



Sedgwick County Association of Cities

# AGENDA

## Sedgwick County Association of Cities

January 13, 2024

8:30 -10:00 a.m.

Ark Valley Lodge, 615 N. Main St.

Wichita, KS 67203

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1. Welcome & Introductions, Mayor Pat Stivers, SCAC Chair
  2. Approval of November 18, 2023, SCAC Meeting Minutes (pgs 2-6): Mayor Pat Stivers  
**Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes from the November 18, 2023, SCAC meeting**
  3. Approval of December 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report (pg 7): Council Member Gina Gregory, SCAC Treasurer  
**Recommended Action: Approve the December 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report**
  4. Disposition of Financial Assets: Council Member Gina Gregory, SCAC Treasurer  
**Recommended Action: Take appropriate action**
  5. Elections Update: Sedgwick County Election Commissioner Laura Rainwater  
**Recommended Action: Receive and file**
  6. Sedgwick County Solar Power Update: Scott Wadle, MAPD Director  
**Recommended Action: Receive and file**
  7. Sedgwick County Update  
**Recommended Action: Receive and file**
  8. Around the County: City and other reports  
**Recommended Action: Receive and file**

**Tours of The Kansas African American Museum following the meeting – 601 N. Water St.**

### Upcoming 2024 Meetings:

- Saturday, March 9, 2024, 8:30am – Sedgwick
- Saturday, May 11, 2024, 8:30am – Haysville
- Saturday, July 13, 2024, 8:30am – Location TBD
- Saturday, September 14, 8:30 am – Location TBD

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# Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC) Meeting Minutes

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Valley Center Public Library and Community Center  
314 E Clay St  
Valley Center, KS 67214

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SCAC met at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Valley Center Public Library and Community Center. SCAC chair, Mayor Pat Stivers (Maize) presided. SCAC members and visitors are shown on the attached list.

**Welcome:** All attendees stood for the flag salute. Mayor Stivers welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. All attendees introduced themselves.

**Cities in Attendance:** Bentley, Clearwater, Derby, Haysville, Kechi, Maize, Mount Hope, Park City, Sedgwick, Valley Center

## **Approval of Minutes from September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Motion made by Council Member Matt Stamm (Valley Center) to APPROVE September 9, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Council Member Justin Shore (Clearwater).  
**Motion passed 10-0.**

## **Approval of October 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report**

Council Member Gina Gregory (Valley Center) was absent from the meeting. The treasurer's report will be reviewed at the January meeting.

## **Disposition of Financial Assets**

Council Member Gina Gregory (Valley Center) was absent from the meeting. Disposition of financial assets will be discussed at the January meeting.

## **SCAC Administration**

### Social Media

- The County has offered to migrate SCAC into current Sedgwick County social media accounts managed by Communications Department.
- Mayor Tracy Pribbenow (Bentley) expressed a desire to keep the SCAC account separate so that there is no impression that SCAC is a division of the County.
- Mayor Ashley Velazquez (Kechi) offered to help Council Member Justin Shore with managing social media.
- No formal action taken; social media administration will be handled by SCAC members.

### **Updates from host: City of Valley Center**

Mayor Lou Cicirello (Valley Center) shared that the City is seeing a high volume of housing development including 750 new single-family homes and 500 duplexes at a range of prices. The new pool and recreation center is under construction with a live feed available for community members to watch the progress. The next major project for the City will be building a new water treatment facility.

### **Sedgwick County Ozone Update**

Susan Erlenwein, Sedgwick County Director of Environmental Resources, shared a presentation about ozone levels in Sedgwick County. Highlights from her presentation include:

- Ozone is a seasonal pollutant (March 1 – October 31) that comes from motor vehicles, utilities, industrial sources, and consumer solvents.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administers the Clean Air Act, which establishes limits for certain pollutants.
- Ozone health effects include respiratory problems, significant temporary decreases in lung capacity, increased mortality, etc. Children are especially at risk.
- The current EPA limit is .07 parts per million/70 parts per billion. Wichita is currently in attainment, but rates in the area are rising. If the limit is lowered, it will become a problem for the whole region.
- When ozone is high, businesses/individuals can take the following actions to mitigate:
  - Reduce idling
  - Alter work scheduling
  - Work from home
  - Reduce travel
  - Change equipment/vehicle usage
- Mayor Tracy Pribbenow (Bentley) asked about how burning/smoke affects the environment.
  - Susan said that both Johnson and Sedgwick Counties have established no burning for non-farming use in the month of April.
- Mayor Pat Stivers (Maize) asked if there was a decrease in ozone emissions during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Susan said that yes, the pandemic caused a decrease due to fewer people driving. In many cases, people are still working remotely, which decreases ozone. Carpooling and using electric buses can also help.
- Council Member Tom Jones (Park City) noted that this is very important and requires attention because our region has fallen out of compliance before.
- Mayor Lou Cicirello (Valley Center) asked how the changes to the North Junction will affect ozone.
  - Susan said that there will be less traffic stopping, which should help greatly. She also shared that signs indicating that there is an accident ahead should serve as warnings for people to get off the highway to prevent idling.
- Commissioner Ryan Baty (Sedgwick County) shared that Susan has been very helpful with the 29<sup>th</sup> and Grove contamination site. There are currently over 200 active contamination sites. He asked Susan if there is a good resource for elected officials to check.

- Susan shared that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has an interactive map on their website.
- Susan said that if there is a contamination site, localities should work with the state to clean it up before it becomes an issue with the EPA.

### **Sedgwick County Update**

Chairman Pete Meitzner shared the following updates:

- The County is still renting space at the Ruffin building and working on a decision for long-term administrative space.
- Elections Office relocation will be announced soon.
- Work continues on the Historic Courthouse, which has presented some challenges.
- Commissioners Baty and Howell are working on homelessness and mental health.

Commissioner Ryan Baty shared the following updates:

- An emergency winter shelter location has been identified, although it is not ideal. It has space for up to 250 people.
- The County has been hosting roundtable discussions with the City, local nonprofits, and the state legislative delegation. The group is formulating a request for the governor's budget to include a grant opportunity for communities to build homelessness infrastructure.
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition Meeting: Jason Watkins (lobbyist) gave advice that organizations need to write bills and then recruit legislators who are willing to sponsor.

Commissioner Jim Howell shared the following updates:

- The November 7<sup>th</sup> election canvass will be completed on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM at the Election Office.
- Solar Town Hall was held on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) is working on regulations, and all are encouraged to engage in the process.
- City Manager Brent Clark (Valley Center) asked if the County would be visiting each community to present on the topic of solar projects.
  - Commissioner Howell said that MAPD is leading the project and he is not sure of their plans. He encouraged cities to reach out to MAPD if they'd like to schedule a presentation.
  - Assistant County Manager Tania Cole (Sedgwick County) said that MAPD is planning to present at a future SCAC meeting.
- The following tax issues are likely to come up in the 2024 legislative session:
  - Property tax cap
  - Property tax assessment rate
  - Statewide mill levy
  - LAVTR
  - Reduced and/or single-rate income tax

Treasurer Brandi Bailey shared the following updates:

- Tax bills will be mailed out the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Satellite locations in Derby and Park City are going well; Brandi will be reaching out to other cities for expansion soon.

### **Around the County: City and other updates**

- Christmas/Holiday events:
  - Valley Center: December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Clearwater: December 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Haysville: December 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Kechi: December 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Sedgwick: December 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Maize: December 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Mount Hope: December 9<sup>th</sup>
- Park City has completed an access road project and is working on further development along the highway frontage. Hartman Arena has been sold. Access road expansion north of Hartman Arena is underway. Golden Circle should break ground after the first of the year. Crosswinds Casino will begin work on a facility with banquet rooms, meeting space, and 240-room hotel. 1% sales tax was passed in August, allowing the City to lower the mill levy. The City is looking at an aquatics facility. The City also increased the amount of money budgeted for roads each year.
- Mount Hope has had 11 houses built over the past 18 months; 3 more are close to being permitted. 1% sales tax passed in November election should be helpful.
- Valley Center has installed trim lights on every historic downtown building. The lights will be on from 5:30-11:00pm every night and will recognize every federal holiday.
- Haysville has installed trim lights on the City building, library, and historic buildings.
- Elections updates:
  - Adding 20-25 sites and expanding early voting next year
  - Finding workers is a huge challenge; please spread the word

### **Adjournment**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Motion made by Mayor Terry Somers (Mount Hope) to ADJOURN the meeting. Seconded by Mayor Lou Cicirello (Valley Center). **Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.**

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Respectfully submitted by:

Elizabeth Ewers, Management Intern, Sedgwick County Manager's Office

Date of Minutes approval: \_\_\_\_\_

## Meeting Attendance

|                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tracy Pribbenow  | Bentley                     |
| Toyia Bulla      | Bentley                     |
| Justin Shore     | Clearwater                  |
| Burt Ussery      | Clearwater                  |
| Randy White      | Derby                       |
| Russ Kessler     | Haysville                   |
| Danielle Ford    | Haysville                   |
| Ashley Velazquez | Kechi                       |
| Matt Jensby      | Kechi                       |
| Nick Gregory     | Maize                       |
| Pat Stivers      | Maize                       |
| Terry Somers     | Mount Hope                  |
| Tom Jones        | Park City                   |
| John Lehnherr    | Park City                   |
| Brandi Baily     | Park City / Sedgwick County |
| Bryan Chapman    | Sedgwick                    |
| Dan Hartman      | Sedgwick                    |
| Jim Howell       | Sedgwick County             |
| Susan Erlenwein  | Sedgwick County             |
| Ryan Baty        | Sedgwick County             |
| Laura Rainwater  | Sedgwick County             |
| Tania Cole       | Sedgwick County             |
| Pete Meitzner    | Sedgwick County             |
| Matt Stamm       | Valley Center               |
| Lou Cicirello    | Valley Center               |
| Brent Clark      | Valley Center               |
| Ron Colbert      | Valley Center               |



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## TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

For Month Ending December 31, 2023

### **BEGINNING BALANCE (November 1, 2023)**

**\$11,445.92**

### INCOME (Deposits)

| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Description</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| TOTAL INCOME |                    | \$0.00        |

### EXPENSES

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Check No.</b> | <b>Description</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|

**ENDING CASH BALANCE (December 31, 2023) \$11,445.92**

TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS

TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS

**RECONCILED BANK BALANCE \$11,445.92**

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Gregory, Secretary/Treasurer, Sedgwick County Association of Cities