Chairman and from my colleagues. I truly am grateful and humbled by your comments. I should say that although the Chairman said he had known me a little longer than Richard, he's never offered to give me his billfold. So Richard's one up on me there. He made some comment about me and the elephants and the elephants being pregnant, and I've got nothing to do with that either. So I don't know, so you can see how at a loss for words I am when I make comments like that.

Commissioner Unruh continued, "But I do have a couple of things I'd like to say. Once again, the comments that have already been made are too generous, but I really am appreciative and thank you for the comments that have been made, the expressions of support, but as I thought about the last 16 years, it made me think about how much has changed in our community and how privileged I have been to be a small part of that change. While I've had a unique opportunity to be involved in some really significant efforts here at Sedgwick County, I'm always mindful that it's an effort of many to make our city and our county and our region and our state better.

"So I want to take a minute just to acknowledge some of those thing in general that are the work of many different entities that have been working hard towards a goal of making our region better. We have revitalization in downtown with new housing in old office buildings. We have cultural arts and entertainment districts and events. We have the Innovation Campus at Wichita State and a state-of-the-art technical training center at National Center for Aviation Training. We have bike trails connecting all parts of our city and county, have a new airport, Advanced Learning Library (Wichita Public Library), the Mark Arts Center, a new Law Enforcement Training Center, and the [Sedgwick County] Regional Forensic Science Center. We have business expansions and new constructions for business in all parts of this community. We have stronger schools and critical social services that help at risk children and those most vulnerable.

"Of course, I'm especially proud that we have a great arena and a world class elephant exhibit at the Zoo. This just scratches the surface. We also continue to support, as Sedgwick County government, many strong needs of our community, like Starkey, [Inc.], the Child Advocacy Center and other non-profits in our community. Exploration Place and other cultural entities. We have dedicated public safety officials in 911, fire, EMS (Emergency Medical Services) and law enforcement that we continue to support. Essential health and mental health organizations, and has been mentioned, the Community Crisis Center. The River Festival, community festivals and Final Friday's. All those are things that Sedgwick County has been involved in, sometimes more on a singular basis, but often times in coordination with the rest of the community.

"So my point is that these things don't happen by chance. It's result of vision and relationships, listening and a willingness to engage others in the solutions. This is community. It's about collaboration and a presumption of goodwill. It's about being thoughtful, open and transparent. It's about trusting your team, engaging stakeholders, thinking long-term and making informed decisions. Most importantly, I think, it's remembering that you don't do it alone. I have believed and continue to believe that this is about trust and teamwork and transparency.

"I've had several teams or groups of folks that have been particularly important in making my tenure as a County Commissioner exciting, enjoyable and successful. First my family, my wife Karen, we've been married now for 56 years, so she's been helping me a long time. But my kids, our children Greg and Maria and Gary and Kara have been great supporters, my brother Jim.

Commissioner Unruh continued, "Then in a more political arena, I've had a team or a family that's been great help. They've helped me think things out. They've helped me speak better and look a lot smarter than I actually am. That includes folks like Janice Friesen, Kristi Zukovich, Vera Bothner, Sheryl Wohlford, Bert Denny, and Bill Buchanan, our County Manager from a year or so ago, great folks who helped me be better.

"Then our Sedgwick County organization in general, you know, we've got a great potential and great opportunity here with the folks that we have currently in place. Our [Interim County] Manager, Tom Stolz and all his Assistant Managers and department heads and division leaders and all of our employees and staff here at Sedgwick County. I mean, these are intelligent, educated, dedicated, hardworking people, and that's what has made county government an outstanding local government.

"Then I think, probably I would, cannot forget Lisa and Carol, the two in our office our administrative assistants. They've been great at helping us be on time, stay organized, get where we need to be, and I can't remember if they chew us out and slap us around, but that's probably in there somewhere. But Lisa and Carol have been great for 16 years, I really appreciate them.

"But I believe we have some challenging opportunities ahead of us. We need to stay focused on jobs, education, public safety, addressing serious mental health needs in our community and in our state. We need to continue our attention on quality of life and the amenities that we have here that attract and retain businesses and business talent. So I would say that despite politics at the state and national level, local governments have always been in a position to make a direct impact on people's lives. I'm proud that all of our employees and the teams that we have here that have worked to make Sedgwick County successful and of the ability to attract and retain

businesses. So Karen and I've been proud members of Sedgwick County all of our lives. We want to continue to be, and we thank you for the opportunity that we've had to serve. God bless you all."

Chairman Dennis said, "Well thank you, Commissioner Unruh. While he's winding his way up here, the one advantages that I've had over the last two years is that he was the most senior member in more than one way. Unfortunately with his departure, I pick up one of those mantles. But I certainly do wish both Commissioner Ranzau and Commissioner Unruh Godspeed in the future and you'll still be in our prayers and thoughts.

"As long as we're on Other, I know that we've got a reception that started one minute ago, so I'm not going to dwell too much. But there are a couple of things that are coming up that I want to make sure that everyone's aware of. First of all, we have the commissioning of the USS Wichita this weekend. You can go over to Century II and watch that. There's some information online about how that you can watch the commissioning ceremony that will happen, and I've got the date right this time on the 12th, on Saturday the 12th, so we look forward to that.

Chairman Dennis continued, "If anyone is interested, they do have a painting of the USS Wichita that's available. It's an artist proof, they only made 13 of those, and I think 9 of them are still available, so if anyone wants to spend \$250 for a artist proof, there is a non-artist proof that's also available, a print, and I think we printed 250 of those, and I off the top of my head don't know what the cost of those are, but they're nominal in price.

"But the profits of that go to supporting the crew onboard the USS Wichita. So we just want to remind you that that commissioning ceremony is coming up this weekend. A couple things that are happening in the near future that are of importance, on the 18th of this month out at the Dole [Community] Center at McConnell Air Force Base, they're going to rename one of the rooms in there, the Bleckley [Lounge] room, in honor of Lieutenant [Erwin] Bleckley who lost his life during World War I, Medal of Honor winner.

"So that's something that is important that is coming up, and even more important than that, there is an award that is given to Air Force bases. It's an Installation Excellence Award, and this year that award is down to two bases, McConnell Air Force Base against Ramstein Air Force Base. I was stationed at Ramstein even though I live here in Wichita, I was never stationed at McConnell. But the thing that McConnell has that Ramstein Air Force does not have is a community that supports them. So if you see a group of folks in town and there's going to be dinner one night over at the Cowtown, and then they're going out to YaYa's [Euro] Bistro for lunch one day.

"But if you see some of those folks, tell them what a great organization that McConnell Air Force Base is, and that they have one hundred percent community support behind them. We wish them the greatest luck and well-being in this award. It is very prestigious. One base in the entire United States Air Force gets it each year, so we are rooting for McConnell Air Force Base. So with that, I don't have anything else. Do any of the Commissioners have anything else for 'other?' I know we've got a reception we need to get to. Seeing nothing, we do not have an executive session today, we've got a reception. Please join us there."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned
at 10:34 a.m.*