

# MEETING UPDATE

September 19, 2007

Below is a brief overview of the Sedgwick County Commission Meeting for September 19, 2007. You may find the Agenda and Streaming Video on our Web site at [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org).

- Proclamations - "Young@ Art Day"; "Constitution Week"
- Presentation of Retirement Clocks to Bonnie Cowles (EMS - 18 years) and Ron Davenport (District Attorney's Office - 18 years)
- Task Force to End Chronic Homelessness (TECH) — update by Jack Focht, Task Force Chairman. TECH's charge is to develop a plan to end chronic homelessness in Sedgwick County. Over the past year, TECH has participated in a "point-in-time count," studied best practices, updated the winter homeless shelter RFP, and determined gaps in services for the chronically homeless. The Task Force has scheduled a Town Hall meeting for Sunday, September 23 at Horace Mann Elementary (1243 N. Market) from 3 to 5 p.m. to hear from the community about the identified gaps.
- Commissioners heard an update regarding the Sedgwick County Arena and the construction bid process due to a recent misleading newspaper headline and article regarding the Arena budget. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, presented an overview of the construction bid process, the bid response, and the historical timeline outlining the public construction budget changes from August 2004, through June 27, 2007. The construction bid received from Dondlinger Construction/Hunt Construction on September 14 was \$136,415, approximately \$3.5 million

below the latest construction estimate of \$139, 973,101 (June 27, 2007). The Sedgwick County Arena project is on track, falling within the 1 cent, 30-month sales tax, to end December 31, 2007.

- Planning Case - Commissioners approved the creation of a Community Unit Plan of approximately 20 acres, near Meridian Avenue, on the south side of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street North with a zone change to LC (limited commercial).
- Request for Island Annexation - City of Wichita. Request to annex approx. 35 acres generally located northeast of the intersection of K-96 and Ridge Road, for the purpose of development of 250,000 sq. ft. of office or commercial development. Commissioners approved the island annexation request.
- Commissioners approved an agreement with Sprint Nextel Corporation to provide funding for the 800mhz frequency reconfiguration planning, working with Sedgwick County Emergency Communications, including an inventory of equipment (radios, equipment, repeaters, etc) in the Wichita/Sedgwick County system.
- Commissioners approved an agreement with the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita Medical Practice Association to provide medical services for juveniles in the Department of Corrections residential facilities. The agreement covers a 2-year period of 7/1/07 to 6/30/09, with maximum payable at \$205,000 (first year) and \$211,150 (second year).

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- Commissioners approved six COMCARE agreements:
  - Episcopal Social Services - for payee/banking assistance for the Center City homeless program for individuals with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse.
  - Sedgwick County Area Educational Services Interlocal Cooperative #618 (Goddard Day School) - provide two COMCARE case managers to provide mental health services to youth.
  - Affiliation agreement with Breakthrough Club, to allow the agency to receive payment from Medicaid for mental health services to youth and adults.
  - Contract with Mental Health Association for: Specialized Residential Services; Adult Case Management Flexible Funds; Employment Project; Compeer; Chat Line; Parent Support and Training Services; and Uncompensated Care.
  - Wichita State University Self Help Network - \$10,000 agreement for strategic planning services for COMCARE to respond to Medicaid state plan system changes.
  - Sunflower Foundation - grant award of \$19,800 to purchase 22 laptop computers for COMCARE Field Case Managers, to document patient interactions and patient billing information.
- Public Works - Commissioners approved:
  - A resolution reclassifying roads from the Garden Plain, Gypsum, Illinois and Salem Townships to the Sedgwick County highway system.
  - Agreement for the installation of railway-highway crossing signals, at 103<sup>rd</sup> Street South and the BNSF tracks.
- Commissioners selected Commissioner Tom Winters (3<sup>rd</sup> District) to serve as the voting delegate at the annual Kansas Association of Counties Conference, with Commissioners Tim Norton (2<sup>nd</sup> District) and Kelly Parks (4<sup>th</sup> District) as alternates.



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