

# Sedgwick County

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 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 9:08 a.m. on April 17, 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. Adrienne Byrne, Director, Health Department; Mr. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Assistant Director, Developmental Disabilities Organization; Ms. Ashlea Thompson, Fiscal Associate, Treasure's Office; Ms. Linda Kizzire, Treasurer; Ms. Glenda Martens, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Lynda Baker, Deputy County Clerk.*

### **GUESTS**

*Ms. Sara Dixon, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizen's Advisory Board  
Ms. Nalini Fraser, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizen's Advisory Board  
Mr. Philip Fraser, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizen's Advisory Board  
Ms. Melody McCray-Miller, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizen's Advisory Board  
Ms. Madison Shriner, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizen's Advisory Board  
Mr. Philip Fraser, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizen's Advisory Board  
Ms. Bethany Bigelow, Intern, Project Search  
Ms. Casey Dunn, Intern, Project Search  
Mr. Jon Listerman, Intern, Project Search  
Mr. Montez Miles, Intern, Project Search  
Ms. Rosa Rodarte, Intern, Project Search  
Ms. Sean Seiler, Intern, Project Search  
Mr. Benny Boman, 1914 South Euclid, Wichita*

### **INVOCATION: Caleb Bowman, Calvary Baptist Church Derby**

### **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 do not have anyone signed up to speak on Public Agenda, but just because you haven't signed up, that doesn't mean you can't speak. If anyone*

would like to speak this morning, please let me know. Seeing no one, next item, please."

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **A     [19-291](#)**

#### **PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK.**

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the proclamation.

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I've asked Commissioner Cruse to read the proclamation this morning."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "This is a proclamation for National Infant Immunization Week:*

#### **PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2019, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of NIIW. Since 1994, hundreds of communities across the United States have joined to celebrate the critical role vaccination plays in protecting our children, communities, and public health; and*

*WHEREAS, several important milestones in controlling vaccine-preventable diseases among infants worldwide have already been reached; vaccines have drastically reduced infant death and disability caused by preventable diseases in the U.S., and we can now protect infants and children from 14 vaccine-preventable diseases before age two; and*

*WHEREAS, NIIW provides many opportunities such as highlighting the dangers of vaccine-preventable diseases, especially to infants and young children, and educating parents and caregivers about the importance of vaccination in protecting their children from birth against vaccine-preventable diseases;*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Chairman David T. Dennis, and the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize the week of April 27-May 4, 2019 as*

#### **NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK**

*Adrienne Byrne, Director, Sedgwick County Health Department, will come forward to accept this proclamation.*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Cruse moved to adopt the proclamation.*

*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. 078-2019.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Well good morning, Adrienne."*

*Ms. Adrienne Byrne, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for this opportunity, and especially with such a full house. So in 2019, the week of April 27th through May 4th is designated as National Infant Immunization Week. Routine childhood immunizations provide a valuable level of protection that is vital to protecting the health of our entire community. Vaccines have drastically reduced the number of infant deaths caused by preventable diseases in the United States. Ensuring healthy children receive their recommended immunizations timely, also helps to protect other children that are too young to receive vaccinations for medical reasons. More than a century ago, an influenza outbreak started in Kansas in 1918, and became known as the deadliest epidemic in recorded history. This threat of illness was largely due to the movement of soldiers in World War I. Twenty years later in 1938, the first vaccine for influenza was developed and given to U.S. soldiers during World War II with very different outcomes.*

*Ms. Byrne continued, "Through immunization, we can now protect infants and children from 14 vaccine preventable diseases before age two, including influenza, diphtheria, tetanus, which is whooping cough, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella and varicella, which is known as chicken pox. Recent studies indicate immunization rates among children born between 1994 and 2018 will prevent an estimated 419 million illnesses, over 26 million hospitalizations and approximately 936,000 early deaths over the course of their lifetimes. Results from the National Immunization Survey has consistently shown that immunization rates for vaccines routinely given and recommended for children birth through age two, remain at or near record levels.*

*"National Infant Immunization Week provides an opportunity to highlight the dangers of not having children vaccinated because of the preventable diseases, especially to infants and children, educate parents and caregivers about the importance of vaccination and protecting their children from birth on against vaccine preventable diseases and illnesses, focuses attention on immunization achievements, and celebrate the accomplishments made possible through the partnering that has occurred, and step up efforts to protect children against vaccine preventable diseases, and therefore giving them a healthy chance at life. Vaccines do prevent death and save lives. I'd be happy to answer any questions."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Adrienne. Well first of all, I think one of the little known facts are that Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners is also the Board of Health for Sedgwick County. Although we don't normally meet as the Board of Health, every decision that we make, we have to keep in mind that the fact is that we are the Board of Health for Sedgwick County. One of the things I noticed on the news recently is that we had a County Commissioner from another state having to stand up*

*in front of the public saying that he's got an epidemic of measles because of lack of immunizations. I sat there and watched that on TV and said because of the fact of what we do here in Sedgwick County and in this region, I'm not having to be the one that's standing up before the public explaining why that we have an epidemic that we're having to treat. So I appreciate exactly what our Health Department does and the Board of Health here of Sedgwick County, and proclamations like this are important to get the word out that immunizations work."*

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. I appreciate it. Next item, please."*

**Adopted**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**B**

[19-280](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIC BERGIN (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT) to the SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN POSITION #8 PRIVATE SOLID WASTE INDUSTRY.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

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

*Mr. Michael Pepoon, Interim County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a resolution appointing Eric Bergin to the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Committee. He would satisfy the slot that we usually have for a member from the solid waste industry. It's a two-year appointment, and the resolution is in proper form. I ask that you approve the resolution."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you."*

### **MOTION**

*Chairman 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. 079-2019.*

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

**Adopted**

**C**     [19-317](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DR. JULIE EVANS (COMMISSIONER LACEY CRUSE'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY BOARD.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

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

*Mr. Pepoon said, "This is an appointment by Commissioner Cruse to the Animal Care Advisory Board. She is wanting to appoint Dr. Julie Evans. She's actually a reappointment, I believe, but she would satisfy one of the recommended slots on the committee as a veterinarian. So the resolution is in proper form. It's a four-year term, a four-year appointment, and I ask that you approve the resolution."*

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

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Is Julie here today? I don't see her here."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Cruse 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. 080-2019.*

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

**Adopted**

**D**     [19-309](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SARA DIXON (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY FOURTH DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, AS RECOMMENDED BY FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER LACEY CRUSE.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

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

*Mr. Pepoon said, "Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would recommend that we take the Items D through L all as one agenda item, if you would."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Cruse."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "I see Melody here. If you guys want to come over here, Melody and Frasers."*

*Audience Member said, "All the way?"*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Yeah, all the way over here. So if we have Stephanie, I see Melody. I don't know if Nigel is here. Is Hugh? I don't see Denise. Madison, I think I saw her. Yes, Madison. I believe that's it."*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Cruse 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. 081-2019.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Our Clerk will swear you in."*

*Mr. Kelly Arnold, County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We got a group of us here. If you would like to come join me. There we go. That all works. Alright, if you'd raise your right hand:*

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

*Ms. Sara Dixon, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizens Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."*

*Ms. Nalini Fraser, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizens Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."*

*Mr. Philip Fraser, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizens Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."*

*Ms. Stephanie Kohlhoff, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizens Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."*

*Ms. Melody McCray-Miller, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizens Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."*

*Ms. Madison Shriner, Sedgwick County Fourth District Citizens Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do."*

*Mr. Arnold said, "Very good. Congratulations."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "I just want to say thank you so much. What I'm trying to do is create an advisory board that's a little bit different. So we are going to focus on positive things that are going on in District Four. Most advisory boards, if you guys serve on them, a lot of people kind of bring issues and problems, and don't get me wrong, you can still bring those to me, but we're going to focus on things that we can, you know, positive change that we can affect in District Four. Do any of you guys want to say anything?"*

*Ms. McCray-Miller said, "I just want to take a moment and say thank you to Commissioner Cruse and other Commissioners that are doing the same thing. I think that this is definitely a positive opportunity to engage at the community root level, which I love. So as being a member of the Fourth District, I am proud to serve, and thank you again."*

*Ms. McCray-Miller continued, "Looking forward to good things."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you for your service, as well. For those of you that don't know..."*

*Ms. McCray-Miller said, "It's good to be back on this side. It's lovely."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Former Commissioner Melody McCray-Miller, everyone."*

*Ms. McCray-Miller said, "Thank you."*

*Ms. Dixon said, "Ditto. I'm really excited to be part of something positive in the community, and so I'm really looking forward to everything about it, so anyway, thanks."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you. Anybody else? Thank you, guys."*

*Mr. Fraser said, "I just want to quickly say thank you for the opportunity..."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Sure."*

*Mr. Fraser said, "...and I look forward to serving in this capacity."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you. Okay."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "No one else wants to speak?"*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "I guess not."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Well, welcome to service. We appreciate you volunteering. The pay isn't real good. [inaudible] paying you, but it's not enough for what you're willing to do. We appreciate it very much. Thank you. Next item, please."*



**Adopted**

- E**     [19-308](#)     RESOLUTION APPOINTING NALINI FRASER (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY FOURTH DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, AS RECOMMENDED BY FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER LACEY CRUSE.  
Presented by: Michael D. Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.
- RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.
- Action for this item was taken with Item D.*
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- F**     [19-313](#)     RESOLUTION APPOINTING PHILIP FRASER (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY FOURTH DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, AS RECOMMENDED BY FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER LACEY CRUSE.  
Presented by: Michael D. Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.
- RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.
- Action for this item was taken with Item D.*
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- G**     [19-310](#)     RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEPHANIE KOHLHOFF (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY FOURTH DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, AS RECOMMENDED BY FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER LACEY CRUSE.  
Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.
- RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.
- Action for this item was taken with Item D.*
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- H**     [19-314](#)     RESOLUTION APPOINTING MELODY McCRAY-MILLER (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY FOURTH DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, AS RECOMMENDED BY FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER LACEY CRUSE.  
Presented by: Michael D. Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.
- RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.
- Action for this item was taken with Item D.*
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- I**     [19-312](#)     RESOLUTION APPOINTING NIGEL MORTON (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY

FOURTH DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, AS  
RECOMMENDED BY FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER LACEY  
CRUSE.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

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

**J**     [19-311](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING HUGH NICKS (BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY  
FOURTH DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, AS  
RECOMMENDED BY FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER LACEY  
CRUSE.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution

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

**K**     [19-307](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DENISE ROMERO (BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY  
FOURTH DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, AS  
RECOMMENDED BY FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER LACEY  
CRUSE.

Presented by: Mike Pepoon, Interim County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

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

**L**     [19-315](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MADISON SHRINER (BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK  
COUNTY FOURTH DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, AS  
RECOMMENDED BY FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER LACEY  
CRUSE.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Resolution.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**M**     [19-115](#)

PROJECT SEARCH GRADUATION RECOGNITION.

Presented by: Jeannette Livingston, Assistant Director, Sedgwick

County Developmental Disability Organization.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

*VISUAL PRESENTATION*

*Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Assistant Director, Developmental Disability Organization, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am so pleased to be here today to recognize our 2019 graduating class of Project Search interns. Project Search is a collaboration with Wichita Public Schools offering students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their final year of school, real world work experience. The interns work about 20 hours a week for 10 weeks in a variety of different internship opportunities at various Sedgwick County departments.*

*"The departments that participated in 2019 include Corrections, their Adult Field Service and Juvenile Field Services Office, Exploration Place, Department on Aging, Finance, Print Shop/Mailroom, Department on Health in their Preventive Health Office, COMCARE Medical Records, SCDDO (Sedgwick County Developmental Disabilities Organization), the Courthouse Café and the Register of Deeds.*

*"I also want to just look over the audience and thank all the supervisors from these departments that are here and supporting the interns. I know that means a lot to the interns today, thank you. We really couldn't do it without the support of the departments and supervisors, and we have Linda Kizzire, our Sedgwick County Treasurer, and one of her star employees here to talk about their experience as a department with Project Search."*

*Ms. Ashlea Thompson, Fiscal Associate, Treasurer's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you."*

*Ms. Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You want to go first?"*

*Ms. Thompson said, "Yes. I am always punctual, reliable, responsible, thoughtful, dependable and respectful. I am so grateful of the work I am doing. Before I became a co-worker/mentor, I was an intern doing internships. I am so caring to my friends, that I appreciate it. I do fun stuff with the ARC [inaudible] and the art club at the ARC of Sedgwick County. I have the best supervisor I could ask for at my job. I have awesome co-workers at my job, and they are really nice. I have a good mom and sister all the time because I am really caring to them and my family, and I am so sweet to everybody. I was learning how to be a good employee after becoming an intern. I was learning how to handle stress properly. I was learning how to be initiative at other tasks before they are available. I had a certificate in Microsoft Word and Excel from CPRF (Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation) a couple years ago before Project Search, and I am so thankful to have you all here. Thanks, bye."*

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Madam Treasurer, do you have anything you'd like to say?"*

*Ms. Kizzire said, "Ashlea is a delight. I know that a lot of you see her throughout the courthouse every day. She's a little shining star. She's a rock star at her job. I thank the Commissioners for the involvement that you have in Project Search. I still think we need to get more people on board, more departments on board. Ashlea has been a*

*full-time employee in the Treasurer's Office since May 11th..."*

*Ms. Thompson said, "2015."*

*Ms. Kizzire said, "...2015. She went through an interview process, did the testing, just like anyone else that applies for a job in our office, and I can't tell you the importance of giving people opportunities that don't always get the opportunities that other people do get. She's delightful. We love her. I just don't know what else to say about you other than you're my good friend."*

*Ms. Thompson said, "Yes, thank you."*

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

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you, Ashlea."*

*Ms. Kizzire said, "You want a hug?"*

*Ms. Thompson said, "Yes."*

*Ms. Kizzire said, "You want to say something else?"*

*Ms. Thompson said, "Yes."*

*Ms. Kizzire said, "Okay, you want to say something else, and then we'll go sit down."*

*Ms. Thompson said, "Okay."*

*Ms. Kizzire said, "Okay."*

*Ms. Thompson said, "Before I had this job in May 2015, I did 10-key and data entry and the typing test before interviewing before employment, and I have good people to work with, and they are so respectful to me, and I appreciate it. Thank you so much, you all."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you."*

*Ms. Livingston said, "So some of our entry-level positions, particularly those that have a lot of high turnover, Ashlea has been in one in almost four years, which I'm not sure if that sets a record, but it's probably close. Just giving folks a chance to show what they can do. It's been very helpful, so we are looking for more departments, so if any other departments are interested, please they can contact me. But now I would like to introduce our 2019 interns."*

*"I would mention that we started the year with ten, but we had two interns that actually started employment prior to graduation. One of those interns is at Center Industries, and he would have been here, but he did not want to miss work, so I want to send congratulations out to Eric Sanchez. Good job, Eric, and we appreciate it, and good luck on the job. The other intern, I'm happy to say, is a Sedgwick County employee, and we have him here today, so we can congratulate him with his class. So now I'd*

*have the interns stand, and we'll hand out certificates. Okay, Aaliyah Nelson. Aaliyah interned at the Registrar of Deeds, Courthouse Cafe and Exploration Place. Aaliyah is an independent worker who enjoys a challenge. She's looking for a career in something she can be passionate about and enjoy going to work every day.*

*"Andrew Orchard. Alright, Andrew interned at Corrections-Juvenile Field Services, the Health Department and at Goodwill. He's a people-person with a great sense of humor who's a quick learner, and really enjoys working as part of a team. Bethany Bigelow. Bethany interned with Finance, Department on Aging and the Health Department. She is certified in Word and Excel. Bethany is a dependable team player looking forward to starting a career."*

*Ms. Bethany Bigelow, Intern, Project Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to thank all the supervisors here that helped us get started in our work, and I would like to thank Project Search."*

*Ms. Livingston said, "Casey Dunn. Casey interned at the SCDDO. She's also certified in Word and Excel, and she's very detailed-oriented, has an excellent memory and is looking for a position in an office or a retail setting."*

*Ms. Casey Dunn, Intern, Project Search, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would just like to thank Project Search because it helped me actually get out of my shell a little bit. I wasn't always this outgoing before. I hope you, young lady, take care of that cough of yours."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Oh, I know."*

*Ms. Livingston said, "Jessica Curtis. Jessica interned with Juvenile Field Services and the Courthouse Cafe. She is HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) trained and enjoys working as part of the team. Jessica is excited to start a career that builds on her two strongest traits, hardworking and independent. Jon Listerman. Jon interned with COMCARE Medical Records, Health Department and Department on Aging. Jon really enjoys doing repetitive work and does not get bored. He's one that will work a job non-stop until it's done."*

*Mr. Jon Listerman, Intern, Project Search, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to thank everyone for coming and watching me get my thanks."*

*Ms. Livingston said, "Montez Miles. Montez began the year interning with the Sedgwick County Print Shop. He did such an outstanding job, he was hired. They knew a good employee when they saw one. He really likes his team and his job. You know, Montez is an excellent representative of Project Search and Sedgwick County. We're so glad to have you here today."*

*Mr. Montez Miles, Intern, Project Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you. I'd like to thank everyone in Project Search and in the Print Shop."*

*Ms. Livingston said, "Rosa Rodarte. Rosa interned at Corrections-Adult Field Services, Exploration Place and at Goodwill. She has a great personality and works hard at her own pace. Rosa is particularly skilled at file breakdown, custodial and sorting clothes. Sean Seiler. Sean interned with Exploration Place, COMCARE Medical Records and the Print Shop. Sean is honest, mature, shows good judgment, is never one to*

*complain about a job task. Sean actually has a job. He's been hired by Center Industries, and he'll start April 23rd.*

*"That's our graduating class for 2019. I do want to stop and thank the teacher Cheryl Hutchinson and Nate Pogh, our job coach, and all of those supervisors and others that have made the program successful. We are hosting a come-and-go reception after the meeting here immediately following. We're in the county boardroom. I hope maybe, Commissioners, if you get out of your meeting early enough, you can come join us for some cookies and some punch. Any department folks that are looking for your good employees, you're welcome to come and meet our interns as well."*

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

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Thank you, guys, so much for being here today, and congratulations too. It sounds like you've really worked hard, and I am trying to take care of this cough. It's been lingering for like eight weeks now, so if you have any suggestions, please send them my way."*

*Audience Member said, "Plenty of water and sleep."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Oh, okay. Maybe the water is what I'll do. Congratulations."*

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

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "Thank you. Yeah, incredible class. Congratulations. We're very happy for you. I actually have a friend in the audience that I had wanted to say a word. Is Benny Boman here? Is Benny in the back of the room? Benny, why don't you come up to the podium and talk about how this has impacted your family like we had talked about yesterday. Benny is a former state representative and a constituent of mine and a friend. He called me yesterday because he had some pictures he wanted to show of his granddaughter but didn't have time to get that put in, but definitely wanted to have you give us some insight."*

*Mr. Benny Boman, 1914 South Euclid, Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Jessica Curtis has autism. Of course, when she was born, for the first six months to a year we didn't know if she was going to survive, and so anyway, what I wanted to bring out is that in autism they, well she was first diagnosed with dyslexia, and then they later they changed it to autism, but she had trouble. When her mother first noticed she was having trouble was that she didn't learn to talk as soon as the other kids did. By age three, she decided, well, she must have a problem, and that's when she took her to the doctor. But somewhere I saw the incidents of autism, I think it was back in the '70s, occurred something like in 1 out of 120,000 or 150,000. I had an AMA (American Medical Association) Encyclopedia that was copyrighted in 1989, it says the incidents of autism is 2 or 4 per 10,000. Last year in July of 2018, Dr. Blaylock, who I get his monthly newsletter, and he announced the cause of autism is children being vaccinated at a very early age, and of course, there are three times as many boys have autism than girls. In July of last year, he said the incidents of autism in males is 1 out of 50. Thank you. Do you have any questions?"*

*Commissioner O'Donnell said, "No. Thank you for coming and supporting your granddaughter."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Meitzner."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Thank you. I extend my congratulations to the class. I noted that, Ashlea, you mentioned CPRF, and I know that Sean is getting ready to start at Center Industries, and you mentioned somebody else. It's heartwarming personally to me. I've been on the board at CPRF for a number of years, and our mission is exactly what, at that board, is to do what have Ashlea and Sean and the other gentleman doing that. Center Industries is part of our mission, and if anybody has a chance to ever go through that operation, it's fascinating. One of the things that Center Industries does with people like Sean, and who's the other gentleman that you mentioned that works there?"*

*Ms. Livingston said, "Eric."*

*Commissioner Meitzner said, "Eric. The next time you're flying out on a 737 of Southwest Airlines, every 737 that's flying around the world, all of the windows, the window wells in every plane is made by people like Sean, and its Center Industries for Spirit. It's a fantastic environment. I'm inspired to see if any of the Commissioners or anybody else want to go take a tour of that operation. It's very impressive. I'm very happy for you all personally, and it's very rewarding for all of us, for our community. They also make, oh that's right, and you remind me, and also at Center Industries, every tag on every car, your car tags are made there, including the latest Wichita Flag tag. So when you order your tags and get them in the mail or if you get them there, they're made there at Center Industries, so again, thank you. They make some other stuff, too, but one of those is pretty amazing. They do a lot of stuff. It's great, so thank you. Thanks for letting me share my appreciation as well."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to thank Director Livingston for your role in this and for bringing this to the county. I've watched this for a few years now, and I've noticed that every single year, this is bigger and bigger and bigger. This is the largest class, is that correct?"*

*Ms. Livingston said, "Correct."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "I think that the number of interns that are getting employment is also clearly going up."*

*Ms. Livingston said, "Absolutely."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "So this is a hugely successful program, and I just want to say thank you for that. It's exciting to see the interns come before us each year. I would agree with the comments before me. I've been at Center Industries and looked at the window belts that they make for those airplanes. I come from the aviation industry. Let me just tell you, the quality standards are extremely high. It's a very technical job, and they demand perfection in what they provide out of that plant. The folks are doing tremendous work. It's extremely high-skill and has to have perfection every time. So this is not, you know, trying to provide work for someone who is not providing excellent value.*

*"They are doing the same job as anybody would do here in Wichita in terms of the highest perfection and highest quality of work. They're doing tremendous work out at that facility, and so I'm extremely impressed. I've seen the tags. They do excellent work there. It's kind of fun to watch manufacturing. I'm kind of that way. I love the manufacturing side of things. So it's a great place to tour, and I'm so impressed with*

*what they do there.*

*Commissioner Howell continued, "Anyway, I've gotten to know some of the folks that's come through this program. I've seen Ashlea, I'd say, at least weekly, and she reminds me every week when I see her that this program exists and is doing a great job, and I love it. So thank you for what you do, and congratulations to the interns once again."*

*Ms. Thompson said, "Thank you, [Commissioner] Howell."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Well Ashlea, thank you for being here."*

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Linda, thanks for speaking this morning. Jeannette, thanks for bringing in Project Search. I know that all of our Commissioners are very pleased to be able to host this each year. I know, also, the only thing standing between me and your snacks is how long I talk, so I'm going to cut it off, and thank you all very much for being here, and I'll let you go to your reception that you're going to have now, and if we can possibly get out early enough, we'll try and join you. Thank you all."*

#### MOTION

*Commissioner Howell moved to receive and file.*

*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, and we'll wait just a moment before we continue. Madam Clerk, next item, please."*

#### Received and Filed

N [19-286](#)

CONSIDERATION OF THIRD TERM RENEWAL OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - JUVENILE SERVICES REINVESTMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$614,028.00 AND REGIONAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 TO SUPPORT DELIVERY OF EVIDENCE BASED SERVICES TO YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES AND MAINTAIN CONTRACTED SERVICES FOR SUBSTANCE TREATMENT AND DAY SCHOOL.

Presented by: Glenda Martens, Director  
Department of Corrections

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, and if



awarded authorize acceptance of the grant, the establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this Request.

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

*Ms. Glenda Martens, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to say this is a very hard act to follow. I know we're going to want to go through this. We did have several Project Search interns working in Corrections, always enjoy them each and every year, so it was great to have them. So I want to move forward with our grants. We have several to go through this morning. This morning, I'm here to present for your approval the State Fiscal Year 20 Reinvestment and Regional Grant Applications to the Kansas Department of Corrections- Juvenile Services. The grant application budget for reinvestment is \$614,028 and the regional is \$250,000. The renewal application is due May 31, 2019. The purpose of these grants is to utilize dollars saved by the state in their defunding of home placements. The funds target evidence-based services to support juvenile offenders with moderate and high criminogenic risk factors to remain in their homes and communities."*

*"Under the reinvestment grant, Sedgwick County has implemented the Evening Reporting Center as a place to serve coordinated services based on the need responsivity model. The Evening Reporting Program utilizes evidence-based programming, including aggression replacement training, clinical services directed at youth needs, trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, moral reconnection therapy, seeking safety, thinking for a change, as well as family engagement. We have an expeditor, a workforce development, and substance abuse treatments are on site. There are a total of nine FTEs (Full Time Equivalent) under the reinvestment grant, and there are no grant match requirements."*

*"Under the regional collaboration, we partner with seven other counties: Butler, Elk, Greenwood, Cowley, McPherson, Harvey and Sumner, to provide evidence-based programming and services that will keep youth in their home, communities and to reduce recidivism. There are two FTE positions which include a program manager and a corrections coordinator. This is the third year of the three-year funding, and it ends in 2020. However, I have been told that this funding is going to continue further. Sedgwick County and our regional partners have an interest in providing services and programming that evidence-based and delivery with fidelity. Our regional partners have difficulty providing and sustaining groups due to their low numbers in their programs."*

*Ms. Martens continued, "So on March 29th, our Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, which is called Team Justice, reviewed the application and recommends your approval. I'm happy to stand for questions."*

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

*Commissioner Howell said, "Well thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say thank you for all you do. I feel like this is a good news day for us apparently, because I love the things we've done so far, but honestly, every time I think about what you do with our Corrections Department, both the adult side and the juvenile side, I love what Sedgwick County is doing. Anytime we do have more evidence-based programming, it's worth every penny, and so I want to say thank you for bringing this to us. I support everything you've talked about this morning. I think this is the low hanging fruit for us. The more we can do this, the better Sedgwick County is going to be. With that, I just want to say thank you."*

**MOTION**

*Commissioner Howell moved to approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant, the establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request.*

*Commissioner Cruse seconded the motion.*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. We have a motion and a second. I know that you've been around and briefed each and every one of our Commissioners on this in detail, and actually you're going to talk about three or four more..."*

*Ms. Martens said, "Yes."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "...here in just a moment. I don't see any questions. We've supported this in the past. I see that we're going to support it in the future. So with that, 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, "Next item, please."*  
**Approved**

**O     [19-287](#)**

CONSIDERATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,051,441.16 FOR THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS- JUVENILE SERVICES (KDOC-JS) SFY 20 FUNDING AND APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES FOR YOUTH ATTORNEY SERVICES.

Presented by: Glenda Martens, Director, Department of Corrections

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant, the establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this Request, and contract with Kansas Legal Services.

*Ms. Martens said, "Today I'm presenting, for your approval, State Fiscal Year, the Juvenile Comprehensive Plan Block Grant. The total allocation for this grant is \$3,051,441.16. Of this amount, \$2,884,113.88 is for graduated sanctions programs, which include our Juvenile Intake and Assessment [Center] (JIAC), our Juvenile Intensive Supervision, case management and conditional release program. We also have \$167,327.28 is for prevention programs. This is an annual grant for Kansas Administrative Counties who are responsible for implementing their judicial districts comprehensive plan for development, implementation operation and improvement of the Juvenile Community Corrections Services. This funding also includes targeted*

dollars for prevention. In State Fiscal Year 2020, the plan is for Corrections to bring the case management portion of the services in-house and continue to contract with Kansas Legal Services for the attorney representation of services.

"The funding provides for 22 FTE positions at Juvenile Field Services, 12 FTE positions at JIAC, and one ISO (Intensive Supervision Officer) for the prevention case management portion. The amount of funding is the same as last year. As a result, we are also reducing staffing at JIAC by 2 part-time positions, 1 office specialist and 2 ISO I positions from Juvenile ISP (Intensive Supervision Program). Those positions currently will not be people that we will be losing, but just positions. The Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board participated in the development of the comprehensive plan, approved the plan and the grant application at their March 29 meeting, and I'm happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you, Glenda. Do we have any questions? Seeing no questions, you did a good job when you came around and briefed each and every one of us."

Ms. Martens said, "Thank you."

#### MOTION

Chairman Dennis moved to approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant, the establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request, and contract with Kansas Legal Services.

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."

**Approved**

P [19-288](#)

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$740,966.15 FOR KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH TIYOSPAAE, INC. (DBA HIGHER GROUND) FOR SUBSTANCE TREATMENT/PEER MENTORING SERVICES AND A MOU WITH COMCARE FOR THERAPIST/CASE MANAGEMENT

SERVICES.

Presented by: Glenda Martens, Director, Sedgwick County Department of Corrections

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant, the establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this Request, and authorization to enter into contract with Tiyospaye, Inc. (DBA Higher Ground) for substance treatment /peer mentoring services and a MOU with COMCARE for therapist/case management services.

*Ms. Martens said, "I'm here to present for your approval State Fiscal Year 20 for the Behavioral Health Grant Application to the Kansas Department of Corrections. Again, the grant application budget request is for \$740,966.15. The purpose of this funding is to enhance and develop behavioral health programs, interventions in the community and to reduce recidivism as a result. Community Corrections agencies that receive previous funding and have since State Fiscal Year 2014. We have submitted a proposal with the intent of sustaining and enhancing strategies that will improve services to our clientele.*

*"The State Fiscal Year 20 budget includes funding to sustain current positions that provide cognitive skills programming, peer mentoring and mental health strategies proven to reduce recidivism.*

*Ms. Martens continued, "This grant also is to restore a position focused on substance treatment intervention and an additional position to implement and provide continuous quality improvements for batterers' intervention program. The grant is due on or before May 1st to the Kansas Department of Corrections. On March 28th, our Community Corrections Advisory Board reviewed and approved the grant application."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Thank you, Glenda. Do we have any questions for Glenda? Seeing no questions, again, you did a good job of coming around briefing us in the past."*

MOTION

*Chairman Dennis moved to approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant, the establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request, and authorization to enter into contract with Tiyospaye, Inc. (DBA Higher Ground) for substance treatment /peer mentoring services and a MOU with COMCARE for therapist/case management services.*

*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**

**Q**     [19-289](#)

CONSIDERATION OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,776,090.63 FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADULT OFFENDER PROGRAMS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Presented by: Glenda Martens, Director, Sedgwick County Department of Corrections

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant and the establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this Request.

*Chairman Dennis said, "Well welcome back, Glenda."*

*Ms. Martens said, "This is the Glenda Martens show. I'm here to present for your approval the State Fiscal Year 20 Comprehensive Plan Grant Application to the Kansas Department of Corrections. The grant application budget request is for \$3,776,090.63, which is a decrease from last year's funding by \$110,297. I would just remind the county that we have, over the last five years, taken a decrease each and every year, and it's a little more than \$500,000 over the last five years. The purpose of the funding, though, is to plan, carry out and oversee Community Corrections Act Programming in the 18th Judicial District. The Sedgwick County Department of Corrections provides the 18th Judicial District Court with intermediate level sanctions and supervision options in sentencing felony clients to a term of probation versus placement in the Kansas Department of Corrections. The funding also supports operation of Adult Residential Center.*

*"The State Fiscal Year 20 budget includes funding for positions, but due to the budget restraints, we are unfunding 11 FTE positions. This includes 9 ISO positions, 1 program manager and 1 office specialist. This grant is due on or before May 1, 2019 to the Kansas Department of Corrections. We anticipate a projected client revenue of \$500,000 between the Adult Intensive Supervision and the Adult Residential Service Center. We continue to request additional county funds in the amount of \$250,000 to support the adult residential and funds in the amount of \$825,000 to support adult ISP, intensive supervision. On March 28th, our Community Corrections Advisory Board reviewed and approved the application. So I would answer any questions you might have about that."*

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

*Commissioner Cruse said, "I just want to briefly say thank you so much for explaining all of this stuff to me. As I learn, there is so much that I just am blown away by. The one thing that I was blown away by was the fact that our money has decreased, and you know, we have our juvenile system that we're kind of staying the same and the numbers are decreasing, but our adult detention, the money is going down, but our numbers are going up. So I just want to bring that to everyone's attention that I think that we need to start doing a little bit better and lobbying our state to understand that*

*Sedgwick County is the second largest county in the state, and maybe we should start doing a little bit better with the money that's awarded to us.*

*"As I learn this, I just want to do everything that I can to make sure that we are paying attention to mental health, substance abuse, all of those things, because I feel like it is an interconnected circle. All of these issues that we have in our community, I mean, our juvenile system, our adult system, our Sedgwick County Jail, our firefighters I see sitting here, you know, I mean, it's all connected. We have to start thinking of it as that. I know that we are, but I think that we could do a better job. So thank you for your continued work. I appreciate learning from you, and I appreciate all the work that you do. I think that you have an incredible staff.*

*Commissioner Cruse continued, "Every time I go there or I have toured, I was just very impressed by your operation, and thank you so much for your work."*

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Do you have a motion?"*

#### **MOTION**

*Commissioner Cruse moved to approve the application for the grant, and if awarded authorize acceptance of the grant and the establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial considerations section of this request.*

*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, "Well thank you, Glenda. We appreciate..."*

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "...what you do. Obviously, from the number of items that you just went through, you have a huge impact on this community. Thank you very much."*

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

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

**Approved**

**R**     [19-297](#)

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 11, 2019.**

**Presented by: Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the recommendations of the Board**

of Bids and Contracts.

*Chairman Dennis said, "Welcome back, Joe. We missed you last week."*

*Mr. Joe Thomas, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have three items that came from the meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts of April 11th, and we would like to present them for your consideration."*

1. ROAD IMPROVEMENTS -- PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING -- R331 TRAFFIC CONTROL 16+

*"This recommendation is to accept the bid from Traffic Control Services, Inc., and it's in the amount of \$614,934.90."*

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

*"This recommendation is to accept the bid from Cutler Repaving, Inc., and it is in the amount of \$1,786,798.06."*

3. WEST YARD FABRIC MEMBRANE SALT STORAGE STRUCTURE --  
PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING -- SALT STORAGE WEST YARD

*"This recommendation is to accept the low bid from A&B Construction LTD, and that's in the amount of \$96,451."*

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "I don't see any questions. It looks like Mr. Spears is keeping you busy."*

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

*Chairman Dennis said, "Do you have anything, Mr. Spears? Very good."*

*Mr. David Spears, Assistant County Manager of Public Works, Facilities Maintenance, Project Services and County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On the minutes, I've got to make a correction. On Item Two, the road improvements, it was reported that we're only doing 5 miles of 2 lane road, and then Linda Kizzire calculated at \$350,000 a mile, which would be right, but we're not doing 5 miles of 2 lane roads. We're doing 7.1 miles of 4 lane roads. So you add that with the turn lanes in there, and there's actually 29.25 lane miles."*

*Ms. Spears continued, "So if you had 28 lane miles, that's like 14 miles of road, of 2 lane road, you see what I mean? So the actual cost for a 2 lane road would be \$120,000. I didn't want that to go on, and that's our fault. We reported it as 5 miles, but it wasn't, it was 7.1 road miles of 4 lane, which is 29.25 lane miles. So, sorry to make that more confusing, but I wanted to get the record straight."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Spoken like a true engineer. Thank you."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Did you survive that party the other night?"*

*Mr. Spears said, "It was last night, and it was out at the zoo."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "No wonder why you look tired."*

*Mr. Spears said, "It was great. We had..."*

*Commissioner Cruse said, "Yeah, I'm kidding."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. I don't see any questions whatsoever."*

**MOTION**

*Chairman Dennis moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts.*

*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, Joe. Appreciate it."*

*Mr. Thomas said, "Thank you, sir."*

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

**Approved**

**CONSENT**

*Mr. Thomas Stolz, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Recommend approval of Consent Items S through Z this morning."*

**MOTION**

*Chairman Dennis moved to approve Consent Agenda Items Sierra (S) through Zulu (Z).*

*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>



*Commissioner Meitzner      Aye*  
*Chairman Dennis            Aye*

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

- S**     [19-290](#)             Additions to the Sedgwick County Zoo staffing table.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- T**     **19-321**             Changes to the County Manager's Office and Human Resources Division Staffing Tables.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- U**     [19-320](#)             2018 Annual Expense Report of Rockford Township and Minneha Township  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- V**     [19-318](#)             Capital Improvement Program Amendment Adult Detention Facility (ADF) Expansion and Renovation.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- W**     [19-300](#)             One (1) Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Bridge Project 823-DD-300; on Hydraulic between 111th & 119th Streets South. CIP# B-489. District 2.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- X**     [19-301](#)             One (1) Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 819-Y; on Seneca South of Haysville. District 2.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- Y**     [19-302](#)             One (1) Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Stream Maintenance Project on 215th West between 13th & 21st Streets North. District 3.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**
- Z**     [19-296](#)             General Bill Check Register for April 3, 2019 - April 9, 2019.  
**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

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

*Mr. Pepoon said, "As you heard from our Election Commissioner yesterday, Tabitha Lehman, she was happy to report that Senate Bill 130 was signed by the Governor. It's the bill that's going to allow people on Election Day to hopefully in the next general election be able to vote, and perhaps primary vote at any polling place, assuming the Secretary of State and everybody's on the same page regarding rules and regulations. I checked yesterday, and House Bill 2084, the House Bill relating to raising the 911 fees, still hadn't been signed by the Governor, but she probably has another couple of*

*days to get that done, so that should be imminent, so that's about all I have at this time, sir."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Very good. Any questions? Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Well thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have, I guess, a comment, or maybe a concern about Senate Bill 130. I love the bill. I think it makes a lot of sense, and I don't care if you're left or right on the political spectrum, this is smart legislation, because it simply reduces the number of provisional ballots for people who have the right to vote and helps them vote an entire ballot rather than a partial ballot. I think this is smart, but one of the concerns I have is I've been reading some of the comments on social media regarding this bill. I would tell you, there's a lot of misinformation. I think we have got to do something to educate, I guess, why this bill makes sense and do our best to explain that this is not creating voter fraud opportunities."*

*"This is something that allows legal registered voters a better opportunity to access a legal ballot. It doesn't really open up fraud opportunities in any way. I think the secret there really is the electronic poll book. If someone chooses to vote, in whatever method they choose to vote, once they've started that process, we know about that. If they try to vote elsewhere, another day or whatever, that prevents them from double voting."*

*Commissioner Howell continued, "So there is a thing in the process to take care of that. In fact, on early voting right now, they could theoretically go to a poll site and vote their proper ballot style, and they could still try to vote, if you wanted, say, someplace else. We would know about it immediately for the very same reason. The electronic poll book solves that problem."*

*"But anyway, I guess my concern is that there's people that have really reacted to this. I think we've got to do something, a PSA (Public Service Announcement) or something, to get the information out that this is actually smart. The second thing I'm concerned about is this. It's been reported widely, even in the press release from the Governor's Office yesterday, that this is something that's available immediately, and it's not. We got a letter from the Secretary of State saying they have to create rules and regulations before we are going to be allowed to utilize this new opportunity for our voters."*

*"The reality is, I don't want someone to assume the very next election that they can go anywhere, because this could cause some problems. So the implementation of this is pending, depending on when the Secretary of State gets those rules and regs out. Our office and our staff can implement those rules and regs properly. So this is not an immediate implementation of this law. I'm afraid that by all of the reporting that I've read, all of it, implies this is something that starts right now. So we've got to get some messaging out. I'm very concerned about that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."*

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

*Commissioner Cruse said, "I just want to give a shout-out to our Communications team, because I do feel like they are doing a really good job at communicating things. Could we do a little bit better? Possibly so. But I really appreciate the work that you guys do. If we based our communication strategies on comments sections of any social media platform, we will be running circles all day. So I don't believe that we can go off of a comment section. I think that we need to have a good strategy of how to*

*communicate, and I do think that you guys are doing a very good job at what you do, so thank you for your continued work."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. So just to weigh in on this, we possibly need to get a little bit better information out on this. I know what Commissioner Cruse is saying. We don't want to react to things, but by the same token, I don't know that people truly understand what the intent of this bill was. Also, Commissioner Howell mentioned that Secretary Schwab sent out a letter to each of us yesterday that said that it isn't in effect immediately, that we need rules and regulations to be put in place.*

*Chairman Dennis continued, "What my hope is, and we're going to have to get all the Commissioners to weigh in on this and work with our attorney, but my hope is that I don't believe we need to wait for the Secretary of State's Office and Secretary Schwab to come up with the rules and regulations, because I think each county is different, and if he tries to make rules and regulations that apply to 105 counties from a very small county, which voting is different and have different rules and regulations and things that they need to do to make it work for their county, and then we talk about Sedgwick County where we've got polling places all across the county. It's completely different. It's night and day.*

*"What I would hope that he'd put out is word to have each Election Commissioner put together the rules and regulations for that county and send it up to his office for approval, and that's the direction we ought to go. That keeps the control locally. I don't believe that we need the state telling us how to run an election here in Sedgwick County, especially since each and every one of them are different. So we're going to have to get all the Commissioners to see if they agree with me on this, so we may have to have a staff meeting or something to bring it up with in the future. But I don't personally believe that we need to have the state tell us how to run our Election Office. Commissioner Howell."*

*Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just two clarifications. Number one, I'm not criticizing our Communications Department in any way. They do a great job, and I love what they do. I just see this as an opportunity that we need to realize there is misinformation out there in the community on what this bill does and why it does it. The second part of this bill, of course, helps with the signature aspect of the mail ballots that come in. Again, there's been some history of us not accepting a signature, and so a ballot would be thrown out because a signature was wrong. This allows an opportunity for that voter to clarify and to rectify that problem.*

*"The second part, of course, is this allows more voters to be able to vote on a ballot on the front end rather than have to use a provisional ballot and have a part of a ballot disregarded. So this is really, I think, excellent legislation, and I just see an opportunity for us to work hard and try and provide that information out to the community, because I've heard more negative than positive. I just want to make sure we do that. I'm not criticizing our Communications staff in any way.*

*"With respect to working with Secretary of State Schwab at the state, we are one of the four counties that actually has an Election Commissioner. I think we are leading the state in terms of where I think we've got the best equipment. We have invested in that equipment. It's designed to be audited. We're continuing to lead on legislation. We led a couple of years on the audit legislation. We got that passed, and we've actually*

*started doing audits now. I think we have some interest in helping with the expired voter ID issue that we experienced in the school bond election we just did a couple weeks ago.*

*Commissioner Howell continued, "The reality is, I think we have a good relationship with the Secretary of State. We ought to suggest, if you will, the rules and regs that we would like to see him allow us to do. Lastly, this is a permissive law. It doesn't mandate that we do anything. It simply allows us to do it when it makes sense, and if we have the right equipment in place, and so if there's anything that's not safe and fair for the voters that allows any type of fraud to happen, we're not going to go forward. The reality is it's got to continue to be safe and secure. So with that, the voters of Sedgwick County can rest assured that we're very vigilant to make sure that the security of our elections is good. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman, thank you."*

*Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Anything else on Legislative Issues? Seeing nothing, next item, please."*

### **OTHER**

*Chairman Dennis said, "Does any Commissioners have anything that they'd like to discuss during Other? The only other thing that we have during Other is don't forget about the tire recycling coming up this weekend. It's a free event, and it's a great way of getting tires out of the environment. Next item, please."*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Chairman Dennis said, "We do not have a need for an Executive Session during the Board of County Commissioners meeting, so we'll skip that."*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.*