

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Karl Peterjohn, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Gwen Welshimer; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Kelly Parks; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Mr. Steve Cotter, Director, Emergency Medical Services; Ms. Cindy Burbach, Director of Health Protection, Health Department; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. David Miller, Budget Director, Finance; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing; Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Katie Asbury, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

INVOCATION

Observed by a moment of silence

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting April 21, 2010

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All Commissioners were present

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting April 28, 2010
All Commissioners were present

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the Minutes as read for the regular meetings of April 21, 2010, and April 28, 2010.

Chairman Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY, AKA WALK AT WORK.

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'll read this for the record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; more than 60% of Sedgwick County residents are overweight or obese, and preventable lifestyle-related illnesses account for 70 to 90 percent of all healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS; physical activity can help Americans live longer, healthier lives, as well as provide many other benefits, including:

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- Building and maintaining healthy bones and joints
- Controlling weight and reducing fat
- Reducing symptoms of anxiety and depression; and

WHEREAS; employers across the nation are promoting ‘worksite wellness’ activities to help employees take charge of their health, practice healthier behaviors and reduce healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS; health and wellness are important to Sedgwick County and we encourage promoting healthy eating and physical activity at home, at work and at school.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Karl Peterjohn, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May 19, 2010, as

‘National Employee Health and Fitness Day’

in Sedgwick County, and encourages employees throughout the county to begin a habit of living a healthier lifestyle by participating in a brisk walk every day to get the daily recommendation of 30 minutes of physical activity.

Ms. Zukovich said, “And it is dated May 19th, and it is signed by our Chairman, Karl Peterjohn.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “What is the will of the Commission?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh

Aye

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Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Ms. Zukovich said, “Commissioners, we have Claudia Blackburn here this morning from our Health Department to accept the proclamation.”

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you. Good morning, Commissioners. I am so happy to be here accepting this proclamation today for the 22nd ‘National Employee Health and Fitness Day,’ and our fifth annual Walk at Work day. And, of course, it’s raining outside, and so you’re probably wondering how we’re going to do this today, because we had 14 walks scheduled just at county facilities alone that were going to be open to county employees and the public. We will be changing the main walk, which was supposed to be noon today, to noon tomorrow, and people will have an opportunity to walk one, two, or three mile distances. We have our Chairman Peterjohn and our County Manager, Bill Buchanan, willing to lead those walks, even in the rain. I know that this is nothing for you, and if we lived in Seattle, this would be nothing for any of us, but we live in Wichita. We really like sunshine. In five years, this is the first time we’ve had any rain on this particular day. So what we’re asking is that people find another way to walk; walk inside, and walk outside if you like to. Tomorrow you might be able to walk. If not, we’re going to hold the registration open through next week, so that if you get your mile walk in at work, you can go online and register and be eligible for prizes.

“Not only is Sedgwick County participating in this, we have 79 businesses throughout the community that have signed up. When we did this the first year, we had five, so that’s like a 16 fold increase. It’s really wonderful. It shows that we have a changing culture; people understanding that they need to be active wherever they are; at home, at work, at school, at church, and so this, to me, represents the beginning of a sea change that we’re after. We would also like to let you know that this is the kickoff for the Chairman’s Challenge. That begins next week. Chairman Peterjohn is challenging all of us Sedgwick County employees to walk 10,000 steps a day. That’s about five miles, and we will be starting that on Monday, so this is the kickoff for that. And we want to encourage him, because he’s going to be leading us in that effort by doing the best job that we can to make that goal. And I’m sure he’ll have a little bit more to say about that.”

Ms. Blackburn continued, “People can go to the Sedgwick County website, www.sedgwickcounty.org, to find out what the change in plans is, but right now the plan is that we’ll walk tomorrow at noon at the courthouse, and meeting at the courthouse, and then you’ll have the opportunity, if you’re in the county and you are with a work site that has registered for this

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event, to go online after you've done your walk and register and you'll be eligible for a fabulous prize. So thank you very much for this proclamation, and love to hear what you have to say."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you. I would just add that I am hoping that the weather is going to be cooperating. My understanding is after today, we're supposed to have a break from all the rain, so with a little sunshine helping us out, I think we're going to be in great shape however this event begins. And I've run into a lot of county employees walking around in this building and the stairways. I've found that I can often get to other floors in this building a lot faster by using the stairs than by taking the elevator, so it's a good experience and I look forward to walking, just like I participated in the 5k a couple weeks ago."

Ms. Blackburn said, "Wonderful."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Ms. Blackburn said, "I would like to say that I see a lot of people walking around the Health Department now. I think this has really spurred some change. People are walking in small groups and using it to reduce their stress at work. So it's really a good way to reduce blood pressure, stress and just overall improve health. Thank you very much."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Next item."

B. PROCLAMATION DECLARING May 16 – 22, 2010 AS EMS WEEK WITH PRESENTATION.

Ms. Zukovich said, "Commissioners, I'll read this for the record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS; the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS; access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS; the emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, educators, administrators and others; and

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WHEREAS; the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS; it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Karl Peterjohn, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May 16 – 22, 2010, as

‘Emergency Medical Services Week’

The theme of EMS Week is ‘Anytime, Anywhere, We’ll be There’ and we encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Ms. Zukovich said, “And it is dated May 19th and signed by the Chairman, Karl Peterjohn.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you.”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye

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Chairman Peterjohn

Aye

Ms. Zukovich said, “Commissioners, we have Steve Cotter, our EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Director, here to receive this proclamation.”

Mr. Steve Cotter, Director, Emergency Medical Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This morning as I come to work and we celebrate ‘EMS Week,’ I listened on the radio as the rain came down, and this morning, just before the open of business this morning, our dedicated group of men and women have cared for somebody who has fallen and needed some assistance up, has cared for chest pain patients, has cared for car wreck victims in the rain. Almost 150 times a day, every day, a dedicated group of men and women, both career and volunteer, paramedics, EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians), firefighters, nurses, doctors, dispatchers and a host of others assist others in need in this community, and that makes a difference in our community. We have a very robust and unique EMS system here that is a model for the nation, and we are very proud of that, and that doesn’t come by accident. It comes because of a very hardworking group of dedicated individuals, are forward thinking and understand the need and value of providing emergency medical care to the community. And we are a better community because of that, and Wichita and Sedgwick County is a good place to live, and is a model for the nation with respect to EMS. And it doesn’t occur by accident. There are people in this room, both career and volunteer, that have dedicated their lives to the citizens of this community. And this is just our little opportunity once a year to come together and to simply say thank you for everything that the people in this community provide to the citizens. And I just want to personally say thank you and would like to recognize some members of the EMS community. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Would you like to introduce them specifically?”

Mr. Cotter said, “Well there’s a lot of them in here. We have our two Deputy Directors, first and foremost, Mr. Garry Tolle and Mr. Dennis Mauk. Some of our key administrative personnel, our Deployment Manager, Dave Johnston, our HR (Human Resources) Director, Chris Harris, our Training Coordinator, Mark Smith. We have one of the members of the Clearwater EMS system here with us this morning as well, and we have dedicated members of the Sedgwick County Fire Department that assists us invaluablely every day in caring for the citizens: Chief Curmode, Chief Segraves, and, I apologize...”

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Chairman Peterjohn said, “Chief Brazill.”

Mr. Cotter said, “I’m sorry, Chief Brazill and Williams. And these individuals work tirelessly together in concert and team work day in and day out. And if it weren’t for these individuals and the people that are out on the streets right now, doing what they love and doing what they do well, we would not have the community that we have today, and for that I thank them.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you. Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well, Steve, I’d certainly like to thank you for your comments, too, and let me add something. Last night I heard some sirens in my neighborhood, and went in, and turned on the scanner and listened to it for about 30 minutes. You know, that’s quite a long time to listen to something, but you guys had a lot of calls in that 30 minute time...”

Mr. Cotter said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Parks said, “...period. And I’m telling you, the professionalism on the radio, and the prioritizing the cases and everything that you worked in concert with 911; you could tell that you had great players out there and great supervisors. So I commend you for that.”

Mr. Cotter said, “Thank you, sir.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Well I’m going to join, since I had the opportunity about a month ago to go out on a weekend night and visit a number of the EMS stations, and it was quite an experience for this civilian, and I very much appreciate the opportunity I’ve had to work with you as the head of EMS, and I think this resolution is a great opportunity to provide some much overdue recognition.”

Mr. Cotter said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you.”

Mr. Cotter said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Next item.”

C. PROCLAMATION DECLARING RECREATIONAL WATER ILLNESS PREVENTION WEEK.

Ms. Zukovich said, “Commissioners, I’ll read this last proclamation:

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; in 2007, 52 confirmed cases of Cryptosporidium, a recreational water illness (RWI), were identified in Sedgwick County, causing some swimming pools and water fountains to be closed for the season. In 2008 and 2009, Sedgwick County saw five and four confirmed cases of Cryptosporidium respectively; and

WHEREAS; the week preceding Memorial Day (May 24 – 30, 2010) has been designated as National Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS; state and local health departments across the country investigated more RWI outbreaks in 2007 than ever before; and

WHEREAS; awareness of RWIs and healthy swimming behaviors play an important role in stopping the transmission of disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Karl Peterjohn, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May 24 through the 30th, 2010, as

‘Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week’

in Sedgwick County and encourages all citizens to practice healthy swimming behaviors.

Ms. Zukovich said, “And it is dated May 19th, signed by the Chairman, Karl Peterjohn.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you.”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Chairman Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

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Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Ms. Zukovich said, “Commissioners, we do have Cindy Burbach here from the Health Department to accept the proclamation.”

Ms. Cindy Burbach, Director of Health Protection, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you very much. And regardless of what it looks like, it will be summer and you will be in a pool, maybe, or you will have loved ones that will use recreational water outlets this summer. We’re talking generally about hot tubs, pools, interactive fountains, water parks, and so forth. And as Kristi said in the proclamation, 2007 may seem like a long time ago, but we had such an outbreak in our county that we actually put some things in place then, and we hope that it continues in a preventive mode, as she said, instead of 52 one year, we had five and four the next two years. We hope to keep it at that level. We’re doing a lot to prevent, and to inform and to educate folks. To work with this gives us great opportunity to work with the city, because it’s actually their staff that have the authority and the responsibility for inspecting pools, and then we get the responsibility for investigating the people illnesses that result. So we hope that everybody does their job; the users, the pool operators, the inspectors and us, in terms of education. We have, and you can find on the website if people would like to print them, a gorgeous poster that’s designed to inform users of pools as to good healthy behaviors. And our own Tony Guiliano is the one that did the graphics and artwork on this, and we think it’s beautiful. We have some individual copies here if anybody would like those.”

Ms. Burbach continued, “We’ve also got on the website a flyer that’s designed, it looks in this style, but it’s designed just for operators of pools to tell them about what to do with pool water and so forth. There’s a lot of microorganisms involved. There can be viruses, bacteria, chemical, parasitic, many of them are not severe, some of them are severe, some of them affect the GI (gastrointestinal) tract, some of them affect the skin, so there’s lots at stake here. And many of us could have one of these diseases and not really suffer a lot, but if you consider little ones, and of course they’re the hardest to control, in terms of pool behavior, they’re the ones that can get dehydrated very quickly and can have some more severe outcomes. So we appreciate the opportunity to educate the public, to educate you and just a reminder that summer is coming and be careful. We thank you for this proclamation.”

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Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "I had a question. Every year in the summertime I get a couple of emails from people about inspections, and we're not doing inspections from the county, and do you see a need for a law from us to give this more teeth or something to go after this?"

Ms. Burbach said, "We have worked in the past couple years, in fact, especially around 2007, with the city and with our folks in the county to decide, like jurisdictional issues, where ordinances, where resolutions, where different kinds of authorities are necessary, and it appears that we've got things covered. So if that comes up again and we find gaps again, we will bring it back. But thank you for..."

Commissioner Parks said, "Okay. Yeah. I will certainly forward those on if I get those again this year. And I'm not sure if this was somebody from the City of Wichita or one of the other 19 cities."

Ms. Burbach said, "In the city, the City of Wichita does have the jurisdiction and the authority."

Commissioner Parks said, "Okay. Thank you."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Ms. Burbach said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY (WSU), WICHITA, KANSAS TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS TO OBSERVE CLINICAL PRACTICE AND GAIN PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE IN A CLINICAL SETTING.**

Ms. Blackburn said, "One of the essential public health standards is to maintain a competent public health workforce, and one of the ways that we do this is through the development of students in the College of Health Professions at WSU (Wichita State University). These students are studying to be

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dental hygienists, nurses, physician assistants, medical technologists, nurse practitioners, and they will become part of the healthcare workforce and part of the public health workforce when they graduate, and so we want to do everything we can to foster their development. We do provide clinical experiences for students, and we have done this for a number of years, and we'd like to continue that. And that's what this agreement is about. It is a partnership between WSU and Sedgwick County Health Department for five years, and all of the liability insurance for the students and faculty is covered by WSU and there is no exchange of money involved. I recommend that you approve this agreement and authorize the Chair to sign and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement and any related documents.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Got a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Claudia, this looks like it's been just an ongoing agreement, is that correct?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "Yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "But we haven't ever experienced any conflicts, difficulties or problems?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "No."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "There's no additional cost to the county on this?"

Ms. Blackburn said, "No."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Okay. Seeing no further discussion, please call the vote."

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VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, WICHITA, KANSAS TO ALLOW MEDICAL ASSISTANT STUDENTS TO OBSERVE CLINICAL PRACTICE AND GAIN PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE IN A CLINICAL SETTING.

Ms. Blackburn said, "Commissioners, as with the previous agreement, we provide a clinical rotation site for medical assistance students. And this agreement will be a new one; we'll enter into this with the Wichita Technical Institute so that we can begin to have their students at our site as well. We use medical assistants, we hire medical assistants to assist in our clinic, and they are used throughout the community in doctors' offices, with other healthcare providers, so they're a valuable asset to the community and we would like to enter into this agreement. It will remain in force until either party opts out. And I recommend that you approve this agreement and authorize the Chair to sign and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Questions or comments for Ms. Blackburn?"

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement and any related documents.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "This question is for Mr. Euson. This is approved; I believe I see your approval form on this contract, are you comfortable with all the things, including the liabilities?"

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, I am. It's a pretty standard agreement that we've used in the past and we're very comfortable."

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Commissioner Parks said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Seeing no further comments or discussion, please call the vote.”

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Next item.”

3. ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE FOR HOMELAND SECURITY – KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL FOR FEDERAL ALLOCATIONS TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (SCKMMRS).

Ms. Blackburn said, “Commissioners, this addendum further extends the amended contract for \$232,330 for the Metropolitan Medical Response System grant through March 31st, 2010. It is a five month extension, and this program has been administered by the Health Department since 2000, in the last couple of years we’ve expanded it to include 19 counties, and the purpose of this is to be able to respond to a mass casualty event, provide the medical surge capacity to do so in the 19 county area. This money was used to purchase a medical surge tent, a generator to go with it and a box that we can store it in. It was also used to purchase an emergency advisory radio station and a trailer for EMS. And this will close out this grant, it is really a formality, and I recommend that you approve the addendum and authorize the Chair to sign.”

MOTION

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Commissioner Parks moved to approve the addendum to extend the grant deadline to March 31, 2010, and authorize the Chair to sign the contract and any related documents.

Chairman Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Ms. Blackburn said, “Thank you, Commissioners.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you. Next item.”

E. PRESENTATION OF GFOA DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD TO SEDGWICK COUNTY FOR THE 2010 ADOPTED BUDGET.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Last week we were pleased to receive two awards for our financial reporting, for the work of our Accounting Department. That is the backend of the financial process, if you will. Today we are here to accept an award for distinguished budget presentation, for the frontend of the financial cycle. When we do a budget, we are telling citizens what policies we’re going to operate by, what our operating plan is and what our financial plan is, how much of their money we want to take and what we want to do with it, and what services they’re going to receive, and what benefits they’re going to receive from those services. In order to communicate that effectively, we employ a budget document that is a fairly thick document, it contains an awful lot of information, and the best practices of our profession suggest that that document needs to contain a specific set of information in a specific form.

“In order to induce governments to adhere to those established best practices, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) in the mid-‘80s created an award process, the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, that is provided to governments that prepare a document that complies

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with those best practices and that goes through a peer review process to determine that the budget document in fact does everything that it is supposed to do. Sedgwick County has received this award for 27 consecutive years, for essentially the entire time that the award has been available. That is one of the longest successive strings of award in the country, and we are very proud of that. In Sedgwick County this year, our ability to earn that award is largely the result of David Miller, the county's Budget Director. And so I would ask David to step up to the podium at this time so that I can present the award to him and allow him to talk about the other people in his department who contributed to the county's receipt of the award."

Mr. David Miller, Budget Director, Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The receipt of this award is really a reflection of the hard work of the budget analysts for whom without we would not receive the award, and that includes Anthony Swartzendruber, Nikki Huntington, Jill Tinsley, Chris Duncan and Pete Giroux, and of course, without the guidance of Chris Chronis we certainly would not have received the award, either. The award is also a reflection of the countywide efforts in transparency and team work. When it comes to the allocation of scarce resources, we all will and should have different opinions about how those resources are spread out. But what we do know is that we all succeed and fail together, and the success of this award is really a reflection of the efforts of the entire county in meeting the transparency guidelines that are established by the GFOA, so thank you."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Questions or comments for Mr. Miller or Mr. Chronis? I will just state that I am delighted that we've had multiple awards provided, and I think it reflects well, especially in light of the addition of the transparency provisions that were provided for the public to be able to get financial information from the county, and I think puts us in a leadership position in providing that information to the public. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, David, just want to add my personal congratulations to the award and to all your team. I think what you have said in your remarks, and what the Chairman said, pretty well sums it up. But you all do a great job and Sedgwick County can be proud that we have this sort of group of folks working to make sure we do things the right way, and that we've got folks who are committed to a team work paradigm as we address budget challenges, and it's not an easy task, especially in the economic environment that we find ourselves. But you all do a wonderful job and we're really proud of you. Thank you."

Mr. Miller said, "Thank you, sir."

MOTION

Chairman Peterjohn moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you."

Mr. Miller said, "Thank you."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Next item."

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPEED ZONE ON 143RD STREET EAST BETWEEN THE NORTH CITY LIMITS OF WICHITA AND CENTRAL (839-N ¼ P) IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. DISTRICT 1.

Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item F is a resolution that authorizes the establishment of a 45 mile per hour speed zone on 143rd Street East between Central and the city limits of Wichita. The city limits are just south of the south end of the KTA (Kansas Turnpike Authority) bridge. This change is being recommended to you due to recent construction that changed the vertical alignment of the bridge. The old bridge had a short vertical curve that restricted stopping sight distance to 30 miles per hour, but the new bridge has a longer curve that will allow for the proposed increase in the speed limit. The change in the geometrics was not discussed with respect to the speed limit during design, and we have recently discovered the opportunity to bring the speed limit into uniformity with the surrounding area. Therefore, it is reasonable to modify the speed limit to conform to driver expectations. The speed limit to the north of Central is 45 miles per hour, and the city speed limit to the south is 55 miles per hour. The increase in the speed limit over the bridge to 45 miles per hour brings consistency to the speed limits and eliminates a short unnecessary low speed zone between the higher speed limits. I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

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MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Motion and a second. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. David, I appreciate the resolution and your responsiveness to a need we had on a really confusing stretch of road there. I think the bridge that you all constructed was really needed, it was important for safety and for moving traffic along on 143rd Street, but now that we have that nice new bridge with four lanes, five lanes actually, folks don't need to go down to 35 miles per hour. So I had received several complaints by folks who said, I don't get the speed limits out there. I think the response was pretty rapid and appropriate, so I appreciate your help in getting this corrected. Thank you."

Mr. Spears said, "Thank you."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "I did have a question of David. Was an engineering study done in conjunction with state and federal law in conforming to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, sir. Mark Borst performed the engineering study, and as you know, you cannot just arbitrarily change a speed limit. There has to be sound reasoning behind that, and in this particular case, there is."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, please call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

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Mr. Spears said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you. Next item.”

G. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 13, 2010.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of May 13th results in seven items for consideration today. First item;

**1. COLD MIX RECYCLING – PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING – R175 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE – SELECTED RDS**

“Recommendation is to accept the low bid from Hall Brothers Recycling & Reclamation, Inc. in the amount of \$359,000. Item 2;

**2. CITY SURFACE MIX – PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING – AGGREGATE MATERIALS**

“Recommendation is to accept the bid from Cornejo & Sons, LLC for an initial purchase of \$89,500 and establish contract pricing for one year with two one-year options to renew. Item 3;

**3. ARTICULATED CENTER MAINTAINERS – FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING – FLEET MANAGEMENT**

“And for the record, these are motor graders. Recommendation is to accept the low proposal from Murphy Tractor & Equipment in the amount of \$536,793 and establish contract pricing for parts and labor for three years. Item 4;

**4. PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES – COMCARE
FUNDING – COMCARE PREVENTION GRANT**

“Recommendation is to accept the awards to Sedgwick County Big Brothers/Big Sisters for \$154,500; Boys and Girls Club for \$120,000; Communities in Schools for \$170,000; Episcopal Social Services Venture House for \$71,086; Episcopal Social Services House alternative 1 for \$15,656; Kansas School for Effective Learning, Inc. for \$84,500; Mental Health Association alternate 1 in the amount of \$54,300; Mental Health Association for \$53,465; Higher Ground, a

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Tiospaye, Inc. Program, for \$91,500 and Central States Region Youth for Christ for \$80,000. Total amount of the award is \$895,007. Item 5;

**5. PCI SCANNING SERVICES – DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS
FUNDING – SYSTEMS AND SECURITY**

“Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Lighthouse IT Compliance Group at the rates listed for one year with two one-year options to renew. Item 6;

**6. SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCUBA) GEAR – SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1
FUNDING – SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL EQUIPMENT**

“Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$527,217.47. And Item 7;

**7. CHANGE ORDER #10, NATIONAL CENTER for AVIATION TRAINING – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING – JABARA CAMPUS**

“And that recommendation is to accept the change order with National Contractors, Inc. for \$216,287 and add 14 days to the contract. Would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you. Questions or comments on the Bid Board items for Ms. Baker?”

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts with the exception of Item 7.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Peterjohn said, “And there’s a motion and a second. Item 7, just to help me out, that’s the change order for the National Center for Aviation Training (NCAT), correct, Commissioner Parks?”

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Commissioner Parks said, "That is correct."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Okay. We have a motion and a second. I'd like to throw out a couple comments on the other items. There's been a lot of discussion and a lot of media attention about the fact that sometimes Sedgwick County has not been in complete harmony with our neighbors across the street with the City of Wichita, but I must point out that Item 6 for the self-contained breathing apparatuses is an excellent example of city/county cooperation, where we'll be buying the same sort of equipment, so if we get in an emergency situation where either fire department has to call upon mutual aid agreement with the other department, they're going to have interchangeable breathing equipment, and I think that's a case of cooperation that is laudatory and deserves positive attention. I also have a question on Item 1, and this may be more for Mr. Spears as much as it is for Ms. Baker, I was curious on Item 1, how that price and quote compared for what we paid for cold mix last year, in terms of price. I noticed that Item 2 it was a 7.7 percent increase, but if you know, I'd be interested in finding out."

Mr. Spears said, "I do not remember. I can tell you, though; that other than that, we're really thrilled with the prices we're getting on asphalt this year on all of our road projects, we're under budget on every single project. If I was guessing, I would say that it's less than last year, but I don't have that exact number."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Okay. Because I, well I should correct myself, I think I misspoke, Item 2 was a 7.7 percent increase over the pricing established in 2008. I think I said for last year, and so I may have been inaccurate there. Any further items or discussion on Items 1 through 6 on the Bid Board?"

Mr. Spears said, "Commissioner, I might say one more thing. On Item 3, the motor graders, you know, you've heard me complain in the past about that we have 13 major pieces of equipment that we need to have replaced, and I do want to thank Fleet Management, this is 3 of those 13, so we do appreciate it at Public Works. I wanted to thank them for that."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "I appreciate you pointing out that fact, because we've had discussions on this, and that will lower the average age in the fleet once those three motor graders come in. Seeing no further discussion, please call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye

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Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Chairman Peterjohn said, "We're back on Item 6 on the Bid Board, I believe."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Seven."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Seven, seven, I'm sorry, I misspoke. Discussion on Item 7 or questions? Seeing no further comments."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve Item 7 from the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "I am all for the latest technology, however, I think there was some things in there that I had just problems with and questions of that were outside that scope, and that's my vote will reflect that. I thought by this time, you know, it's adding another 14 days on the construction, I thought by this time that we would have progress towards neutral revenue on this project, so that's why I'm going to vote the way I am."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you. I would add that I attended the board meeting yesterday for the Wichita Area Technical College (WATC) out at the National Center for Aviation Training, so they are facing a very challenging fiscal environment. And despite the fact that they got out of the legislative session with their portion of state spending relatively unscathed, from the information I received yesterday, they still have a challenging environment in front of them. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The operation of WATC out at the National Center for Aviation Training is, you know, an ongoing challenge, as it is for all educational institutions. And the board and the staff at WATC I think has done a great job in making the necessary modifications to meet that challenge with their budget challenges. The item

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before us in Item 7 has to do more with our budgeting and our making sure that the facility and the equipment in the facility is appropriate for the National Center for Aviation Training, and although this change order is a significant amount of money, it is still within the budget and within the estimated contingency, or change order limit, that we provided for originally. I think that was typically, I don't know the number exactly, but it's typically five percent for change orders, and this gets us to the three percent level."

"And as the backup information tells us, this would have been, well I won't say impossible, but very difficult for us to plan for this in advance and get it in the base budget in light of the fact that in buying this piece of equipment as the technology changes, this is the latest piece of equipment, and it needs to have this protection for it, and it will support, not only the training overall at NCAT, especially as we focus on this new technology in composite materials, but it will specifically help NIAR (National Institute for Aviation Research) and our aviation partners in the community. So I'm going to be supportive. It is within the parameters of the money that we expected to spend, and it's necessary for the success of NCAT, and WATC and NIAR. So I think it's the right thing to do and I will be supportive."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, I'm very interested in the success of NCAT, as well, and I certainly hope for the best success in all the plans that we had for NCAT to materialize. I am concerned about the loss of jobs in the community, and how NCAT is adjusting to that situation and what we can expect from NCAT when it opens in January. I think that's, is it January when they're planning to move over there?"

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "August."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "August. Oh, okay."

Mr. Buchanan said, "June, July and August."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Alright. So, anyway, I think we're going to have a report at some time..."

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Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes, ma’am.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “...from WATC on that?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Okay. Well I’ll look forward to that. Thank you.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you. Seeing no further lights, please call the vote.”

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	No
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Ms. Baker said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you. Next item.”

H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Housing Department Section 8 Rental Assistance.

<u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Rent</u> <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>District</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V10009	\$573	2	Bridgewater Apts. II
V10012	\$585	2	Bridgewater Apts. II
V10013	\$535	2	Tafoya, Robert
V10014	\$641	BU	Zarska, Brenda
V10015	\$606	5	Springcreek Housing Part.
V10016	\$450	2	Luu, Bob Truong
V10017	\$570	5	Springcreek Housing Part.
V10018	\$208	2	Bridgewater Apts. II
V10019	\$476	2	Bridgewater Apts. II
V10020	\$475	2	Ky, Victoria

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V10021 \$375 2 Village Green Apts.

2. The following Section 8 contracts are up for annual recertification:

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V94034	\$345	\$343
V05019	\$249	\$226
V04032	\$148	\$157
V01044	\$236	\$316
V08023	\$618	\$629
V04024	\$284	\$249

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V04025	\$258	\$236
V05017	\$331	\$319
V05015	\$258	\$258
V06030	\$327	\$327
V08022	\$307	\$320
V05024	\$257	\$214
V09019	\$381	\$458
V06024	\$305	\$300
V99029	\$314	\$320
V04026	\$282	\$282
V06025	\$284	\$290
V05023	\$241	\$279
V05020	\$145	\$014
V1003	\$385	\$385
V07033	\$143	\$274
V05096	\$292	\$282
V09056	\$383	\$460
V08058	\$018	\$000
V09017	\$598	\$585
V09017	\$585	\$581
V07092	\$546	\$675
V07010	\$335	\$440
V05101	\$532	\$750
V07025	\$190	\$196

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3. General Bill Check Register of May 5, 2010 – May 11, 2010.

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and I’d recommend you approve it.”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Peterjohn said, “I have one question on the Consent Agenda. These are basically all, a significant number, I’d guess probably about 50 to 60, Section 8 housing assistance, Mr. Manager, do you know how many of these are outside of Sedgwick County?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “No, I do not.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Okay. Thank you very much. Seeing no further discussion, what is the will of the Commission?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Call the vote.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Oh, we have a motion and a second? I’m sorry. Please call the vote.”

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Next item.”

I. OTHER

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Chairman Peterjohn said, “We need to take up...Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “I just wanted to say under ‘other’ that we have a policy about people speaking at the Commission meeting, and I think that we need to look at these, anytime you have a resolution that’s from 1986, I think it needs to be reviewed, not only this one, but several other that might be in there that we’re operating under. But the [Resolution] 215-1986 was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners back then for a time of not more than five minutes. I think that’s appropriate, but I think we may need to look at that to include something about different subjects or some modification on that, if it’s not on the same subject or something like that. So I just wanted to put that on the record that I’d like to let the people know that I think it’s important that we allow people to speak, and if they have an issue about different items that we get them in and let them speak to that. So thank you.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you. We have an item to bring up, off item, and I’m going to...we discussed this at our staff meeting yesterday concerning the Register of Deeds and I’m going to ask that we now bring up as an Off Agenda Item the transfer and use of excess monies from the Register of Deeds Technology Fund pursuant to KSA (Kansas Statutes Annotated) 28-115A.”

MOTION

Chairman Peterjohn moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

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Chairman Peterjohn said, "I now recognize our Register of Deeds, Mr. Bill Meek. Welcome to the County Commission, sir."

OFF AGENDA ITEM

1. **TRANSFER AND USE OF EXCESS MONIES FROM THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FUND PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 28-115A**

Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In accordance with KSA 28-115A, I have determined that the balance in the Register of Deeds Technology Fund at the end of the calendar year of 2009 is greater than \$50,000, and that \$500,000 is not needed by my office for technology purposes; KSA 28-115 therefore provides that the board with the authority to transfer those funds from the Register of Deeds Technology Fund to the county fund for use in county offices for equipment or technological services relating to land, property, records filed and maintained by the county. And the recommended action is that you approve the, what is it? Approve the what? Whatever it is, agenda item."

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the Resolution.

Chairman Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Discussion? Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "Now, Mr. Manager, this goes into the county General Fund, or does it have to go into the county capital outlay for technology?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Goes into the county General Fund."

Commissioner Parks said, "So it can be used for other things other than just technology?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

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Chairman Peterjohn said, "I've got a question for Mr. Meek. Was there a transfer last year into this fund?"

Mr. Meek said, "Yes. We discussed that yesterday, and I had forgot that last year we did indeed transfer \$750,000. The Technology Fund and the Register of Deeds fees that we collect are all statutory fees; we cannot change what we're required to collect. And the fees are designed as a service fee. They pay for the fee for a deed to be recorded, that's a service fee, so none of this monies that is used for technology or in the Register of Deeds Office for technology is one dime or one penny out of the taxing public. These are all fee generated funds."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you. I've got a second question that's related to your office, but a little bit tangential to this item directly before us, but I've noticed your office generates a significant amount of fee revenue that goes into the county's General Fund, and I noticed it appears so far this year that that revenue seems to be significantly lower than last year. Would you care to comment on that?"

Mr. Meek said, "Yes. The Register of Deeds, even though we file, we're called the Register of Deeds and most of us, we file every deed that is filed in Sedgwick County, that only represents about 20 percent of the documents that we receive. Most of our documents that we receive are mortgages, affidavits, powers of attorney, things of that nature. We're about 16 percent less in documents received this year compared to last year, which means that we're not seeing as many mortgages as we have in the past. In the past 10 years, we've had about three spike years where we have seen twice as many mortgages as we have seen deeds filed. That's when the interest was really high and then the interest went down. Right now the interest is pretty low, so we're not going to see any change in that in probably this year or even next year."

"As far as the monies collected, we're about 24 percent less funds than what we collected this time last year. But last year we had a very strange occurrence, every now and then, KG&E (Kansas Gas & Electric) refinances, and last year they refinanced and our mortgage registration fee was 870 some odd thousand dollars. So those things really play a great part in the Register of Deeds' funds and how we receive the funds. The housing market seems to be picking up, but once again, deeds are not our biggest number that we transfer, it's the mortgages that we see a lot of. And I just don't see that changing because of the interest rate and where people are at financially."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Thank you. Further comments or questions for Mr. Meek? Commissioner Unruh."

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Mr. Buchanan said, "Mr. Chairman, if it would please the Commission, Chris Chronis pointed out that I was in error when I responded to Commissioner Parks. Those monies need to go into a special dedicated fund for purposes of any land transactions, or things that would deal with transfer of property, or keeping track of the taxes. And that's the fund that [inaudible]."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Well, I very much appreciate the clarification, Mr. Manager. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I appreciate you, Mr. Register of Deeds, coming down to go through this Agenda item with us. And I appreciate some of your comments about the fees and how they accumulate to such a number being the result of a state imposed fee structure. Some folks watching the program might think that if we have that much excess fees, well then we're charging too much, but this is the result of a structure imposed by the state and it's with a specific purpose of supporting county governments and these land transfer transactions that the public's engaged in so that we can account for them appropriately. Just a comment to say I appreciate you being here. I appreciate that we have a great relationship with the Register of Deeds so that we can make these transactions. I mean, it's a significant amount and we're grateful for it."

Mr. Meek said, "You're welcome."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "I'd like to second Commissioner Unruh's comments. Although I haven't asked Mr. Meek how many passports he's helped fulfill, it's very important, in terms of the rule of law in this community is based on the fact that we've got in part a system for keeping track of records, and whether it's a power of attorney, mortgages, affidavits, veterans' records, whatever it happens to be, but the fact is those are recorded and kept on file by the county and through your office, that is an important function so that we've got some stability in that rule of law."

Mr. Meek said, "Might I add one other thing? The Register of Deeds now also accepts passport applications, and we're averaging about \$2,000 of revenue per month on that."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Oh really. That's a nice convenience, so people don't have to stand in line at the post office."

Mr. Meek said, "That's right."

Chairman Peterjohn said, "Katie, do we have a motion?"

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Ms. Katie Asbury, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes, we do.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Okay. Seeing no further discussion, please call the vote.”

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Mr. Meek said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you.”

MOTION

Chairman Peterjohn moved to recess into the meeting of the Fire District #1.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Chairman Peterjohn said, “The Board of County Commission meeting is now in recess.”

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into the meeting of the Fire District #1 at 10:01 a.m. and returned at 10:10 a.m.

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Chairman Peterjohn said, “And we are back on and I’m going to call to order the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners from recess, and we are back, I believe, on Item I, ‘other.’ Are there any other comments? Seeing none, I’m going to make a few comments that I think need to be made just as an ongoing discussion on keeping this community safe as possible, at as reasonable a price as possible. We had 1,537 people in the Sedgwick County Jail this morning. I’m not sure how many Community Corrections had, but I think it was a similar number, maybe slightly smaller. But there’s 1,537; 211 were out of county and 152 were in work release. Now I can’t give you a breakdown between the number of felons versus those who are misdemeanants, can’t give you a breakdown, in terms of those who are convicted or charged.

“We’ve had a lot of discussion about that and the numbers, in terms of what we have, have been hard to come up with. I can tell you that under the Sheriff’s classification system, of that 1,537, the Sheriff has classified, and his staff have classified, 445 as maximum security type of prisoners, 418 were medium. The most recent data I’ve got indicates that there were, and this is old data, that 68 of them had been first came into the jail sometime in 2007 or 2008. I wish I could give you more updated information on that, but that’s something we’re still working on. I can’t give you a number, in terms of exactly how many of the folks who are in the jail, or in work release, or out of county are felons versus those who are in for misdemeanors.

“Obviously, the more data we have to be able to provide information to the community, I think it’s important, because, not only in Community Corrections and the jail, but if you add in all the other programs that we’re working with: drug court, mental health court, day reporting, pretrial services, and those who are being adjudicated but are out on bond, or maybe on their own recognizance, we have a significant number. And I provide this information because I think it’s important as we have an extended discussion on how we keep this community safe at as reasonable a price as possible that this information gets out, and what information we do have does under the public.

“Another item I’d like to bring up is one that I’ve been talking about with staff over an extended period of time, since earlier this year, and I provide it at this time because the indications continue to be, and I don’t have an exact number, I think there’s a good chance that one mill countywide is going to generate less revenue than it did last year. Hopefully if that does occur, it’s going to be a tiny fraction of one percent, but even a tiny fraction, this would be a major change from taxable assessed valuation in Sedgwick County, and it would also have an impact on all the other jurisdictions that rely upon property tax revenues in this county. And whether it’s one-half of one percent, one percent or some other number, it’s going to be a much more challenging environment, and when you have an increase of four, six or eight percent, which has occurred in the past.”

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“And I present that because we’re still waiting to get figures from the state, and until we get it, we’re not going to know exactly what that number is, but the indications are that there’s a good chance this may happen and it’s something that I know this Commissioner, and I believe this entire Commission, will be keeping a close eye on as we enter the budget portion of events. So having said that, those were the items that I wanted to provide in the ‘other’ category. And the only other side, on a lighter note I’d like to add that the commissioners and the challenge, the Chairman’s Challenge, in terms of walking. Sedgwick County Park is a great place to walk, and there’s also some great spots, a number of the municipal parks that are out there. And whether your preference is for walking, jogging, bicycling, rollerblading, whatever it might be, I think we’re going to have some good weather for doing that and urge everyone to get out and enjoy the wonderful springtime weather we often have here in Kansas. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, you gave us a lot of facts in your comments, and I just wanted to also express the fact that in April the Zoo had its biggest attendance in April ever in the history of the Zoo. So that’s good news. I don’t have the exact number, but it was the largest April ever, and encourage everybody to visit the Zoo. And I’m particularly, talking about the Zoo today, they had their annual board meeting last evening, and one of the pieces of information that came out is that last year they had over 45,000 hours of volunteer service at the Sedgwick County Zoo. And it’s pretty amazing to think that there’s that kind of buy in from citizens in our community to support the Sedgwick County Zoo. I don’t know exactly how many individuals it took to create that number, but that’s a lot of volunteer hours and I just wanted to compliment all those volunteers who go out there and make our Zoo the outstanding attraction that it is. And I just say that we’ve got nine gorillas out there now, and we’ve got six tigers out there now, and it’s a good place to go. So I encourage everyone to visit the Sedgwick County Zoo.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Thank you. And I’d second those comments very heartily. It is indeed, and I am going to recognize Commissioner Welshimer.”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship relating to potential litigation and legal advice, and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 10:33 a.m.

Chairman Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

Chairman Peterjohn said, “We are in recess.”

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:18 a.m. and returned at 10:35 a.m.

Chairman Peterjohn said, “I’m going to call the meeting back to order from Executive Session and recognize County Counselor, Mr. Euson.”

Mr. Euson said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The record should reflect that no binding action was taken while in Executive Session and I have no announcements or request for action from the County Commission.”

Chairman Peterjohn said, “Okay. Thank you very much. Seeing any further discussion, and I’ll make a motion that we adjourn.”

MOTION

Chairman Peterjohn moved to adjourn.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Peterjohn	Aye

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

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