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Mission:

- Provide all citizens in Sedgwick County the opportunity to register to vote and participate in the democratic process of elections.

The Election Commissioner oversees all voter registration and elections within Sedgwick County. During larger elections the permanent staff is augmented with temporary employees. In addition, several hundred workers are also needed on Election Day to help conduct elections in polling places throughout the County.

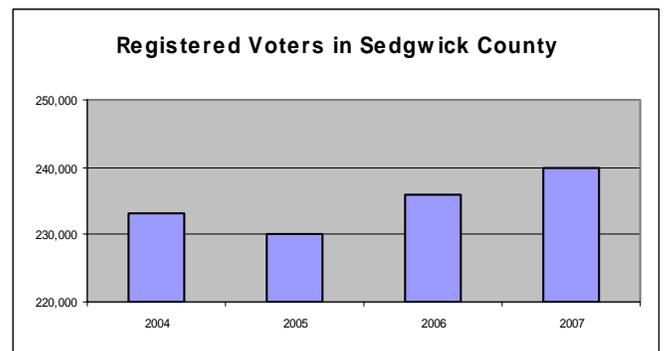
The November 2004 elections achieved a record turnout of 78 percent of registered voters in Sedgwick County. In recent elections, an increasing number of voters have taken advantage of advance or early voting, either by mail or in person at select locations prior to Election Day. In 2006, the Election Commissioner expanded advance voting opportunities from two to sixteen locations.

The Election Commissioner is also continuing to work to make sure the voting process is fully accessible to all voters. Many new technologies and processes are being implemented as a result of the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA). To achieve compliance with HAVA provisions to serve disabled populations and address

Adopted Budget Adjustments:

Item:	Amount:
Reductions	
• Administrative Officer (1.0 FTE)	\$53,113
• Information Specialist (1.0 FTE)	53,108
Total	\$106,221

space and security concerns, the Election Commissioner reduced the number of polling places from 208 to 63 locations for elections in 2006. This reduction will be offset by the flexibility of the new voting machines.



Budget Summary by Category

	2005 Actual	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07
Expenditures					
Personnel	456,235	609,665	594,665	476,729	-19.8%
Contractual Services	144,505	350,610	310,610	160,000	-48.5%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	24,182	10,754	66,067	32,417	-50.9%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	20	313	-	35,000	-
Interfund Transfers	70,800	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	695,742	971,342	971,342	704,146	-27.5%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	57,418	27,517	27,517	23,895	-13.2%
Other Revenue	764	1,215	1,215	1,264	4.0%
Total Revenue	58,182	28,732	28,732	25,159	-12.4%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	15.00	15.50	15.00	13.00	-13.3%

Budget Summary by Fund

	2006 Revised	2007 Budget
Expenditures		
General Fund	971,342	704,146
Total Expenditures	971,342	704,146

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Expenditures				Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)				
	2005 Actual	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07
Election Commissioner	548,286	673,873	673,873	591,842	-12.2%	11.50	11.00	9.00	-18.2%
Election Direct Costs	147,456	297,469	297,469	112,303	-62.2%	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.0%
Total	695,742	971,342	971,342	704,146	-27.5%	15.50	15.00	13.00	-13.3%

These new computerized voting machines have the capability to hold all precincts ballots for the entire County and allow expansion of Advanced Voting opportunities. Second, the machines have the capability to assist the visually impaired by vocalizing selections with the use of headphones, negating the need for third party assistance. Third, these machines are equipped with a real time Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (V-VPAT) so voters can look at the screen to view their selections and read the audit trail to ensure the machine is acknowledging their selections. Finally, the Election Commissioner is acquiring sixty optical scanning voting machines. These machines allow the use of paper ballots and, if needed, should reduce waiting times on Election Day to 15 minutes or less.

The Election Office has a fluctuating budget as a result of varying offices that are up for election in November and April. Presidential and Congressional election years, as in 2004, have the highest turnouts and the most costs associated with completing the election process. Odd years, such as 2005, are primarily local elections with a lower turnout and lower costs. Non-Presidential election years, such as 2006, have a higher turnout due to Congressional seats and the gubernatorial race.

Two positions were eliminated by the Election Commissioner to meet budget targets. Additionally, a half position (0.5 FTE) was shifted during 2006 to a combined Call Center to improve response time and quality of service.

Positions Open for Election in 2007	
Primary Election - February 27, 2007	
General Election - April 3, 2007	
CITY OFFICES	
WICHITA	Mayor, Council Member 2, 4, 5
BEL AIRE	Mayor and 2 Council Members
DERBY	Mayor and Council Member 1, 2, 3, 4
HAYSVILLE	Mayor and Council Member 1, 2, 3, 4
MULVANE	Mayor and 2 Council Members
PARK CITY	Council Member 1, 2, 3, 4
VALLEY CENTER	Mayor, Treasurer, and Council Member 1, 2, 3
ANDALE	Mayor and 3 Council Members
BENTLEY	3 Council Members
CHENEY	Mayor and 2 Council Members
CLEARWATER	Mayor and 2 Council Members
COLWICH	3 Council Members
EASTBOROUGH	Mayor and 3 Council Members
GARDEN PLAIN	Mayor and 2 Council Members
GODDARD	Mayor and 3 Council Members
KECHI	3 Council Members
MAIZE	3 Council Members
MOUNT HOPE	Mayor and 2 Council Members
VIOLA	Mayor and 5 Council Members
DRAINAGE DISTRICTS	
3 Directors for each district	

Department Performance Measures and Goals

Type of Measure	Performance Measure	2005 Actual	2006 Est.	2007 Proj.
Input: Resources needed to produce a unit of output	Number of permanent FTE's	11	11	9
	Number of polling places	192	63	63
Output: Amount of product or service provided	Advanced ballots cast	7,725	25,000	15,000
Efficiency: Inputs consumed to produce a unit of output	Registered voters per employee	25,583	26,222	26,666
	Votes cast per machine	169.8	151.7	115.2
Service Quality: Client satisfaction, and timeliness	Number of recounts processed	-	-	-
Outcome: Qualitative consequence associated with the service	Registered voters in Sedgwick County	230,246	236,000	240,000
	Voter Participation rate for April & November Elections	38%	45%	24%
	Number of web page visits	14,576	48,000	18,000

Goals:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide voter registration to all eligible citizens within Sedgwick County. Expand the opportunity for advanced voting. Increase accessibility and awareness for voters at traditional voting locations. Increase voter education

• **Election Commissioner**

The Election Commissioner is appointed by the Kansas Secretary of State for a four-year term. The office is responsible for registering citizens to vote, negotiating with other entities for polling stations arrangements, and organizing and scheduling employees and volunteers to man polling places for elections, provide advance ballots, and tabulating the results of voting. Indirect costs for the election process are funded from this program.

Fund: General Fund				66001-110	
	2005 Actual	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07
Expenditures					
Personnel	430,013	579,608	564,608	458,575	-18.8%
Contractual Services	23,600	91,311	51,311	65,850	28.3%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	23,853	2,954	57,954	32,417	-44.1%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	20	-	-	35,000	-
Interfund Transfers	70,800	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	548,286	673,873	673,873	591,842	-12.2%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	764	1,215	1,215	1,264	4.0%
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Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	11.00	11.50	11.00	9.00	-18.2%

Goals:

- Provide voter registration to all eligible citizens with Sedgwick County
- Expand the opportunity for Advanced Voting
- Increase accessibility and awareness for voters at traditional voting locations
- Maintain positive growth of registered voters within Sedgwick County

• **Elections Direct**

This program is established to capture the direct costs associated with conducting annual elections. The largest expense is for Election Day board worker salary and mileage. These employees are hired on a temporary basis prior to, during and after the election. Also included is printing of ballots, payment to voting places, set up and delivery of voting machines, administrative costs, voter registration, and voter outreach.

This program also captures the revenue generated by fees candidates pay to file for election and reimbursements received for special elections. These fees are not enough to cover the cost of elections and the majority of funding comes from the County's general fund.

Fund: General Fund					
	2005 Actual	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07
Expenditures					
Personnel	26,222	30,057	30,057	18,153	-39.6%
Contractual Services	120,905	259,299	259,299	94,150	-63.7%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	329	7,800	8,113	-	-100.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	313	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	147,456	297,469	297,469	112,303	-62.2%
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Goals:

- Coordinate sufficient numbers of volunteers and temporary employees to staff all polling stations
- Increase Advanced Voting participation rates over previous years of same election type

