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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019**

**9:00 AM**

**BOCC Meeting Room**

### **Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners**

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## **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 30, 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 Peter F. Meitzner; Commissioner Michael B. O'Donnell II; Commissioner Lacey D. Cruse; 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; Ms. Karen Bailey, Chief Deputy, County Clerk; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Assistant County Manager, Public Services; Ms. Glenda Martens, Director, Division of Corrections; Ms. Penny Poland, Director, Fleet Management; Mr. Mark Furry, Director, Noxious Weeds; Mr. Mike Fessinger, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Heddie Page, Deputy County Clerk.*

## **GUESTS**

*Mr. Luke May, Appointee, Sedgwick County Stormwater Management Advisory Board  
Mr. Kevin Arnel, President, Sedgwick County Zoological Society  
Mr. Chris Upchurch, Principal Planner, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Mr. Gary Janzen, City Engineer, City of Wichita*

## **INVOCATION: Pastor Ron Pracht, Olivet Baptist 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, "I don't have anyone signed up to speak on the Public Agenda, but what we always do is if there's something during our agenda, I open it up for the public. So if anyone would like to speak now, this is an opportunity though. Seeing no one, next item, please."*

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- A**     [19-090](#)     ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MAX MCPHAIL (ELECTED POSITION) FROM THE POSITION OF CLERK FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD. DISTRICT 3.  
Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Resignation.**

*Mr. Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, you have before you the resignation of the Sherman Township Clerk who was elected by write-in in the 2018 election, has now indicated that he can no longer serve as the Sherman Township Clerk, and would ask to be able to resign from this board, so we would ask that you accept his resignation."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Pepoon."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to accept the resignation.*

*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 Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Meitzner</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."*

**Approved**

**B**     [19-095](#)

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING LUKE MAY (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD AS CLERK AS RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSIONER DENNIS, DISTRICT 3.**

**Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.**

*Mr. Pepoon said, "It's by statute the County Commission replaces township officials. It's upon the recommendation of Chairman Dennis that Mr. McPhail be replaced by Luke May, so we have a resolution before you appointing Luke May as the Sherman Township Clerk, and ask that you approve the resolution."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Mr. Pepoon. I did speak to Luke May, and he is interested in the job. Matter of fact, he's already started working the job."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

Commissioner O'Donnell II	Aye
Commissioner Cruse	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Meitzner	Aye
Chairman Dennis	Aye

County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 011-2019.

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

**Approved**

**C**     [19-057](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICAH SCOGGAN (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD (SMAB) AS NOMINATED BY THE CITY OF GODDARD.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Pepoon said, "You have before you a resolution appointing Micah Scoggan to the Stormwater Management Advisory Board. This is an 18-member board that deals with stormwater issues. There are 10 city appointments, 5 individual County Commission appointments and 3 other appointments, watershed appointments. This just happens to be an appointment by the City of Goddard to replace a former employee of the City of Goddard that was on the board.*

*Mr. Pepoon continued, "Resolution is in proper form. We'd ask you to appoint Micah Scoggan to the Stormwater Management Advisory Board."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

Commissioner O'Donnell II	Aye
Commissioner Cruse	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Meitzner	Aye
Chairman Dennis	Aye

County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 012-2019.

Chairman Dennis said, "Karen Bailey to swear him in this morning."

Ms. Karen Bailey, Chief Deputy, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said,

*"If you would raise your right hand, I'll give you the oath, and you will say I do at the end:*

*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 Stormwater Management Advisory Board, so help me God."*

*Mr. Luke May, Appointee, Sedgwick County Stormwater Management Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."*

*Ms. Bailey said, "Very good. Would you like to say anything?"*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Congratulations."*

*Mr. May said, "Thank you for the appointment, and I appreciate the vote of confidence, so thank you."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, and welcome. Okay, Madam Clerk, next item."*  
**Approved**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **D     [19-047](#)**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF A FUNDING REQUEST BY THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.**

Presented by: Tim Kaufman, Assistant County Manager for Public Services and Kevin Arnel, President of the Sedgwick County Zoological Society.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the funding agreement.**

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, and congratulations on your appointment. Good morning, Tim."*

*Mr. Tim Kaufman, Assistant County Manager, Department of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning I am pleased to present the next phase of a long-standing partnership between Sedgwick County and the Zoological Society that began more than 50 years ago. That partnership resulted in the opening of the Sedgwick County Zoo in 1971, which means that the zoo will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in two years.*

*"Over the lifetime of this partnership, the society has usually funded animal habitats and exhibits and revenue generating projects, while the county provides funding for infrastructure, maintenance and building replacement projects. Almost one year ago, zoo leadership, staff, board of trustee members and stakeholders undertook an extensive planning process that resulted in a 25-year master plan. That master plan was first revealed last fall and was met with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm by the public.*

*"Phase one of the master plan includes a new visitor entry center, including ticketing booths, a new membership office, administrative offices and a new gift shop. Also included in phase one, are a guest train and a new expanded habitat for the highly endangered Amur Leopard. As designed, phase one includes a new inviting face for*

*the zoo, necessary building replacements, a new revenue generating and entertainment feature in the train, and a greatly improved habitat that will enhance the conservation of an endangered species.*

*"Replacing a 48-year-old entrance designed for an annual attendance of up to 100,000 guests with a modern entrance suited for the half a million or more guests that now visit each year is an important first step in this master plan. The new visitor entry center will also replace an aging, outmoded administrative office that's over 60 years old and no longer meets the needs of the zoo. Projected costs for the visitor entry center and the new administrative offices are \$8.5 million, and the full project cost for all of phase one is \$15 million.*

*Mr. Kaufman continued, "In late October the society shared a proposal that included a funding request of the Commission. At your direction, staff performed an analysis of the proposal typical of community development and economic development projects. Earlier this month at a staff meeting, that analysis and a detailed review of phase one of the master plan were again reviewed with the Commission.*

*"Zoological Society has proposed to fundraise approximately \$9 million, including \$2.5 million towards the visitor entry center and administrative office, and is requesting that the county provide \$6 million towards the total project. The proposed funding agreement is structured to provide payments of \$2 million a year for three years, beginning in 2019, ending in 2021. It's time to result in a new visitor entry center complex as part of the zoo's 50th year anniversary celebration. At this point, I'm recommending that the board authorize the Chairman to sign the funding agreement, and before I stand for questions, I'd like to recognize a full contingent of board members and zoo staff that have come here this morning and invite Kevin Arnel, the President of the Zoological Society Board of Trustees, to come to the podium to speak on behalf of the board. Kevin?"*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning. Welcome, Kevin."*

*Mr. Kevin Arnel, President, Sedgwick County Zoological Society, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Tim, for your work and all the work of the county staff, which was a very thoughtful, comprehensive analysis of our project, and as always Commissioners, your staff has been extremely professional, very thorough, very helpful in their analysis, and we appreciate that. You're here today to consider that proposal and their hard work. That hard work has culminated in the sponsorship agreement that's before you today for consideration, and that sponsorship agreement represents an important, really a critical first step, in how our zoo is positioned to move forward for decades to come through this improved visitor entry complex.*

*"Since Tim has already outlined several of the specifics, I'd like to just offer a couple of additional words about the partnership that the county and the society have enjoyed. As Tim noted, 53 years ago, the county and the society signed off on an agreement to partner together to create the Sedgwick County Zoo. The zoo opened five years later, and so for five decades now, we've been partners in a premiere cultural and community endeavor that we call the Sedgwick County Zoo.*

*"Zoos like ours near and far in Omaha and Oklahoma City and Kansas City and Topeka and elsewhere, have continued to improve and develop and enhance their visitor offerings and visitor experience at their zoos. We've done likewise, and over the past several years, with smart budgeting and fewer dollars than most, have achieved world-class status with several of our exhibits, including the ones you're most recently*

participated in.

Mr. Arnel continued, "The Elephants of the Zambezi River Valley, which just received some top national honors, when competing against exhibits that cost many millions of dollars more. So our belief is that zoos reflect the communities they're in, and our community has momentum. We've heard that from Project Wichita and other sources. Tim referenced the feedback we got when we announced our master plan, which has been super positive. Our community continues to think bigger, more positively, and we're focused on a quality of life and quality of place here. We, at the Zoological Society, are proud to play our role as a top place for our friends and neighbors to come bring their families and for people outside of Wichita to come visit and experience our community.

"We appreciate your consideration of replacing our zoo's current entryway and providing a portion of the cost for the administrative building that will serve for generations to come, and again has served generations well in the past over these past five decades. Importantly, this will preserve Sedgwick County's branding or identity on the face of our zoo at our front gate, so to speak, but perhaps more important, it will preserve and enhance our visitor's experience and our community's experience when they enter the zoo and have a much more positive engagement with our zoo. As we think about those millions of future visitors, I think this is just a critical first step as we achieve our master plan.

"So as the society is committed, if this project is approved by the Commission, we're ready to move forward and seek the generous support of the private sector and try to leverage a unique \$2 million challenge grant that we received, and secure in total about \$9 million of funding to help accomplish this phase one, including 50 percent of the cost of the administrative building. So I would close by just noting that what we've done together requires great partners. It requires great private sector partners that invest in our zoo and that contribute to our success, but it also requires a great public sector partner, like the county, who knows how important it is to work together and how important it is to move our community forward in this regard.

"So on behalf of the many trustees that are here today and the zoo staff, on behalf of our 15,000 member households, the 5 or 600,000 folks that visit us each year, and hopefully a whole bunch more with the new visitor entry center that will visit us in the future, we just want to say thank you for the Commission's leadership in our community and particularly for our zoo. So I'm like Tim, I'll be happy to address some questions, but do appreciate the opportunity to visit with you today."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Kevin. Do I have any questions from the bench for either Tim or for Kevin this morning? Seeing none, thank you very much. I appreciate it. Tim, do you have anything else?"

Mr. Kaufman said, "No, I don't. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Well at this time I'd like to open up to the audience. If anyone in the audience has anything that they'd like to add, this would be the time to do that. Seeing none, I'll bring it back to the bench. First of all, let me let Commissioner Cruse first. Thank you."

Commissioner Cruse said, "I just want to say, as I was able to tour with Dr. Ettling, he mentioned to me how the staff had an opportunity to weigh in on the future of the zoo, which I feel is remarkable, and I think that we could utilize staff, because normally they wouldn't have an opportunity to make any sort of recommendations in these big

*decisions. So I think that we can utilize the thing that you have done with including every single layer of staff in other decisions that are made across our county.*

*“So the second portion is, our zoo, the entrance, is so important, and as a mother of young kids, they’re so energetic when they want to go to the zoo. So if you have to wait in line for a really long time, I mean, you guys know how annoying that is, right? So get them in the zoo, and then they can take a nap later, and we can all enjoy that, right? So I just want to thank you guys so much for your work on this. I’m excited. I’m excited about it.”*

*Chairman Dennis said, “Thank you. I’d like to make a couple comments. First of all, it’s been my honor for almost two years now to serve on the Zoo Board, and I appreciate them allowing me to serve with them. The nice thing about that is that almost a year ago, we started the strategic plan, and I got to participate in that and see how it was developed. As Commissioner Cruse mentioned, everyone was involved in developing that strategic plan. That strategic plan is going to stretch out over the next 25 years. This is just phase one of about eight phases that we’re looking at for the zoo to keep it as the number one tourist attraction in the State of Kansas.*

*“The zoo has over \$40 million a year impact on Sedgwick County in the region. That’s important. The zoo has an impact on a number of the families here. I know that my wife and I are members, and we have a 7-year old grandson, who by the way today is his 7th birthday, so I want to wish him a happy birthday. But one of the great things that we’ve had an opportunity to do since we pretty well take care of him during the day while his parents work is one of his favorite places is the zoo. So he gets an opportunity to go there quite frequently, and as a matter of fact, if you need anyone to give tours, he can probably do that for you.*

*“So I think this is a great opportunity. It looks to the future. It’s part of our economic development. It’s part of making Wichita and Sedgwick County a great place for people to live, work, play and pray, and I think that this is something that we can definitely get behind. It is well thought out. It’s something that’s going to lead us into the future. I don’t know how many of you got to see any of the things on the news recently, but yesterday, I did a very interesting interview. I did it in the restroom of the current administrative building.*

*Chairman Dennis continued, “So those of you that haven’t had the opportunity to see it, go and check out Dion Lefler’s article that he’s got put together, and you’ll see what they’ve been living with for the last 47 years in their administrative building. So that’s just one of the things that is going to be improved as a result of this. So I am very proud that we can support this, and I’ll be happy to make a motion here briefly, but Commissioner Howell would like to say something.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the front end, let me just say, I am supportive of this, but I do have a couple of quick questions. I think Mr. Kaufman probably can answer them. Can you please remind me, is this coming out of the operating reserves, is that correct?”*

*Mr. Kaufman said, “That’s correct. The 2019 funds will come out of the operating reserve, and now we’ve got time to embed the \$2 million for 2020 and ’21 into that budget cycle.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “Is there sufficient fund balance to keep us from doing deficit spending in 2019?”*



*Mr. Kaufman said, "I believe that's going to be very close, but I think that we're in a position where we may be able to do this without any deficit spending."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Just for clarity, 2019 is our current year budget, and we passed that last August. So this is, we didn't know about this request at that time, so this is something that's, obviously adds a little bit of a change to that budget, which is fine, we can do that. I just wanted to, I guess, to make that point. Second of all, this is intended to be completed in 2021, which I believe is for the 50th anniversary of our zoo?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "That's correct."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "We should highlight that part. It'll be a big celebration in a couple of years. We're going to be celebrating our zoo for 50 years, and it has grown beyond our imagination. I remember talking to Mark Reed, our Zoo Director for all those years. He talks about how that land, the 202 acres, was nothing but a field when they got started. It's hard to imagine that today. So it has truly been a huge investment on Sedgwick County taxpayers and the citizens of our community and is truly a jewel."*

*"So I know this is the state's, I guess, largest tourist attraction, I understand. I may not be saying that quite right, but those are words I hear a lot, so I believe that's true, and so it'd be great to see this addressed. I understand also, from our previous discussion, that when this entrance was created, they maybe had planned on a couple hundred thousand visitors a year, but in 2016, we had over 710,000 visitors. Commissioner Howell continued, "I think those numbers will continue, so it is time to update this tired old entrance. I would say this is a big investment on Sedgwick County. In fact, this is even more than we spent on the elephants, which is no problem. I mean, we love the elephants, but this is a greater investment than what we put on the elephants in 2014, that commitment we made back then when that exhibit opened, I think, in 2016. We saw a huge spike in attendance because of the elephants. I don't know if we'll see attendance change based on this one. I don't know if this will impact, is there any projections on that, in terms of how this might impact our attendance?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "We haven't really thought about how the entrance would impact attendance. I don't think many people will come to the zoo just to see the entrance, but all of the other things that are included in the master plan, and again in this phase one of the master plan, we plan to include a solar powered train that will be a nice new feature for kids and adults alike, and then we're also enhancing the Amur Leopard exhibit. So I think that the combination of things in phase one and then all of the rest of the master plan will continue to drive attendance, and we'll see. Historically, the last 10 years, we've been over half a million guests every year, and I think that that number will only continue to grow."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you for that answer. My final question would be this. Again, these are based on estimates, but we have a fixed cost of \$2.5 for the admin building and \$3.5 for the visitor center. Ideally, those projects might hopefully actually cost a little bit less than those estimates. That's the goal, I think, every time you build a project. You estimate, and you try to cut, you know, costs if you can during the construction projects. So if this does come in being a little bit less than that, is this still a fixed cost to the county?"*

*Mr. Kaufman said, "Right now the intent of the funding agreement is to fund \$2 million per year for the three years. However, I think the partnership that we've developed with the Zoological Society and the Board of Trustees would allow us, at some point in time, if the admin building and the entrance came in significantly less, I think we'd certainly have the opportunity to go back to our partners and talk about how that would impact what we did in that third year."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. I think, it'd be hopefully, I mean, that would be a great future discussion if we could find some savings in the process and still end up with what we want as a community, and if there is some savings and maybe have that discussion, that would be a good thing. I would hope that would happen. But anyway, just for the record, I'm very supportive of this, and it's good to see the zoo board members and some of the staff. I see Steve back there, great Steve and others, appreciate you taking time to come up here and support this as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I don't see other comments. Dion, I welcome you this morning. I just complimented you on giving the first interview I ever had in a restroom, so you missed that. I wanted to make sure that everybody knew."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "I'll say something."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner O'Donnell."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yeah, thank you, Tim, for this, and Kevin. This is going to be great. Transformational really for our zoo. I'm excited that we're able to take part of it. You guys cracked the code of the most successful campaigns in this community, have Sheryl Wohlford being a part of it because no one can tell her no. So when she came, I think it was October, maybe early November when they came, and she's a great sales lady, so that really helped, but thank you guys very much."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I don't see any other comments. You did a good job of briefing us Tim and Kevin, we appreciate it."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the funding agreement.*

*Commissioner Meitzner 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 Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Meitzner</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Dennis said, "We look forward to the ribbon cutting here on the 50th anniversary. Thank you all for being here today. Madam Clerk, next item."*

**Approved**

E [19-040](#)

ACCEPT A DONATION OF 2800 BOOKS FOR DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS FROM JAN SCHULTZ WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$7000.

Presented by: Glenda Martens, Director, Division of Corrections.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the donation and approve the Chair to sign an acceptance letter to Jan Schultz.

*Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning."*

*Ms. Glenda Martens, Director, Division of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to ask you to request and accept a donation from what she calls herself, Grandma Jan Schultz. She is a retired educator who created and wrote eight different books in total, but 2,800 books she wants to donate to the Division of Corrections, and these books are written for youth and adults. They have a very positive message in each and every book, and I reviewed all the books before I was willing to accept the donation. They're also coloring books. So she crafted the design in the books so kids or adults can sit down with their kids and read to them and color in them, so that's my request today."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Do we have any questions this morning? I see no questions. First of all, on behalf of the entire Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners and the entire county, we definitely want to thank Jan Shultz for this great donation. It's fantastic. It's going to help our folks out that are working with you in Corrections to change the directions of their lives. We think that this is a great honor to be able to receive this on behalf of Sedgwick County, and in honor of Jan Schultz."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Dennis moved to accept the donation.*

*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 Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Meitzner</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Glenda for being here, and please pass on our thanks."*

*Ms. Martens said, "I will do that. Thank you."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Appreciate it. Next item, please."*

**Approved**

F [18-1074](#)

PRESENTATION BY THE WICHITA METROPOLITAN AREA

PLANNING ORGANIZATION (WAMPO) ON THE PROCESS TO  
UPDATE THE 5 YEAR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
(MTP).

Presented by: Chris Upchurch, Principal Planner, WAMPO.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and File.

*Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Chris, and welcome. Most of us that are aware of what you've done here, so now we can let the rest of the public know."*

*Mr. Chris Upchurch, Principal Planner, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sure thing. WAMPO (Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) is an intergovernmental organization of which Sedgwick County is one of our 23 members, and we do transportation planning for the Wichita region. We also disperse about \$12 million a year in federal funds. I'm here to talk to you today about our Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This is our high-level plan looking out the next 20 years, what we're going to be, thank you, what we're going to be doing in the region as far as transportation goes over the next 20 years.*

*"So, I'm looking for your input on this plan, what we need to consider when we're going through the planning process. We're still at the very beginning of this process. So I'm going to start with a quick summary of where WAMPO sees us in the region right now as far as transportation goes, what we see the future might look like, and then I'm going to ask for your input on what we need to consider, what we need to make sure we include when we're doing this planning for the next 20 years. So I always like to start out by talking about safety, and unfortunately, it's not great news for the safety front. Fatalities in our region have been heading upwards since the great recession, and fatal injuries and serious injuries among our most vulnerable road users, bicyclists and pedestrians, have been trending up for the past several years.*

*"On the congestion front, on the other hand, we have much better news. Congestion is not a big problem at the regional level. According to our model, the average rush hour trip only adds about 26 seconds due to congestion. However, we do have some localized bottle necks, areas like the North Junction where we need more local improvements, even though we're doing pretty good at the broad level. Can't talk about transportation without talking about money. There we're seeing probably flat federal funding going forth in the future. On the state side, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has some significant issues.*

*"The State Legislature has moved quite a bit of money out of KDOT's budget to allocate it to other priorities in the state budget, and it's gotten to the point that we are really seeing them having significant issues delivering projects in our region because of that. There's also the matter of is what we're spending right now sufficient to maintain our system, and there are signs that it's not. KDOT has recently set targets for pavement and bridge condition, and in both of those areas, on a statewide level, they're expecting things to get worse.*

*Mr. Upchurch continued, "More locally here, the City of Wichita has explicitly said that at their current funding levels, they are trying to manage the decline in their pavement conditions. Talk about freight. Very important to our economy. We get about \$48 billion of freight coming into, out of, or through the Wichita region. We only expect that to increase in the future. Finally, I want to talk a little about the demographics of our region. We are a very slow growing area, less than one percent per year. We have an*

*aging population, not just in the sense that all of us are getting older, but we are seeing the Baby Boom generation choosing to retire and stay here in the local area versus how previous generations might have moved out to Florida or Arizona, and that's really increasing the number of seniors in our region, which we have to take account of in transportation planning.*

*"On the other end of the spectrum, the Millennials and Generation Z folks are coming into the workforce, and this is combining to increase the number of single person and childless households. You have the empty nesters on the older end, and then you have the younger folks who are choosing to wait longer to get married and have kids, and that changes some of the desires on the land-use side, which in turn impacts transportation. Finally, on the younger end, we are kind of losing the cream of the crop. As President Bardo of Wichita State University likes to say, here in Wichita, our number one export is airplanes, our number two export is educated young people, and that's something that's a big problem for the region moving forward.*

*"Then talking about alternative modes, we are seeing more desires out there for walkability and for bicycle pedestrian projects. We have more non-drivers. The younger folks are not getting driver's licenses at the same rates the previous generations did, and of course, seniors eventually often will give up their keys and look for alternatives to get around, be that transit or other modes. So looking to the future, the possible futures that WAMPO is looking out for our region. One possibility is these demographic trends could lead to an Urban Renaissance, more people looking for higher density apartments or duplexes versus your traditional single-family home on a larger lot. In this scenario, that density would drive a desire for walkability and active transportation and transit both in the core of Wichita and also in town centers developing out in some of our outlying communities.*

*"Another scenario we're looking at is the funding situation. If that gets worse, one possibility on that is if we have strong regional leadership and can come up with a local funding source to backfill the money that we're not getting from the State and the federal government. On the flip side, if we don't come up with a local funding source and the funding situation gets worse, we may have to do less with less to really prioritize and triage the system. Maybe re-purpose some facilities for other uses. Finally, we're looking at a future of very rapid technological change, things like autonomous vehicles, cars that can drive themselves, but also other developments, like remote work. Every worker that works from home rather than traveling to their job, takes a car off the road during our peak periods, and that has a big impact on the transportation system.*

*Mr. Upchurch continued, "So that is my very brief summary of where we are and where we're going. What we would be interested in hearing from you is, what should we look at for the future of transportation in the Wichita region? Which of these areas should we emphasize, maybe what did we leave out of that summary that needs to be included, so I would welcome thoughts from the Commission on that."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Chris. Commissioner Cruse."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "I love you talking about designing roads for people rather than cars, so walkability and understanding how, you know, in District Four we have Park City and Valley Center and Maize, and how we can connect those areas through bicycle paths or walking paths, so I would just like a focus of designing roads for people rather than automobiles."*

Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Other comments this morning? You know, transportation is one of our top three issues that we have here that we've sent up to the state to look at. We have agreement between the City and the Chamber of Commerce and GWP (Greater Wichita Partnership) that transportation is one of our top three issues. It's something that we look at every single day, trying to make sure that we can do things like improve the North Junction. Sedgwick County is very, very interested in seeing if we can't complete a Northwest Bypass that goes between Commissioner Cruse's district and my district. That's going to be a huge economic driver for that region, and we strongly support doing anything along that line. The autonomous cars are something that I think we need to keep our eye on to see what we can do to develop. As a baby-boomer myself, at some point in time, I'm not going to be able to drive, and I recognize that, but I still like my freedom, so if you can get Chevrolet to design a self-driving Corvette, I'd be much more..."

Commissioner Cruse said, "Oh, a Corvette."

Chairman Dennis said, "I know that we have three members here today that have served on WAMPO, and we're looking at who is going to be serving on WAMPO here in the near future, but we are deeply involved in exactly what you're doing every single day, and we have helped develop where you're at right now, and we want to be part of that going into the future. So I hope that through our work through WAMPO that we have directly, and any comments that you have here today, that we're ready to move into the future for our transportation needs here in Sedgwick County and the region."

Mr. Upchurch said, "Thank you. We definitely appreciate your service on the WAMPO Board and the good work the Commission has done pushing our region's interests up in Topeka. Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Thank you. Any other questions before Chris goes?"

#### MOTION

Commissioner Dennis moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Meitzner seconded the motion.

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

#### VOTE

Commissioner O'Donnell II	Aye
Commissioner Cruse	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Meitzner	Aye
Chairman Dennis	Aye

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR  
MEETING ON JANUARY 24, 2019.  
Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Joe."*

*Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of January 24th resulted in seven items that we'd like to present to you this morning."*

1. ROAD IMPROVEMENTS -- PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING -- R175 PREVENTIVEMX-16+

*"The recommendation is to accept the low bid from Cornejo & Sons, LLC in the amount of \$3,655,455.66."*

2. ON-CALL SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION AND  
MAINTENANCE OF ACCESS CONTROLS, CAMERAS, RECORDERS AND  
OTHER SECURITY SYSTEM COMPONENTS -- VARIOUS COUNTY  
DEPARTMENTS  
FUNDING -- VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

*"This recommendation is to establish a contract with Sandifer Engineering & Controls, Inc. based on the City of Wichita contract BP440086, and this is good through August 31st of 2019 with options to renew."*

3. CLEAN SCREEN COLUMNS -- REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER  
FUNDING -- REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER

*"This recommendation is to accept the low bid from UCT, LLC for a delivered cost of \$1.87 per cartridge and establish contract pricing for one (1) year with two (2) one (1) year options to renew."*

4. LCMS SERVICE PLAN -- REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER  
FUNDING -- EQUIP REPAIR & MAINT

*"This recommendation is to accept the quote from Waters Technologies Corporation in the amount of \$88,612.50. You'll notice that's a reduction of the original Bid Board recommendation. Since Bid Board, the Forensic Science Center was in contact with the Waters Technology Company, and told them that one of the components of the system was no longer needed, and so this results in a reduction of about \$4,063 per year in their service plan, so it's reflected in the overall total reduction, a little over \$12,000."*

5. AGILENT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT -- REGIONAL FORENSIC  
SCIENCE CENTER  
FUNDING -- TOXICOLOGY/CRIMINALISTICS

*"This recommendation to accept the quote from Agilent Technologies, Inc., and this is for a three (3) year total of \$191,587.38."*

6. AUMENTUM MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT – INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPORT SERVICES (ITSS)  
FUNDING -- INFO. TECHNOLOGY DEV

*"The recommendation is to accept the quote from Thomson Reuters in the amount of \$362,670.14.*

7. 1 TON 4WD REGULAR CAB DUAL REAR WHEEL TRUCK WITH 10' FLAT  
BED -- FLEET MANAGEMENT AND NOXIOUS WEED  
FUNDING -- 1 TON 4WD TRUCK

*"This recommendation is to accept the low responsive bid from Don Hattan Chevrolet in the amount of \$57,500.*

*Mr. Thomas said, "So I'll be happy to try to answer any questions you may have, and I recommend approval of these items."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am mostly pleased with all of these items. I would like to make a point on number two that I think when we get to our budget retreat in February, we ought to be talking about potentially bringing this service back to in-house, and have IT (Internet Technology) staff become experts on some of this type of equipment, and see if we can do that in-house. I think that it might save money. We ought to have that discussion and have that analysis potentially. But generally speaking, I'm pretty happy with everything except for Item Seven. I would like to make a motion we would approve the recommendation of the Board of Bid's and Contracts for Items One through Six. I would do that so that I can vote no on Item Seven. Thank you, sir."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Commissioner Meitzner was next."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Joe, thanks for the presentation. Item number one, I just want to make note that, of course, I'm not in the meetings, but this is preventive maintenance for 65 miles of selected county roads, and the question and the answer provided by Jim Weber that it's not equally district based. It's based on what roads are needed for this, and I think that's a, I don't know if that's a solid plan. We're just addressing roads that are needed and not X per district, so thank you for that. So noted."*

*Mr. Thomas said, "Yes, sir."*

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

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you. I am concerned, as well, about item number seven, seeing as how Rusty Eck Ford is \$7,000 cheaper. Did we go back, and did they misunderstand what this bid was, because reading the notes, it said that it was off by about 1,000 pounds, I think. Is that correct?"*

*Mr. Thomas said, "Yes. The gross vehicle weight was off, and I have Ms. Penny Poland from Fleet."*



*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Is it, okay."*

*Mr. Thomas said, "Also the wheels, instead of being, they were 17-inch, and I believe 18 was required, okay, so there were a couple of the specifications. It was very clear on the specifications of what was required."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "So does Ford not offer one that meets the specifications? Is that what the issue is?"*

*Ms. Penny Poland, Director, Fleet Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I believe that they just bid a smaller truck. They do have one that meets these specifications."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Was there miscommunication? I mean, it's just..."*

*Ms. Poland said, "They have a truck that will meet these specifications. They just chose to bid a smaller truck."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Okay, thank you."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would be very glad to add some additional discussion as to why I would vote no on Item Seven, but I thought one through six are fairly non-controversial, so I thought if we got this out of the way, we'd have a more robust discussion on Item Seven. I would give you some more reasons as to why, but I'd like to see us move forward on Items One through Xix, and then deal with Item Seven as a separate discussion."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell moved to approve Items One through Six on the Board of Bids and Contracts and vote separately on Item Seven.*

*Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "We have a motion and a second to do Items One through Six, and we'll take care of that. I'm sorry, Commissioner Cruse."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Penny, so did they give a reason as to why they bid a smaller truck instead of bidding the truck that you had asked about?"*

*Ms. Poland said, "No, ma'am."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "We'll take Items One through Six, and then we can come back to Item Seven here in a moment. So I have a motion and second on Items One through Six to approve. Is there any further discussion on those items? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, call the roll."*

#### **VOTE**

*Commissioner O'Donnell II                      Aye*

Commissioner Cruse	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Meitzner	Aye
Chairman Dennis	Aye

Chairman Dennis said, "Now we'll take up Item Seven separately. I know that we've heard comments from two of the Commissioners. When we talked about this with the Manager the other day, I asked the exact same question separately on 1,000 pounds and one-inch difference in tires. Is that worth \$7,000 or \$8,000 that we're going to pay difference? The second question that I had was, I think you've already answered it. Does Ford not make one that meets those specifications, and from what I understand, you say that Ford does make one that would meet those specifications. So those were the two questions that I had. I guess I'm not quite sure what happened on this, but I did have a little bit of concern. Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess I would like to have a deeper understanding as to why the 15,000 pounds is necessary. If someone could explain why 14 doesn't work but 15 does. I guess that extra understanding would help me a little bit, or why is 18-inch wheels is critically important versus 17-inch wheels. If we understand the reasons why, I might get back on board, but right now, it just seems a little bit arbitrary to pick those numbers unless it's based on the mission this truck is doing, so I need more information. Then secondly, I would just add that, I know we followed our points policy, but the mileage on this truck is very low, 110,000 miles is what we're replacing. It just seems a little bit low to me compared to what we've been doing in the past, so I guess I'd like to have a little more information about the condition of the truck we're replacing, so those are my requests."

Ms. Poland said, "Okay."

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

Ms. Poland said, "The specifications were created for this truck based on the performance required by the department. This truck is a specialty truck. It has a 300-gallon liquid tank mounted on the back of it. It will tow a mower as well. So the GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight), it's also going up steep slopes in the ditch. It's an off-road truck, so this truck will need the GVW and the tire size for clearance to be in these kind of conditions. The recommendation has a GVW at 16.5, which exceeds specifications. We were asking for a 15, but the recommendation exceeds that spec. In regards to the mileage, this is a 13-year-old truck. It meets the points. It was high in maintenance. It met the replacement criteria. It is a specialty truck. It's not an over-the-road. Our mileage requirement for an over-the-road is 150,000 or 10 years. This truck is 13 years old, but it's not an over-the-road truck. It's an off-road truck as well."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. Well, that does help a little bit. Thank you for the explanation."

Chairman Dennis said, "Mr. Spears."

Mr. David Spears, Assistant County Manager of Public Works, Facilities Maintenance, Project Services and County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just want to say Penny is doing a great job, but if you, I guess you could say, want to really get down into the weeds on this, our Weed Director is here, Mark Furry, and he can probably answer specific questions."

*Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Thank you."*

*Mr. Mark Furry, Director, Noxious Weeds, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I personally wrote the specs for this truck based on some previous experience that we've had. The previous director also wrote specs. I actually, if you want to call it, dumbed down the specs a little bit to allow Dodge to also bid, which they did not. The regional specs were a much higher horsepower rating and a much larger tire size. The current truck that it is replacing is a 3,500."*

*"We've had a lot of issues with that truck due to its lower weight capacity. The tank that goes on this truck weighs about 1,200 pounds, and then when it's loaded, that's an additional 2,400 pounds. We're carrying that up and down slopes, off-road. The truck has to be able to handle the twists and turns and actually be able to handle a lot of things. There's a lot of structures in the ditches that are not marked, so having the additional clearance is very important. Do you have any other questions about the actual make-up of the truck?"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Just again, a quick question. When you use the word clearance, I assume that the axle height is the issue, not the chassis? The axle height is the concern because obviously that's center line of the axle..."*

*Mr. Furry said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "...so that's what you're referring to."*

*Mr. Furry said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Well the difference from an 18 and a 17 is essentially a half an inch when you look at the wheel diameter. It's a half an inch difference in appearance."*

*Mr. Furry said, "That's correct, but the 18-inch trucks do sit higher. I mean..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "That's the chassis though. Okay, well alright, thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Any other questions for any of our speakers? Seeing none, thank you."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to approve Item seven of the Board of Bids and Contract.*

*Commissioner Meitzner seconded the motion.*

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

#### **VOTE**

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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Commissioner Howell	No
Commissioner Meitzner	Aye
Chairman Dennis	Aye

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

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

**Approved As Amended**

## **CONSENT**

H. Agreement with the City of Wichita, Minneha Township, and the Crestview Country Club Improvement District for the Repair and Maintenance of 127th St. East between Central and 13th St. North. (District 1) (CIP Number R 352).

I. Initiate Proposed Amendments to the Sedgwick County Water Well Code for Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Consideration.

J. Intergovernmental Services Agreement for MABCD Records by and between Sedgwick County, Kansas and the City of Wichita, Kansas.

K. Joint Ordinance and Resolution with the City of Wichita to Approve the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement.

County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 013-2019.

L. Memorandum of Agreement between Clearwater, Kansas and Sedgwick County for Temporary Emergency Medical Services Assistance.

M. Developmental Disability Affiliation Agreement with Restoration Family Services.

N. Housing First Funding Agreement with the City of Wichita.

O. Shelter Plus Care Housing Rental Assistance Contracts.

P. A resolution temporarily suspending a cereal malt beverage license for certain dates in 2019 Sedgwick County Zoological Society, Inc.

County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 014-2019.

Q. Treasurer Claim Certification.

R. General Bill Check Register for January 9, 2019 January 15, 2019.

S. General Bill Check Register for January 16, 2019 January 22, 2019.

T. Payroll Check Register for the January 19, 2019 payroll certification.

Mr. Thomas Stolz, Interim County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Recommend you approve Consent Items H through T."

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

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

MOTION

*Commissioner Howell moved to approve Consent Agenda Items I through T.*

*Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.*

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

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Meitzner</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Dennis said, "That puts us back to Item Hotel. Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is there someone here in the audience that can provide a little bit of history on this road project, exactly how we got here? What are we being asked to do here? What's this contract for specifically? Do we have someone that can answer these questions?"*

*Mr. Spears said, "I can try to answer your questions, give you a little bit of history. This is about 127th Street East between Central and 13th Street North. It's a City of Wichita road, has been about 10 years. The county had it prior to that. It is adjacent to Crestview Improvement District. The road does need some work on it. What happened in the past, Crestview and Minneha went to see the City of Wichita, and informed them that they thought that based upon the law, Crestview Improvement District goes to the center line of 127th, and they were saying that Wichita could not annex the road because it is in the improvement district. After that, four parties got together: Sedgwick County, Wichita, Minneha Township and Crestview Improvement District.*

*Mr. Spears continued, "This has been going on since last June. Prior to the golf tournament then, people were expecting the road to be fixed before that golf tournament. We'll now be lucky to get it fixed before the next golf tournament. But at any rate, the four parties, since last June, have been talking about what to do, and not only the representatives of each party, also attorneys for each of the groups. So you can imagine with four different entities, what that process was. At any rate, we have all come up collectively with this agreement, a four-party agreement, where Sedgwick County, Wichita, Minneha, will each pay \$150,000 to repair the road, and then Crestview will not oppose Wichita annexing the road. Wichita will be responsible for the road in the future. Their plans are finished to do the work and are ready to go. If we get this approved, Minneha did approve this agreement at their last meeting. We hope and recommend that Sedgwick County approve it today, and then it will go to Wichita, and they will approve it, hopefully, in a couple weeks."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So I have a couple questions, so this road is currently paved? That's the current status? It is paved right now?"*

*Mr. Spears said, "It is."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "This is a repair to the road?"*

*Mr. Spears said, "The road is paved right now. Is that what you asked?"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Yes, sir."*

*Mr. Spears said, "Yeah, the road is paved. It is in a little disrepair. There's some bad spots that need to be fixed and an overlay put on it, so that's about where we're at with that."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I guess I have one question. Is that the type of repair that's going to be made is fix up some spots and an overlay? I thought from reading the contract, it sounds like they're going down to the base."*

*Mr. Spears said, "Gary Janzen is here, and I think he could better answer that. He's the City Engineer for the City of Wichita, and he's familiar with what their plan is."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Good morning, Gary. Please state your name for the record."*

*Mr. Gary Janzen, City Engineer, City of Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "With the additional funding, if approved by all parties for the \$450,000, there are some significant failures along the edge of the road in particular that's happened over time, and we do plan for a full depth repair of as many of those areas as possible. There are some thermal cracking, some things that happened over time with the temperature differences we see full width. We'll repair some of those cracks. We'll do as much significant rehabilitation as we can, and then put a new surface on the entire stretch."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "If this goes under budget, again, that's always a great goal, if it goes under budget, will the savings be split amongst the three..."*

*Mr. Janzen said, "That is our plan."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "...jurisdictions. Okay."*

*Mr. Janzen said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "If it goes over budget, what happens then?"*

*Mr. Janzen said, "Our plan is, and I don't remember the language in the agreement, but we expected all three parties to come back together and evaluate that at that time."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Alright. I will support the proposal today. I'll make a motion for that in just a moment. I'd like to make a couple of points. First, let me make a motion that we would approve Item H, and then I'd like to make some comments. I'll wait for those comments."*

*Mr. Mike Fessinger, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would just make a brief correction. Should the costs, as this agreement as*

*written, should the cost exceed 450 grand, those cost shall be borne by the City solely."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "That's good to know."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "That's on page two, Item C-2."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Very good."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Number 4, C-2."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell moved to approve Consent Agenda Item H.*

*Commissioner Meitzner seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Do we have further discussion at this point in time?"*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Mr. Chairman, I would like to make some comments, just a couple of things about this. So, one of the things that's frustrating just a little bit is that we have these roads that are split down the middle. This is not a good situation in any case, because it always creates conflict as to who does what when. We have a few other roads around the county that are kind of like that, and there's actually a couple in my district. One of them is very problematic right now, and that's 159th Street between Harry and Pawnee. The north half is paved, and the south half is gravel. The western half is Sedgwick County, and the eastern half is Butler County.*

*"Wichita has annexed basically along the paved section on our Sedgwick County side, and Andover is annexed along the road on the full mile on the east side. So we've got numerous jurisdictions that have an interest in this road, but right now, as far as I can tell, this is still a township road, and the township doesn't really want to do anything to take care of this road. Right now, since its half-mile paved, someone has to step up and take care of this. It is dilapidating, and I'm very concerned about that. The reason this is expensive, Mr. Spears, please correct me if I'm wrong, but the reason this is very expensive, is because what probably should have happened would be about four or five years ago, some type of treatment should have happened that would have prevented further dilapidation.*

*"So this is, I guess, a good poster child for us on how to take care of our roads. By the way, I would like to commend Public Works, and specifically Director David Spears. He does a tremendous job, and his staff does a great job of taking care of county roads. Our roads are, I think, the best in the state, but we have a preventive maintenance program, and we're very faithful to that. We invest in our infrastructure to keep it in good shape, in good repair, but this is an example. You know, Mr. Spears, you've told me over the years, either you take care of it with maintenance, or it's going to cost you a lot of money later on. This is an example where it's nearly half a million dollar repair for something that probably would've cost \$40,000, maybe four or five years ago.*

*"We need to take care of our stuff, and anybody who owns a road should take care of*

*that road. That's another thing. You know, this is one of those things whereas we get annexation proposals or improvement district proposals, we ought to make sure the road is solely owned by one jurisdiction and not multiple jurisdictions, because that just creates conflict.*

*Commissioner Howell continued, "I would also say, you know, Minneha Township has been conflicted. In fact it wasn't a unanimous vote. It was a 2-0 vote. One of the members of that board did not want to vote on this, so it was approved by a 2-0 vote, and there's been some confusion on their part as to how we got here as well. This has just been very frustrating to get to this point. I guess I would just like to say there's a lot of things to learn about how we got here, and things to avoid and try to have more, I guess, cooperative government solutions.*

*"I would say that I think that Sedgwick County is being very gracious to be a partner in this. We don't own this road. This is good for Crestview. It's good for Minneha. It's good for Wichita, and we're being gracious, I think, to do this. I want to commend us. I think this is a good thing for us to do, as a good partner, to make peace with the City of Wichita, for example. I hope that they recognize us as good, gracious partners on something that we don't really have a responsibility here, but we're going to be good partners, and we're going to help fix a problem in the community. I think that should be noted as well, but anyway, with that, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion we approve Item H."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "We already have a motion and a second."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Oh, I'm sorry."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Meitzner."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "You're right, sorry."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ironically, I was involved in this when it started over a year ago. I was in the City Council and our city staff, and it was numerous conversations and huge challenges on the ownership and the way that this is one of those not a very common item where three or four jurisdictions own part of the road. I don't think that's common around the county. It might be some, but it's not every day. Anyway, we had numerous, numerous conversations. Somehow, I think, between the City of Wichita and with David Spears at the county and others, came up with this partnership, which I think the citizens expect, and the citizens don't really realize who owns what. But that road, if you've driven it, Commissioner Howell, you might notice that, you know, keep your teeth together, because about every ten yards, you're hitting a crack.*

*"There'd just been a big article in the [Wichita] Business Journal that it's the only entrance into the Crestview area from the golf course perspective, and we tried to fast-track last year because it's embarrassing for the community when we have thousands and thousands of visitors, many out of town, come in there taking that road. This has a huge economic impact. The foundation that runs the golf tournament puts money back into local charities.*

*Commissioner Meitzner continued, "It's not a national thing that goes, the golfers don't show up here and then disappear and all the money disappears. It's a local event, and it's a chance for us to show good for the residents, and the daily usage actually has a lot of usage on it. So with that, we came up with this, and it was, we all said that let's go back to our respective government agencies and see if it would work, and*



*everybody did, and we came back together, and said this is the best way to do it, and the City said that we would take over ownership and maintenance, snow removal and everything else upon completion of this. This solution might last five, six, seven years, or something. Then the City of Wichita can determine if they want a curb and gutter and drainage and do all the things based on traffic and everything else. So this was an incredibly logical and a decent way to solve this problem. Other problems around the county, I respect if everybody could do a similar manner, that's fine. But on this item, this is done right, and I would have been glad to have explained every meeting.*

*"I've not had one phone call, and I've talked to former Commissioner Unruh this morning, and asked him if he'd had any feedback of disarray or objection to what we wanted to do. He's had none, and I've had zero, and so I respect what you're saying that maybe you've been involved in this, Commissioner Howell, but nobody's talked to me about it, and I was involved from day one. I would have been more than happy to visit with you if you wanted to come to my office and talk about all this. I'd been glad to do so. So with that, I clearly am in support of this so we can move the community and that region forward on this very difficult stretch of road."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. To be clear, this project is wholly within Commissioner Meitzner's district. He has been working on it in the past. Commissioner Unruh worked on it at great length while he was still here. I know that there are four different governments involved in this, and I appreciate the fact that they all four came together and came up with a solution that I think will serve the citizens in Sedgwick County now and into the future. Wichita will approve this next week, from what I understand. They will wholly annex this road. Is that not correct, Mr. Pepoon?"*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "That's true."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Okay. So at that point in time, this is a way to show good partnership between four different governments. So I do believe that it's time that we move forward with this. Commissioner Howell has another comment."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Just for a clarification, they've already annexed the road. The problem is there's a conflict because the improvement district boundary goes to the center line of the road, and so the annexation that was done in 2005 actually includes the entire road width, and there's a dispute now. Crestview says you can't annex an improvement district, and Wichita essentially did do that, so there's a conflict. That's the basis of why we're involved in this. Commissioner Howell continued, "This cleans that up. I don't think there's anything that Wichita has to do to annex this. What this does today is, there's a clause in here that says essentially Crestview Country Club will not dispute that previous annexation, and so Wichita's already annexed the property. Is that correct?"*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "He has a correction, and Mr. Fessinger can get up if I error again. I believe it's the improvement district that has..."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I'm sorry."*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "...the authority, and they will not challenge the annexation that the City of Wichita has already done. I don't think the City of Wichita will have to take any action again."*

*Mr. Fessinger said, "That's correct. This agreement, if executed by all the parties, will*

*resolve any question as to who owns this road.”*

*Commissioner Howell said, “Just as a comment, I’ve always been available to talk about this. Minneha is one-third in my district. I’d been in contact with the trustees on that board. I’ve spent a fair amount of time talking about this, and over the last month in trying to research this. I also have been very available, but you know, as I said a minute ago, the board itself is conflicted. They had a 2-0 vote. This is not really what one of the trustees wants. Minneha actually said they wanted to take over this road, and they would provide a million dollars to make this a road that they wanted.*

*“That was one of the proposals along this six month discussion, is that Minneha wanted to do that. I think that’s the basis for why it was a 2-0 vote versus a 3-0 vote, but I agree, you know, we have many visitors to this community. We want to impress them with our city, and as they go to the events there at Crestview Golf Course, we want them to be impressed, and not look at this as a city that has needs that’s not being taken care of. So this needs to be fixed, obviously. I totally support that. I just think there’s a lot of lessons to be learned here. So again, just to finalize my comments, I’m supportive of it. I made the motion. We need to go forward. We are being good partners with Wichita and with Minneha and for Crestview. I think that should demonstrate, you know, goodwill across the board. We’re getting along with everyone. I think the county is being gracious to do so. Thank you, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”*

*Chairman Dennis said, “I see no one else that wishes to speak on this item. Madam Clerk, call the roll.”*

#### VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Meitzner</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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

- H**     [19-061](#)     Agreement with the City of Wichita, Minneha Township, and the Crestview Country Club Improvement District for the Repair and Maintenance of 127th St. East between Central and 13th St. North. (District 1) (CIP Number R-352).  
**Approved**
- I**     [19-038](#)     Initiate Proposed Amendments to the Sedgwick County Water Well Code for Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Consideration.  
**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**
- J**     [19-046](#)     Intergovernmental Services Agreement for MABCD Records by and between Sedgwick County, Kansas and the City of Wichita, Kansas.

**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**

- K**     [19-096](#)     Joint Ordinance and Resolution with the City of Wichita to Approve the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement.  
**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**
- L**     [19-098](#)     Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Clearwater, Kansas and Sedgwick County for Temporary Emergency Medical Services Assistance.  
**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**
- M**     [19-037](#)     Developmental Disability Affiliation Agreement with Restoration Family Services.  
**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**
- N**     [19-050](#)     Housing First Funding Agreement with the City of Wichita.  
**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**
- O**     [19-060](#)     Shelter Plus Care Housing Rental Assistance Contracts.  
**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**
- P**     [19-078](#)     A resolution temporarily suspending a cereal malt beverage license for certain dates in 2019 - Sedgwick County Zoological Society, Inc.  
**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**
- Q**     [19-073](#)     Treasurer Claim Certification.  
**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**
- R**     [19-028](#)     General Bill Check Register for January 9, 2019 - January 15, 2019.  
**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**
- S**     [19-064](#)     General Bill Check Register for January 16, 2019 - January 22, 2019.  
**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**
- T**     [19-042](#)     Payroll Check Register for the January 19, 2019 payroll certification.  
**Adopt the Consent Agenda as Amended**

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

*Chairman Dennis said, "Mr. Pepoon."*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "I'll give a brief update on some Legislative Issues. As you all are aware, the 2019 Kansas legislature is in full swing, and many bills are coming up. To update you on a few of the bills that we've been working on that are aligned with our platform, we have been working with the Revisor's Office, in particular Mike Heim, in Topeka. Justin Waggoner, from our office, has revised a bill that he has worked on on*

*nuisance abatement, so we hope to have that introduced very quickly. We have Tabitha Lehman, was very helpful, our Election Commissioner, with coming up with some language to give to the Revisor again, who's working on a bill that will allow voter access to all polling places, which is a County Commission priority bill.*

*"We're tracking other legislation. I believe I sent all of you a copy of the joint resolution that was drafted by the county's lobbyist, Jason Watkins. He is going to submit that unless there is any objection by the Board of County Commissioners. It has to do with asking Congress to do away with Daylight Saving Time. It differs from the bill that's currently in Topeka that would have Kansas do away with Daylight Saving Time. Our platform position was a joint resolution to ask Congress to do away with Daylight Saving Time, so that will be introduced into the legislature.*

*"Then we're tracking other legislation that the Kansas Association of Counties has brought to our attention, as well as our lobbyist. Senate Bill 3 is a bill we're keeping an eye on that has to do with allowing the Board of County Commissioners and the larger counties to appoint the Election Commissioner. That's currently in the Senate at the [Ethics] Elections and Local Government Committee. We have recently received a copy of the bill, House Bill 2050, which by all appearances would adversely affect our jail population, and I know Sheriff Easter and Assistant County Manager Rusty Leeds have taken the lead on this, and we're going to be looking at it, but it appears to increase some of the time that our inmates will be doing and takes those inmates out of the Department of Corrections.*

*Mr. Pepoon continued, "We will have a concern about how that will affect the jail. So that's what we're looking at right now, and I'll be happy to answer any other questions you might have."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Pepoon? Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. More of a comment. I just wanted to say I think all five Commissioners have been to Topeka in the last week lobbying some of our ideas. We've been working with our lobbyist to get these bills written. The staff has done a tremendous job with that. With respect to the bill that would take Kansas out of DST (Daylight Saving Time), I don't know if the county wants to take a position on that bill. I think we should. The bill does not represent a policy that I will support. The reason I say that is, I think it's great for Congress to take this up. We should urge them to do so. I think that's very good. That's why I supported that on our platform, but if the state was to remove itself from DST, Daylight Standard Time, which, I guess, we are allowed to do without congressional approval, if you want to understand that.*

*"There is some debate on that I understand, but if you want to stay on DST, that requires congressional approval, but what she's proposing, I think, is dead on arrival. I don't think there's anybody willing to take it up. It's been controversial in the state. There's been a lot of misunderstanding in the media regarding whether this is a Sedgwick County proposal or a state proposal, or whether we're supporting. In fact, it was even reported that we we're supporting that particular bill. I think we need to create some clarity. I personally don't support the county doing this. We don't want to exempt the county from DST. I think that we need to stay with the rest of the state. I think the state needs to stay in its own time zone and do whatever the rest of the nation is doing. But I think in terms of asking Congress to take this up, that's certainly a worthy discussion, and that's what the resolution is all about. But it has been reported that*

*we're supportive of the bill that has been written, and I guess my position is, I'm not supportive of that. So, I thought maybe we could have some discussion and determine whether or not the Commission is in support of that bill or not. I'm personally not in favor of that."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Commissioner Cruse."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you. I just have a, so would we stay, like would we spring forward and would we stay there, or when we fall back, do we stay there? Like how does it work?"*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "Well, the actual joint resolution that Mr. Watkins worked on has, asking the federal government just to set it at standard time, not permanent Daylight Saving Time."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Okay. So I'm sorry, I guess I'm a little confused. Can you, like, I just don't get that."*

*Mr. Stolz said, "In the fall, it would take effect in November. In the fall, we would not turn our clocks. It would stay, it would be lighter in the evening."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Okay. Thank you for the clarification. That was a little confusing for me."*

*Mr. Stolz said, "Just a quick comment, Chairman, on 2050 that Mr. Pepoon talked about, we will be briefing you individually on that with the Sheriff and Mr. Leeds also, so you'll get more information on that in the future."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Commissioner Meitzner."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Just a quick comment. Respectful for the previous Commission and the legislative platform that was adopted, and then the county is doing so much good and then, of course, as Commissioner Howell said, the media kind of jumped on the time zone thing when there's much more important business that's going on. So my personal experience, and then outside feedback, I worked in Arizona for three years, and it was always confusing when half the year we were on, Arizona was on Denver time, and the other half of the year, we were on California time. Our suppliers and vendors and customers didn't know when an 8:00 a.m. in the morning conference call was, what time it was, and I think flying from Wichita just 300 miles to Dallas and having a different time zone directly south of us would be confusing."*

*"I'm sure that Kansas City residents, who I have heard from, I've got a lot of friends and business associates in Kansas City saying that they're not really in favor of driving across the street to go to church at 9:00 a.m., which should have been 8:00 a.m., and blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. So personally, I'm respectful of how this came to be on that previous agenda under the previous Commission, but I think we've got a lot of important business to do. If the nation wants to change the standards, I'm all for whatever the nation wants to do. So just my feedback, and it's kind of, I didn't want to feed phone calls from my friends in Kansas City and others about this. It's not that significant, so I'm just on the record that way. It's not a big deal, but respectful for everybody that did it before."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Well first of all, I do support the resolution that*

was drafted up by Jason Watkins that asks the federal government to take some action on this. That's the direction that I hope that we go. Second comment is that we've already had more discussion on this one item than warrants. The press has put more ink into this one item than it warrants. Our major concerns in Sedgwick County are, first of all, the behavioral health issues. We have five or six items on our legislative agenda alone that just deal with behavioral health issues, and that's critical. That's what we need to make sure that, and every time the press calls and asks me about Daylight Saving Time, I say this is a minor issue. Commissioner Meitzner said, "Yes."

Chairman Dennis said, "The major issues that we have are, first of all, behavioral health, transportation issues, things that involve voting to make sure that we're serving our citizens here in Sedgwick County. These are the important things, and I want to make sure that, and I know Dion's here today, so I hope that he puts that in the [Wichita] Eagle, that these are things that are critical to us. So workforce development, transportation, behavioral health, voting, making sure that we support our citizens.

"Those are our critical issues. If Congress and the United States takes up this other issue that I hope that we have less and less ink on, that's great, at least the discussion has started. But again, we are here to take care of our citizens, and there are more important issues that are involved in that. So I think that our entire Commission agrees that we support the resolution that was put together, but beyond that, we're not supporting any kind of a Senate Bill, House Bill that's involved in this. Any other discussion? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Just to wrap this up, I would just once again say, I commend our process, the little, I use the word palm card, but the card we handed out in Topeka. I handed out many of those, had excellent conversations with respect to priority. Unfortunately, the Daylight Saving Time took way too much of my time talking to legislators. I think they unanimously had misunderstandings exactly what we were asking them to do. So again, to the extent we're asking for a resolution to, or urge Congress to take this issue up, they did not understand that. So, it's important that we went there and had these conversations. I talked with the chairmen of the committees to clarify that. I think that was worthwhile. I agree with you, Mr. Chairman, this is taking way too much attention. It's not worthy of this much attention. The other issues are much more important, and anyway, I just wanted to say that our process for getting that stuff out in front of legislators has been very effective, so thank you for the chance to speak."

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

Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yeah, well, I've now been, and as I know you as well, Mr. Chairman, in Topeka last week, this week, talking about issues. I didn't spend any time talking about this, and I told people I don't even know where the genesis of this came from, whose idea it was to put it on our platform, but yeah, I mean, it might be just worth us considering just taking it off our platform totally, because it has taken too much time. Like I said, I don't know where it came from. It was just brought up in our staff meeting, and so it really, it's kind of ridiculous. So I would go on record just saying, let's just stop that and focus on our important issues like mental health and expanding voting locations and stuff. I'm seeing a nod from Commissioner Meitzner, so we might just have the support just to take this thing off totally because it has become very convoluted."

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. As Commissioner O'Donnell mentioned, we've been to Topeka a couple times in the last two weeks. I spent time up there last week and time up there this week. The major emphasis that has always been as we go into Topeka, is workforce development, transportation and behavioral health, and that's exactly what I talk about every time I go up there."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "And voting."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "And voting. So these are the things that I talk about when I go into Topeka, and these are the issues. Monday night, three of us went up there, along with the Manager and Assistant County Manager, and we had a meeting Wednesday night solely. It wasn't Wednesday night. What day was it?"*

*Mr. Stolz said, "Monday."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Monday night. I've lost track because I've been going so long. Monday night, and the sole thing that we talked about that entire time was behavioral health. That is a huge issue for Sedgwick County. Again, we probably spent enough time on legislative issues today. Madam Clerk, next item."*

## **OTHER**

*Chairman Dennis said, "Other. Does any Commissioners have anything to say under Other tonight, or this afternoon? Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "It's a long meeting."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Well thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know it's probably already been mentioned, but I just wanted to say, I want to celebrate, once again, the KC-46A arrival to the Wichita community. McConnell Air Force Base has been a tremendous host for this new airplane. Boeing and Spirit AeroSystems have worked tirelessly to create this American-made tanker. I love the airplane being here. I actually have a personal connection to it. I actually was originally hired by Boeing to work on this particular airplane back in 2003, and because of a number of delays by the decision-makers, eventually I moved over to the International Tanker. I spent the next eight years working on developing the 767 International Tanker for Italy and Japan.*

*"Much of that technology that was proven on that International Tanker was actually very useful and carried over directly to the U.S. Air Force KC- 46A Pegasus.*

*Commissioner Howell continued, "So I love the fact that I've got that connection. In fact, the last year I worked with Boeing, I got reassigned back to doing test planning for this airplane. I know a little bit about it. I have been involved in it from the very beginning, and I'm so proud of Sedgwick County. In fact, you might remember back, I think it was 2012, that the Pentagon was trying to determine where to put this fleet of airplanes, and the community came together and actually really made a very impressive argument for McConnell Air Force Base.*

*"I was involved in that. I provided written testimony and spoke before the decision-makers, and they came to WSU (Wichita State University), and the community really did a tremendous job, and we were able to secure that award to be the first main operating base of this Air Force Tanker.*

*So this has been a long process, altogether 18 years, and we saw it come to fruition this last week by the arrival of the KC-46. So I am celebrating this. This is, of course, in my district. I just want to say I love what's going on here. The jobs, the people who*

*operate and maintain this airplane, a lot of them live in my area, my district. Spirit AeroSystems that produces these airplanes, I think they're way too humble.*

*"We're talking about, I think over the life of the airplane, we're talking probably somewhere between 300 and 400 airplanes will be built, but that does not include the internet, the sales to other countries, which I think is another aspect of this we haven't really even thought about yet, as well as derivative aircraft. So we're talking probably north of 400 airplanes that will keep our Spirit AeroSystems manufacturing plant busy for many, many years to come. So I think this is exciting for Sedgwick County, and I'm so proud of all those involved to make this happen. I just want to make those comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Any other comments under Other today? Commissioner O'Donnell."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "I would just like to echo some of that that Commissioner Howell said, that that KC-46 event, both the one in the afternoon and the one in the evening were spectacular, and both you and obviously Commissioner Meitzner were able to speak at the Doc event the next day, which was just, it was phenomenal. The whole weekend, so much excitement happened. One particular note that I thought was so great at the dinner that night at McConnell was former Congressman Todd Tiahrt was there, who was affectionately known as Tanker Todd by President Bush, because he single-handedly was able to get that contract overturned.*

*"Then there was a video message from Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and he was instrumental in securing that those tankers were going to be on-base at McConnell. So the legacy that our community has had through both of those members of Congress is indelible, their mark. So to me, that was probably the greatest part of that night, was just seeing that, all that work of community partnership, and that our community selected the right leadership paid off, so thank you."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I don't see any other comments. I just want to echo our congratulations to McConnell Air Force Base for the first two Pegasus KC-46A's that arrived. Tomorrow afternoon, three and four arrive, so if anyone wants to go out and see three and four coming in, why that's happening. McConnell has had a great couple weeks with the Installation Excellence Award. Out of all the Air Force Bases in the entire world, McConnell is one of two that's in the running for Installation Excellence Award. As I recall, the winner of that gets \$800,000 to spend however they want to improve their base. Runner-up doesn't do too bad. They get \$200,000, so I hope Ramstein enjoys their \$200,000.*

*"As has been mentioned, congratulations to the Friends of Doc who built the beautiful hangar to house a very important airplane to the history of our United States that played a big part in the ending of World War II, so I want to congratulate the Friends of Doc also. That concludes all of the comments under Other. Madam Clerk, next item."*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Meitzner."*

### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Yes. We're looking at maybe two Executive Sessions, but I think we'll make a proposal for one, and then come back and then follow-up with another, the way I understand it. On this one, I move that the Board of County*



*Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes until 10:45 a.m., if it's 10:36 a.m. right now, for consultation with an attorney for this Commission, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship to discuss a legal claim."*

*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 Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Meitzner</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. and returned at 10:45 a.m.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Declare that during Executive Session today, no binding action was taken. Mr. Pepoon, do you have any comments?"*

*Mr. Pepoon said, "Yes, Commissioners. At this time, I would ask for approval by the Board of County Commissioners to approve a settlement in the amount of \$35,750 to Matthew Weber. This involves a claim that occurred on October 30th, 2018, approximately 7:30 a.m. in the morning, when one of our employees, a Department of Corrections employee, rear-ended Mr. Matthew Weber and his vehicle, and this request this morning is to settle this claim for the property value of the vehicle only, and would ask for that approval."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner O'Donnell moved to approve the settlement.*

*Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Meitzner</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Meitzner, do you have a motion?"*

*MOTION*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Yes, I have an Executive Session motion. I move that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes until 11:20 a.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of nonelected personnel regarding the performance review of a county employee."*

*Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion.*

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

*VOTE*

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Cruse</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Meitzner</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:47 a.m. and returned at 11:20 a.m.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "I want to state that during Executive Session, no binding action was taken. Does anything else need to come before the board today?"*

**Approved**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.*