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Mission:

- ❑ To develop an agile, demand-driven workforce development system which responds to needs of employers and employees of Sedgwick County.

In 2003, the State of Kansas mandated the separation of local school districts and technical education institutions. To assure the County maintained an adequately trained and educated workforce; the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved the creation of the Sedgwick County Technical Education and Training Authority in 2004. Later, the County’s Workforce Development department was created to aid the Authority in advancing three strategic priorities:

- To promote and advance the development of a “world-class” education facility and delivery system
- To serve in a leadership role to develop a “one-stop approach” for business access to customized, technical training solutions
- To develop a plan for gathering solid data identifying demand occupations and workforce skill gaps (existing, emerging and future) and serve as a central repository of the information

Budget Adjustments:		Amount:
Item:		
• No Adjustments		
Total		\$0

Critical to the economic future of Sedgwick County is the ability to find and develop workers with the skills necessary to meet the workforce needs of the aviation and advanced manufacturing industry sectors. To help meet this need and meet the expectations set forth in the first priority above, the BoCC approved the issuance of bonds to construct a leading-edge technical training facility at Jabara Airport. Slated to open in late 2009 or early 2010, the Center for Aviation Training will offer instruction in aviation and industrial manufacturing technologies.

In December of 2006 the BoCC recommended the Sedgwick County Public Building Commission enter into a 50 year lease with the Wichita Airport Authority for the purpose of acquiring a site at Jabara Airport on which to build an aviation technical training complex.

Budget Summary by Category

	2006 Actual	2007 Adopted	2007 Revised	2008 Budget 07-08	% Chg. 07-08
Expenditures					
Personnel	176,444	395,066	395,066	394,782	-0.1%
Contractual Services	939,475	290,000	4,153,206	1,289,877	-68.9%
Debt Service	-	1,604,851	1,604,851	-	-100.0%
Commodities	8,574	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,124,493	2,299,917	6,163,123	1,694,659	-72.5%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.0%

Budget Summary by Fund

	2007 Revised	2008 Budget
Expenditures		
General Fund	6,163,123	1,694,659
Total Expenditures	6,163,123	1,694,659



Budget Summary by Program

Program	Expenditures				Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)				
	2006 Actual	2007 Adopted	2007 Revised	2008 Budget	% Chg. 07-08	2007 Adopted	2007 Revised	2008 Budget	% Chg. 07-08
Workforce Development	255,743	2,299,917	2,299,917	694,659	-69.8%	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.0%
W.A.T.C	868,750	-	600,000	1,000,000	66.7%	-	-	-	-
Center of Aviation Training	-	-	3,263,206	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-
Total	1,124,493	2,299,917	6,163,123	1,694,659	-72.5%	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.0%

The BoCC authorized a discounted, up front payment of \$3.3 million for the final 30 years of the 50 year lease, to be paid in 2007. The City of Wichita paid Sedgwick County for the first 20 years of the lease at a discounted rate of \$1.6 million. The funds paid by the City were deposited in the Workforce Development budget and paid to the Wichita Airport Authority. Construction timelines suggest the spring of 2008 as the estimated date for the start of construction and the issuance of bonds on the Center for Aviation Training facility.

Broad input was sought to plan the space and equipment needs for aviation training, manufacturing training, assessment, learner services and administration throughout the fall of 2006. Additionally, a model delivery system was proposed and advanced that restructured the Sedgwick County Technical Education and Training Authority to govern the Wichita Area Technical College (WATC), hire new leadership and oversee it's role as the managing partner of the collaborative technical education delivery at the Center for Aviation Training. An agreement with WATC for Sedgwick County to provide short-term funding was approved by the BoCC in December 2006. In 2008 the funding support will total \$1 million for the WATC operating budget.

In response to the second priority above, Sedgwick County Workforce Development collaborated with community workforce partners to establish a one-stop approach for employers seeking company specific training. Known as "Workforce Solutions," the collaboration includes the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Department of Commerce, Sedgwick County Workforce Development, and Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas. Sedgwick County's role is to coordinate the response of local training providers to meet specific customized training needs of area businesses.

Workforce Development is a critical issue for Sedgwick County now and in the future. Ultimately, businesses and communities will succeed or fail based on their ability to develop a talented workforce. While other industry sectors will need support in developing skills needed in their specialized occupational areas, this emphasis on aviation and manufacturing is a critical first step. With the completion of the Center for Aviation Training and implementation of a strong technical education curriculum for aviation and manufacturing, Sedgwick County will be better suited to compete in today's global economy.



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Mission:

- Promote educational opportunities for the citizens of Sedgwick County.

In previous years, state law required counties to make payments to Kansas community colleges when residents pursued educational opportunities at community institutions outside their home county. Payments were made to community colleges and Washburn University of Topeka based on the number of credit hours in which Sedgwick County residents were enrolled.

In 1999, the Kansas State Legislature passed the 1999 Higher Education Coordination Act (K.S.A. 71-301a), which instituted a four-year phase-out plan for out-district tuition by reducing the \$24 per credit hour rate by 25% each year. Although the plan implementation stalled for two years due to state budget concerns, lawmakers finally eliminated Out-District Tuition during the 2006 legislative session.

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Participating Community Colleges and Universities Receiving Funding in 2006	
Allen County	Garden City
Barton County	Highland
Butler County	Hutchinson
Cloud County	Independence
Coffeyville	Johnson County
Colby	Labette County
Cowley County	Neosho County
Dodge City	Pratt County
Fort Scott	Seward County
Washburn University	

Budget Summary by Category

	2006 Actual	2007 Adopted	2007 Revised	2008 Budget	% Chg. 07-08
Expenditures					
Personnel	-	-	-	-	
Contractual Services	524,480	-	780	-	-100.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	-	-	-	-	
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Equipment	-	-	-	-	
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	524,480	-	780	-	-100.0%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	
Other Revenue	15,642	-	-	-	
Total Revenue	15,642	-	-	-	
Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	

Budget Summary by Fund

	2007 Revised	2008 Budget
Expenditures		
General Fund	780	-
Total Expenditures	780	-



