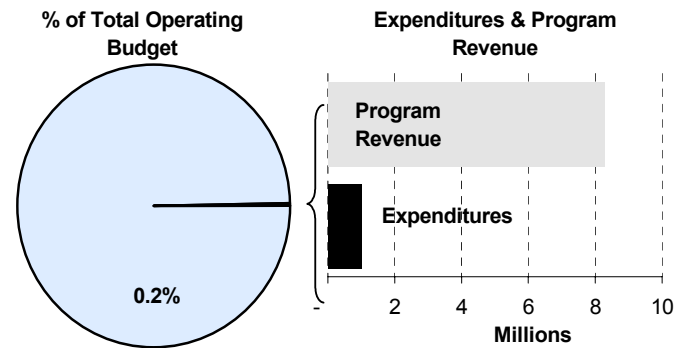
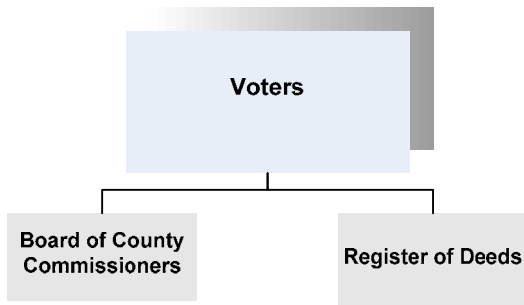




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**Mission:**

- Provide accurate and accessible records and information in a fast and friendly manner to the citizens of Sedgwick County while meeting statutory requirements and preserving documents filed.



**Program Information**

As set out in Kansas Statute 19-1204, the Register of Deeds Office is responsible for recording all real estate transactions in Sedgwick County. These transactions include the following:

- deeds;
- mortgages;
- oil and gas leases; and
- platted additions to all cities in the County.

The Department also files financial statements and security agreements for personal property under the Uniform Commercial Code which include:

- federal and state tax liens;
- corporation papers;
- power of attorney;
- county school records; and
- military discharges.

Per Kansas Statutes the Register of Deeds, in addition to recording transactions, shall have custody of and safely keep and preserve all books, records, deeds, maps,

papers and microphotographs deposited or kept in the Office of the Register of Deeds. The funds used to record and preserve these documents are acquired through mortgage registration fees and filing fees which are collected by the Register of Deeds and deposited into the County's General Fund.

Kansas Statute 19-1204 also states that the Register of Deeds has the option of recording deeds and other items in books or other electronically accessed media as provided in Kansas Statute 45-501. By being authorized to record data electronically, the Register of Deeds has been able to convert old microfilm records to digital images and electronic recordings. In turn, these items can be placed on the County's website allowing immediate access to documents for both internal and external customers at any given time.

The Register of Deeds Office partners with citizens and outside agencies to improve processes and make information more readily available to the public. These outside agencies include title companies, banks, attorneys, and other Kansas counties. This Office also



works closely with other Sedgwick County departments concerning records.

**Departmental Sustainability Initiatives**

In an effort to promote the creation of wealth and employment opportunities in our region, the Register of Deeds Office puts all real estate transactions on public notice for the purpose of sale, transfer, investment and ownership for Sedgwick County. These records can be used to do title searches, personal research, investment research, ownership research, and anything that pertains to real estate.

The Register of Deeds Office works to mitigate its impact on the environment by participating in the County’s waste minimization program, which discovers ways of reducing waste throughout the County. This includes recycling items such as cans and paper. Additionally, staff coordinate travel whenever possible by carpooling to meetings and trainings.

To ensure that services and assistance are delivered in a fair and equitable manner, the Register of Deeds provides public records in multiple formats. These include books, microfilm, plat maps, computer systems, as well as the County website. Having the documents in multiple formats allows citizens easier access to the desired information. This Office also has staff ready and willing to assist customers in obtaining the desired information.

The Register of Deeds Office constantly seeks to make processes more efficient in an effort to increase their financial and institutional viability. This has primarily been done by transitioning documents into digital format in order to preserve the document, but also to make the document more accessible. By making public information available on the County’s website, there is a reduced need for the public to come to the County Courthouse, therefore reducing fuel costs for citizens.

**Department Accomplishments**

In 2007, the Kansas Electronic Recording Commission passed the Kansas Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act, allowing eRecording in the State of Kansas. In 2008, the Register of Deeds Office implemented the Sedgwick County eRecording Portal. This technology allows banks, title companies, and other eRecording services to connect directly to multiple counties in Kansas and electronically record documents. eRecording increases productivity, time efficiency, reduces paper, reduces costs to both the customer and the counties involved, and has the highest level of security available. Electronic recording has been a project that the Register of Deeds Office has worked on for years, with many organizations, to make this opportunity a reality.

Also, the Register of Deeds Office is currently working on a film project to ensure that the microfilm backup, of all the documents recorded, is in adequate condition. This project includes a complete inventory of the film to determine film quality and account for every record. Over time, technological advances have been made to microfilm and because of this enhanced technology, the current film will be converted to higher quality microfilm to ensure its longevity for the future. Also, if necessary, the record books located in the Register of Deeds Office vault, will be

scanned and converted to microfilm. This Office will continue to work on this long-term project while striving to maintain the best quality record of documents for the public.

**Budget Adjustments**

Changes to this Office’s 2009 budget reflect increases in benefits costs and a 4.0 percent salary pool for employees. The budget also reflects a 3.0 percent increase in contractals, commodities, and capital equipment from the 2008 Adopted budget.

**Alignment with County Values**

- **Accountability-**  
The Register of Deeds is accountable to maintaining and preserving Sedgwick County real estate records as prescribed in the Kansas statutes
- **Open Communication -**  
Continuing to make records available to the public on the website, which has become very valuable to citizens

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**Goals & Initiatives**

- **Maintain records in an accurate and accessible manner for internal and external customers**
- **Follow Kansas statutory requirements pertaining to filing and archiving records**
- **Continue to make records available on the Register of Deeds website to all citizens**







● Register of Deeds

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Fund(s): General Fund 110

65001-110

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel	208,662	229,375	229,375	246,086	7.3%
Contractual Services	10,948	19,980	19,980	20,523	2.7%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	33,190	29,436	29,436	30,375	3.2%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>252,800</b>	<b>278,791</b>	<b>278,791</b>	<b>296,984</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	9,260,695	8,919,346	8,919,346	8,270,596	-7.3%
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>9,260,695</b>	<b>8,919,346</b>	<b>8,919,346</b>	<b>8,270,596</b>	<b>-7.3%</b>
<b>Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Goal(s):

- Maintain records in an accurate and accessible manner for internal and external customers
- Follow statutory requirements concerning the processing of documents

● Register of Deeds - Data

Data responsibilities include inputting document information into the computer system, after the document has been scanned. Employees then verify that every document is entered into the system correctly. The final step is to certify that all documents are accounted for on each business day. This process allows the images to be distributed to the stakeholders in the most efficient and timely manner as possible.

Archiving responsibilities include incorporating all mediums of storage into digital images with records dating back to the 1800's with preservation as a priority so records may be accessible to future generations. Currently there are books, microfilms, plat maps and a computer system for location of documents.

Fund(s): General Fund 110

65002-110

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel	611,192	659,681	659,681	705,100	6.9%
Contractual Services	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>611,192</b>	<b>659,681</b>	<b>659,681</b>	<b>705,100</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Goal(s):

- To follow Kansas Statutory requirements pertaining to filing and archiving records
- To continue to offer telecommuting for the data entry department
- Duplicate and store all records at the Salt Mines to include microfilm, plats, and historical ledger books

