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KANSAS COLISEUM SALE CLOSED

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – Today, Sedgwick County closed the sale with Johnny Stevens for the Kansas Coliseum complex. The sale includes the Britt Brown Arena and the Kansas Pavilions. Stevens will continue operation of the pavilions.

Stevens, operating under the name “Kansas Coliseum LLC,” will assume immediate possession of the property. Going forward, all contracts and deposits for scheduled shows at the Kansas Pavilions will be transferred to the Kansas Coliseum LLC, including the Wichita RV Show scheduled for January 11-15. All “Sedgwick County” signage will be removed. The 18 full- and part-time County employees who currently work for the Kansas Pavilions will receive reduction-in-force notices, benefits and support in the transition process according to normal County procedures.

Sedgwick County will receive \$1,462,487.12 from Stevens in a one-time payment for the sale. The County budgeted approximately \$500,000 in operational subsidies for the Kansas Pavilions for 2012, which will remain in the County’s general fund. In addition, since the property is under private ownership, it will be returned to the tax rolls, which will result in property tax revenues.

Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Dave Unruh stated that he and the board are “pleased that Mr. Stevens is able to transform and repurpose the Kansas Coliseum complex for future use in the community. I appreciate that the pavilions will continue to operate and provide the accommodations that those shows and exhibitors require.”

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