

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

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

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:04 a.m. on March 13, 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, 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. Katie Asbury, Deputy County Clerk; Ms. Karen Powell, Deputy County Counselor; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Division on Aging; Ms. Adrienne Byrne, Director, Division of Health; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Lynda Baker, Deputy County Clerk.*

### **GUESTS**

*Mr. Kevin Fish, Executive Director, The Arc of Sedgwick County  
Ms. Linda Winfrie, The Arc of Sedgwick County  
Ms. Kelli Grant, Appointee, Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board*

### **INVOCATION: Moment of Silence.**

### **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 this morning. If anyone is in the audience that would like to speak, though, now would be an opportunity. Seeing no one, next item, please."*

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

#### **A     [19-197](#)     REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2019.**

All Commissioners were Present.

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Madam Clerk. All the Commissioners have had an opportunity to review the minutes from February 20, 2019."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2019.*

*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**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**B     [19-198](#)**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH.**

Read by: Chairman David T. Dennis or his designee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Commissioners, I have a proclamation I'd like to read..."*

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, Public Law 99-483, enacted by Congress in 1987, designated the month of March as 'National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month'; and*

*WHEREAS, statistically more than 9,000 residents of Sedgwick County have an intellectual or other developmental disability and our community is becoming increasingly aware that intellectual and developmental disabilities do not keep individuals from realizing their full potential at school, work or home, or as members of their communities; and*

*WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and*

*WHEREAS, the most effective way to change the attitudes and beliefs about the abilities of individuals with developmental disabilities is through everyone's work and active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individuals contribution; and*

*WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to promote both the expectations and opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate fully in our community, including access to integrated employment, education, housing and civic engagement;*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Chairman David Dennis, and the Board**

*of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March, 2019, as*

*National Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month*

*in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to support people with intellectual and developmental disability and their families in all aspects of community life.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioners that is the Proclamation today."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the proclamation.*

*Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*

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

**VOTE**

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner 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>

*County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 048-2019.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "This morning we have Miss Unstoppable, Linda Winfrie, and several other youth are attending after Spring Break at The Arc. Welcome this morning."*

*Mr. Kevin Fish, Executive Director, The Arc of Sedgwick County, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of all the developmental disability supporting agencies, we thank you greatly for your support. One of the greatest challenges for somebody living with a disability is often public perception, what they can do and what they can't do. That's one of their greatest barriers, and so spreading awareness is very important to us, because we want the community to know what a valuable part of our community each and every one of these individuals are.*

*"We've got a small group from our Spring Break program, some of our youth who are growing up in our programs and will have a long future here in our community. Linda, our Miss Unstoppable this year, is a wonderful story in herself, because again, she grew up in a time when people with developmental disabilities were not treated very well. Her mother was told to send her to an institution for the rest of her life. They didn't give a lot of value to who she would be. She's achieved a lot of goals. She's worked in our community most of her adult life and achieved another goal this year when she won a pageant here in our community for people with disabilities and is serving as our Miss Unstoppable. So throughout the year, she has opportunities like this to come and represent our community, and so she just wanted to share."*

*Ms. Linda Winfrie, The Arc of Sedgwick County, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I thank you very much for supporting the association with disabilities."*

*Mr. Fish said, "Thank you so much."*

*Ms. Winfrie said, "Thank you very much."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Ms. Winfrie, and thank you for being here. We appreciate it. Well thank you all, each and every one of you, for joining us this morning. Our board sincerely appreciates your presence at our meeting today. You are welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting. It's been a pleasure presenting you with this proclamation today, but if you've got other things to do, I'm certain that you have more important things to do than listen to us."*

*Ms. Fish said, "They've got a lot of fun planned for the day."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Very good."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Good, can I join?"*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Well, thank you very much again for being here. We appreciate it."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Maybe? Have a good day."*

*Audience Member said, "We're going to have a dance party at The Arc."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "A dance party?"*

*Chairman Dennis said, "You are?"*

*Audience Member said, "For the 90s."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "A dance party?"*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Awesome."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Outstanding."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "A 90s dance party."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "I totally want to join that."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "It's just your scene, Lacey, a 90s dance party."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Yeah, right."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Bye-bye. Thank you all."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Have a good day."*

*Audience Member said, "Bye."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Bye."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Bye."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Well, thanks for being here this morning. Next item, please."*

**Adopted**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- C**     [19-202](#)     ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KELSEY LEIDY (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) FROM THE METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (MABCD) BOARD OF APPEALS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS. Presented by: Michael D. Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation.

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

*Mr. Michael Pepoon, Interim County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you a recommendation to accept the resignation of Mr. Leidy. He's on the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department's (MABCD) Board of Appeals of Plumbers and Gas Fitters. Mr. Leidy has sent us an e-mail requesting that he be able to resign. His term was originally going to run out at the end of July anyway, but I'd recommend you accept the resignation."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you."*

### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to accept the resignation.*

*Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.*

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

### **VOTE**

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner 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**

- D**     [19-203](#)     RESOLUTION APPOINTING MORRIS SCHEFFLER (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) AS RECOMMENDED BY DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER PETE MEITZNER TO SEDGWICK

COUNTY LINCOLN TOWNSHIP BOARD AS TREASURER.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Mr. Pepoon said, "If you remember, on February 13th, Brian Entz resigned as the Lincoln Township Treasurer, and this morning, on the recommendation of Commissioner Meitzner, we'd recommend that Morris Scheffler be appointed to the Lincoln Township Board of Treasurers."*

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

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Thank you. I'm honored to make this recommendation to appoint him to the board."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Meitzner moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Cruse 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. 049-2019.*

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

**Adopted**

**E**      [19-204](#)

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KELLI GRANT (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Michael D. Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Mr. Pepoon said, "We have a resolution for you today appointing Kelli Grant to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. This is a 13-member board with 4 at-large appointments made by the Board of County Commissioners as a whole. The resolution is in proper form, and I ask that you adopt the resolution appointing Ms. Grant."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you."*

MOTION

*Commissioner Dennis moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Cruse 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>

*County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 050-2019.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Well, welcome. Thank you very much for volunteering to serve, and we'll swear you in at this time."*

*Ms. Katie Asbury, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "If you'll raise your right hand, please:*

*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 Community Corrections Advisory Board, so help me God."*

*Ms. Kelli Grant, Appointee, Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."*

*Ms. Asbury said, "Would you like to say anything?"*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Would you like to say a few words?"*

*Ms. Grant said, "Sure. I just want to say thank you. I was looking back through my documents. I used to work here at Sedgwick County, and I was first appointed to this board in 2012, so I appreciate the reappointment. I have a strong desire to continue to help in my community with the experience and the knowledge that I have been working on and continue to work on in the criminal justice system, not only in Sedgwick County but across the state. So I appreciate this reappointment, and I look forward to continuing to serve on the board. Thank you."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Ms. Grant, thank you very much for volunteering. We appreciate it. Next item, please."*

**Adopted**

**F**      [19-208](#)

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING NICKI SOICE (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION (BOCC) REAPPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AS CHAIRMAN.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.



**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.**

*Mr. Pepoon said, "I'd request that we take Items F, G and H together. These are all three appointments to the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Committee. Item F is an appointment of Nicki Soice as a non-voting member of the committee as Chairperson. Item G would appoint Bobby McCrary into position number seven on this committee as a member from the private industry. Item H would appoint Kay Drennen to this board in position number five, which is a position at-large from the general public. These are all three Board of County Commission appointments at-large. All resolutions are in proper form, and we ask that you adopt the resolutions."*

*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**

<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>

*County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 051-2019.*

**Adopted**

**G**     [19-205](#)

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOBBY MCCRARY (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION (BOCC) APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN POSITION #7 PRIVATE INDUSTRY.**

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.**

*Action for this item was taken with Item F.*

**H**     [19-206](#)

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAY DRENNEN (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION (BOCC) APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN POSITION #5 GENERAL PUBLIC.**

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.**

*Action for this item was taken with Item F*

- I      [19-209](#)      RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEAN GATES (COMMISSIONER LACEY CRUSE'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Michael D. Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

*Mr. Pepoon said, "The Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board is a 15-member board with 3 appointments from each County Commissioner for a term of 4 years. This is Commissioner Cruse's recommendation for the appointment of Sean Gates for this board. The resolution before you is in proper form. We'd ask that you adopt the resolution."*

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

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Sean wasn't able to be here today."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Cruse moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Dennis 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. 054-2019.*

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

**Adopted**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- J      [19-201](#)      RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD IN THE FOURTH COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT OF SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Presented by: Karen L. Powell, Deputy County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution.

*Ms. Karen Powell, Deputy County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item you have before you today is a resolution which would create a Citizen's Advisory Board for the County Commission Fourth District. This resolution and the board functions are modeled after the Citizen's Advisory Board that is in Chairman Dennis' district for the Third District. Some of the key features, that it would have*

*between 7 and 11 members, and the Commissioners would not serve on the board. You may know, especially Commissioner Meitzner, that the City of Wichita has District Advisory Boards, and these boards are modeled after that model. However, nothing would be required to go through these boards.*

*"Another aspect of this board is that the intent is to provide advice only. There's no binding action on this Commission that this Citizen Advisory Board would take. The meetings would be open to the public. They would be subject to the requirements of the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA), which would require notice to be given of the meetings, and then anybody that wants to have notice of the meetings would need to have that notice and be open to the public. The County Manager's Office would designate staff to help with the functioning and operations of the board. I've made myself available to help with making the compliance with the [Kansas] Open Meetings Act. So the quorum would be four, so that would be the number that would be required for the board to take action, and I would defer to Commissioner Cruse for any further details. She had a nice informational meeting the other night, and I'd also stand for questions, but absent of any questions, I would recommend that the resolution be approved."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Well thank you, Karen. Does anyone have any questions for Ms. Powell? Commissioner Cruse."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "So I just wanted to thank Tony and Emily and Kate and Tom for all your work and for showing up on Monday. I really appreciate what you did to help, and thank you, Karen, for putting this together for me. Something that I want to do in District Four and one thing that was discussed during the job interview, I'll call it, instead of a campaign, because it was the longest job interview ever. But one thing I noticed was people were interested in being a part of District Four. One way that we can do that is by having this board of folks that are really dedicated to improving District Four as a whole.*

*"So one thing that I talked about on Monday was instead of having a board where people come to complain or bring complaints, we should focus on things that are happening in a good manner in District Four, and so I have my "inspire" theme, because I think people need to have positive affirmations of things that we can do to improve our communities, and that's one thing that I really want for folks to take to heart is that when we come to these meetings, we have positive stories that we can share with each other instead of just coming to complain. One other thing that we're going to do that's a little bit different is we're going to travel around the district, so we're not just going to have our meetings in one place.*

*Commissioner Cruse continued, "Our first meeting is at Connie's Mexican Cafe where we're going to have a discussion over chips and salsa and a margarita if they want to purchase it. I mean, we're all grown adults here, right?"*

*Ms. Powell said, "Sounds awesome. That's why I volunteered."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "See, there are perks. But, you know, one other thing is the Maize Career Academy where we're going to have a meeting right outside of the room where students prepare meals, so learn about what's happening in Maize, learn about what's happening in Valley Center and Park City and Riverside. District Four is such a vast place that we can travel around and hopefully people will understand from all walks of life what District Four encompasses. So that's really what I'm trying to gain here. The other thing is just giving people an opportunity who wouldn't normally serve on a*

*board to serve on a board that maybe would feel comfortable now. So I appreciate those in the audience that were there. Thank you so much for joining me, and I hope that, I've had a lot of interest. I think we had about 20 on Monday night, and since then, I've had some other folks who have sent me a message."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Cruse moved to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "We have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Obviously, I think it's a good idea since I have a Citizen's Advisory Board myself. I think it's an opportunity that we can get out and meet our citizens. Each Commissioner has their own way of doing that, and that is quite correct, because each Commissioner is an individual and can decide how that they want to interface with the community. I think this is a great opportunity for District Four, and I will be supporting the motion. I don't see any other discussion. 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>

*County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 055-2019.*

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

**Adopted**

**K**     [19-160](#)

**CONSIDERATION OF A FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (FTA) §5310 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CITY OF WICHITA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$293,551 FOR THE FUNDING OF MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

**Presented by: Annette Graham, LSCSW, Director, Sedgwick County Division on Aging.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the grant application, authorize the Chairman to sign grant application documents, and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant, establish budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this request, and establish a new 1.0 FTE Driver position as outlined in the Personnel Considerations section of this item.

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

*Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Division on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just wanted to provide you a little bit of background information on transportation services. In Sedgwick County, the Division on Aging began providing*

*aging transportation services back in the mid-1980s. It started with a grant, a federal grant from the Administration on Aging. The department then started working on developing some transportation services specifically for seniors, because we identified that was a big need in the population. So ever since then, the division has been involved with transportation services for Sedgwick County citizens.*

*"Last year, we provided 22,544 rides through our transportation program. We get weekly comments from the community and feedback from the people we serve thanking us for the services. So I just wanted to briefly read a couple of those notes to you. 'Thank you all for this help. We all use so much. Seniors sometimes feel we're forgotten by everyone. For more rides in the future, thank you.' 'To all my friends at Sedgwick County transportation, enclosed is another check for \$60...' (There is a \$3-per ride trip fee.) '...to be able to ride with you more. Just knowing you are there, willing to help me get to the doctors and other places now and then makes me feel secure. Thank you for all your help. Please enjoy the rest of June and more.' 'Hi, enclosed is my check for rides for trips to Wichita and back. Thanks for all your help. Don't know what I'd do without you.' 'Thank you for all you do for my son. It means a lot to me.' 'Thanks for doing such an awesome job. You provide such a valuable service.'*

*"So that's just a little feel for the kind of sentiments from the population we serve and how important this transportation is. So what I bring before you today is a grant application for 5310. This is a two-year grant application that would provide general public transportation for individuals with disabilities and seniors age 60 and older in urbanized communities in Sedgwick County. The program service areas will be incorporated cities of Kechi, Valley Center, Maize, Goddard, Haysville, Derby, Mulvane, Bel Aire and Park City and the unincorporated areas of Furley and Schulte. So this 5310 grant funding is for the area right around Wichita. It's called the urbanized area, and that's where these funds are targeted and can only be used for.*

*Ms. Graham continued, "This grant application will provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible transportation services to the consumers in target areas and will have a positive economic impact, reduce nursing home and premature institutionalization and help, as is our mission, to keep individuals in the community. This grant is due on Friday the 15th. The total program cost of \$455,487 over the two-year grant term. It includes four separate grant applications. One for vehicle acquisition, one for operations, one for contractuels, and one for preventive maintenance. Each of these separate application pieces has a different match amount. So for the operations, the match is 50/50, so the match amount is \$124,832, and the matching amount from the FTA (Federal Transportation Administration) is \$124,832.*

*"For the contractuels, that's an 80/20 match, so the grant amount would be \$96,008, and the match would be \$24,002. For the vehicle acquisition, that is a 85/15 percent match, so the FTA is \$69,031, and the match amount is \$12,182. For preventive maintenance, it is a 80/20 match, so that is \$3,680 from the FTA and \$920 match required. This is a 2-year grant. It would start July 1, 2019 and run through June 30, 2021. So you see how that's laid out there. We also included in the budget with the \$3 per ride, we are projecting a \$16,000 amount from that. That would be applied to the match. The match is already within the department's budget, so we're not asking for any additional funding for that.*

*"If the grant is awarded, then we would come back and request the additional budget authority for \$93,703 to allow for that at that amount for 2019. The other amount would*

*be included in our budgets moving forward. This request does include the addition of one full-time driver's position. The total salary and benefits are estimated at \$47,691. No additional budget authority is being requested to fund this position. Budget authority for the position will be included, however, in the request for 2020 and 2021. The anticipated outcome is 9,855 rides over the course of the two-year grant. So with that, I would be happy to answer any questions and would request that you approve the signature for this grant application."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Well thank you, Annette. Thank you very much for coming around and briefing each one of the Commissioners in depth on this grant. We appreciate that very much, but we do have a couple questions from some of the Commissioners."*

*Ms. Graham said, "Okay."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "First of all, it's Commissioner Cruse."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you, Chairman. Thank you, Annette, for understanding all this complicated grant situation. When you came in yesterday and briefed me, it is kind of complicated. I just have one question, though. Commissioner Cruse continued, "For those on a fixed income, I know \$3 doesn't seem like that much, but for those who can't even afford that, is there anything available in the community to help those folks?"*

*Ms. Graham said, "There are some other programs. We do have a caregiver program, so if individuals or caregivers, there are no fee for those transportations, so that's another option for those. Unfortunately, the majority of rides do have a fee attached to them."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Yeah, okay. Well, I'm looking forward to the plan that you guys are putting together. I know that you're working hard to improve, and I just want to say thank you for all the work that you do."*

*Ms. Graham said, "Thank you."*

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

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Annette, thanks again for our visit about this, as well. I'm dangerously familiar with this program based on service at the City Council with the transit system and then the WAMPO's (Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) participation as well and the 5310 program. So I guess what I didn't ask you the other day that I recognize now is so we're handling all of these seniors and disabilities in these particular communities. What if a citizen is not living in Kechi, Valley Center, whatever?"*

*Ms. Graham said, "So there is another funding source that we receive funding through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). That is called the 5311, and it is..."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Naturally."*

*Ms. Graham said, "...general-rule, so it provides for services outside that urbanized area in the more rural areas, so we have received that grant for many years, and we'll be coming before you later this year..."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Okay."*

*Ms. Graham said, "...likely in October, to renew that grant. So that's the other transportation service."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Okay. Well thank you. I appreciate all the work and explanation on this."*

*Ms. Graham said, "Thank you."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the presentation. I appreciate you bringing this to us. You mentioned there was 22,544 rides in 2018. Is that what you said?"*

*Ms. Graham said, "Yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, but this grant opportunity is for an additional, an estimated 9,855 rides. Is that just for this grant..."*

*Ms. Graham said, "Yes, that is just for this grant."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "...program dollars? Okay."*

*Ms. Graham said, "Yes, yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So what we're doing currently, that will continue regardless of this decision today. This is in addition to?"*

*Ms. Graham said, "That number I gave you did include some 5310 rides, so we currently have a 5310 grant. This would be an expansion of that. So in 2017 was the first year they offered the 5310 grant for that urbanized area, so this would be an expansion of that, so it would be an increase in the number of rides provided."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So this \$16,000, that's estimated for each of the next two years? That's on this program only?"*

*Ms. Graham said, "That's the total over the grant."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "That's only for this program?"*

*Ms. Graham said, "Yes, yes."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So if I was to add the 9,855 plus the, we're talking about roughly 5,000 rides a year tied to this particular grant, plus the 22,000 we're currently doing, so we're getting close to 30,000 rides a year, if we do all of this. Is that correct?"*

*Ms. Graham said, "Yes, yes sir."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Alright, thank you for the clarification. Thank you, Chairman."*

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

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Annette, I just want to thank you for your work on this, going over it with me and Commissioner Dennis the other day. I think you answered all of my questions in private, but just to reiterate, one of the questions that Commissioner Meitzner brought up, so in my more rural areas like Clearwater, for example, because Haysville is included in this, you already offer those programs, and it is available for those people?"*

*Ms. Graham said, "Yes, there is a general rural transportation program that serves the more rural areas in Sedgwick County."*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Exactly. Thank you."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I don't see any other questions. I know you guys came around and briefed each one of us in depth, so I think we've got a pretty good knowledge of this. I appreciate you working to try and get this grant for us."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the grant application, authorize the Chairman to sign grant application documents, and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant, establish budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this request, and establish a new 1.0 FTE driver position as outlined in the Personnel Considerations section of this item.*

*Commissioner Cruse 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**

#### **L     [19-179](#)**

CONSIDERATION OF AN AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,924,742 FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION.

Presented by: Adrienne Byrne, Health Director, Sedgwick County Health Division.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application of the grant and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement, and approve the establishment of budget



authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request at the time the grant documents are executed.

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

*Ms. Adrienne Byrne, Director, Division of Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning I'm seeking approval for our annual aid to local grant application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). We have received this funding for well over 33 years, and it's the primary way that state health departments funnel federal and state monies to the local health department so that we can do the work that we do. This year, we're requesting \$1,924,742. This application funds several pieces of our programs and portions of approximately 31 positions. This funding helps support public health infrastructure, family planning, maternal and child health programs, our mobile immunization services, our sexually transmitted infection control and public health emergency preparedness. Without this funding, many of our programs would be drastically reduced, or we wouldn't be able to provide the services at all.*

*"This contribution from Kansas Department of Health and Environment is a foundational piece for many of our public health programs. It allows us to continue to work towards improving the health status of our residents, by assuring that our children are immunized and our most vulnerable population with women receive well-woman check-ups and education about how to stay healthy between and during pregnancies. These programs help to strengthen the health of our community, and I recommend that you authorize the Chair to approve the application and sign all related documents, and I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Adrienne, thank you very much, and again, thank you for coming and briefing each of the Commissioners in detail on the items that are contained in this grant, and thanks for working this for us each year, so we can continue receiving this. We do have a question from Commissioner Cruse."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you. Not a question. I just want to say thank you for your work. You do a lot. Again, all of this grant application, I mean, I am learning more than I could ever imagine when it comes to grants, and so thank you for explaining this to me. I really appreciate it."*

*Ms. Byrne said, "You're welcome."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I don't see any other questions or comments. You did a good job briefing us individually the other day and giving us an overview today. We appreciate that."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the application of the grant and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement, and approve the establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request at the time the grant documents are executed.*

*Commissioner Cruse 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, "Thanks, Adrienne."

Ms. Byrne said, "Thank you."

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

**Approved**

## **CONSENT**

M. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Membership Approval.

N. A resolution to authorize destruction of Division of Corrections records      1985  
2015 (DISP 2019 306 Corrections).

County Clerk has assigned Resolution No. 056-2019.

O. General Bill Check Register for February 27, 2019 March 5, 2019.

P. Payroll Check Register for the March 2, 2019 payroll certification.

Mr. Thomas Stolz, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I recommend approval of Consent Items M through P."

## **MOTION**

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve Consent Agenda Items Mike (M) through Papa (P).

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

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

**M**      [19-210](#)      Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Membership Approval.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

**N**      [19-190](#)      A resolution to authorize destruction of Division of Corrections records

1985-2015 (DISP 2019-306 Corrections).

Approved on the Consent Agenda

O     [19-188](#)           General Bill Check Register for February 27, 2019 - March 5, 2019.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

P     [19-045](#)           Payroll Check Register for the March 2, 2019 payroll certification.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

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

*Mr. Pepoon said, "Some of the Legislative Issues we have going on right now, tomorrow there will be a hearing on an Election Bill, Senate Bill 130, and our Election Commissioner, Tabitha Lehman, will be up in support of that bill. But at the same time, we're going still try to get Senate Bill 129, our bill that would allow people to vote at any polling place to be inserted in that bill. I'm sure Ms. Lehman is going to be up there to help answer any questions regarding that. This afternoon, our 911 director, Elora Forshee, is testifying in favor of, well actually opposed to the current form of House Bill 2084, which deals with some 911 funding increases and in support of the original bill, which would help actually fund our 911 system as it currently is."*

*Mr. Pepoon continued, "We are working closely with the Senator McGinn, the Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, on some of our regional behavioral health issues, most importantly regional mental health facility that we're trying to get in this region, and we're hoping to have a meeting with her in the near future. Scrap Metal Bill, Senate Bill 219, there's been some action on that, and we've shared that information with the District Attorney and some law enforcement representatives in our community. Just recently, the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) is asking for our support for a constitutional resolution giving county home-rule authority, the same as is currently enjoyed by cities in this state, and I'll be talking to you about our involvement in that constitutional resolution. That's all I have at this time, Mr. Chairman."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Do any Commissioners have any questions of Mr. Pepoon over our Legislative Issues? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, next item."*

### **OTHER**

*Chairman Dennis said, "Other. Do any Commissioners have anything they'd like to discuss during Other today? I just have two items. It doesn't look like any of the other Commissioners have anything. First of all, we have started construction on the first phase of the North Junction, so that's a great step forward as far as getting something moving on the North Junction. Unfortunately, it won't clear any of the congestion problems that we're having out there, but at least it's a step in the right direction. Second thing is as I started the meeting this morning talking about Dr. [John] Bardo. Again, our deepest condolences to Dr. Bardo's family and the entire WSU (Wichita State University) community. Our hearts and prayers are with him and his family. Commissioner Meitzner."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A follow-up on the Dr. Bardo. I know there's an out pouring of positive comments and heartfelt sympathies for him and his family. We all had a chance to work with him and become friends with him over the years, and when you look back at just what he's done for our community with the student growth at the university. It was one of his goals where many colleges were flat and losing enrollment, he was growing it. The boldness of taking the innovation campus and wiping out the golf course and expanding that is just so innovative, so to speak. Took the bold move of allowing the university to abandon the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) and join a new athletic conference. The American Athletic Conference (AAC) was another fantastically supported step that he did.*

*Commissioner Meitzner continued, "Another major one was the affiliation and partnership that he's done with merging WSU Tech into the system, and it's just so, he's done some things that would be lifetime achievements if somebody else did one of those, and he's done many of those, and so, you know, he had a lot of trust with his lieutenants and the people around him, and he empowered them all to be free thinkers and free contributors, and so I miss him as a friend, but I want to thank him for what he's done for our city and our community and the impact on the state has just been remarkable. So thanks for letting me make those comments."*

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

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to say similar remarks about Dr. Bardo. He was somebody that I considered a personal friend. It's a big loss for me personally, but to our entire community and really our whole regent system at the state. He was so well respected and regarded by people from all walks of life up in Topeka. My thoughts really go out to Deborah Bardo, and she's been facing some of her own health issues, so it's really just a tragedy, his loss. But like Pete said, his mark is going to be here forever, so thank you."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just wanted to say I totally agree with the comments of the former Commissioners that spoke about Dr. Bardo, but what people may not realize that he was a personal advocate for WSU. Every year I've been up here, this is my fifth year starting right now, I have had the privilege and honor to have him in my office. Last year, he wasn't doing very well. I was concerned for his health, but he made the trip anyway. He wanted to advocate personally for WSU, because we have a 1.5 mill levy we collect and provide to WSU, and he wants to talk about how that impacts this community and how important that is.*

*"Although, I don't think there was any political debate about whether we would or wouldn't do that, he takes the time up to come up and know us and talk to us face-to-face, completely just a tremendous honor to know him and to have those conversations over these years. I will always remember him. He's just a tremendous individual, outstanding, fantastic legacy for this community, and we will certainly miss him, so I wanted to get those comments in the record. Thank you, Chairman."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I don't see any other comments. Once again, on behalf of Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners, our deepest condolence*

*to an individual that made a huge impact on this entire community. Madam Clerk, next item, please."*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

*Mr. Pepoon said, "We do not have an Executive Session today."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Any Commissioners have anything else that needs to come before the Board of County Commissioners today?"*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.*