

**Mission:**

- ❑ Assure quality public services are provided for the present and future well-being of the citizens of Sedgwick County.

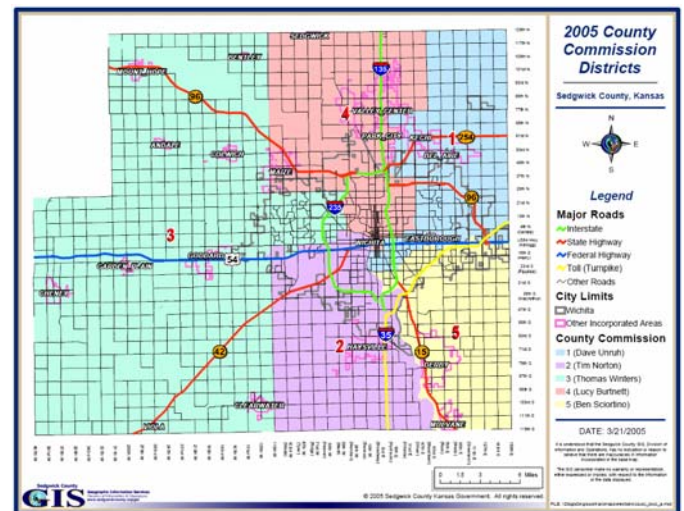
Commissioners
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The Board of County Commissioners is the governing body of Sedgwick County, responsible for setting policies for the entire organization and the appropriation of resources to accomplish adopted policies. The Board also serves as the hearing panel on tax appeals, County Board of Canvassers of elections, Board of Health, and the Governing Body of Fire District No. 1.

Commissioners are elected from five single member districts for staggered four-year terms. One Commissioner serves as the Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term and is selected by the other members of the Board. Weekly meetings are held every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and are open to the public. Public broadcast of meetings can be viewed on KPTS television channel 8 and live and archived meetings can be viewed via the County website, www.sedgwickcounty.org. Rebroadcasts are aired on Wichita's Cable Channel 7 each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners help assure quality public services are

delivered in the areas of public safety, health and other government services.



Sedgwick County Commissioners are vested by Kansas state statute with both legislative and administrative powers and duties for governing Sedgwick County.

Budget Summary by Category

	2004 Actual	2005 Adopted	2005 Revised	2006 Budget	% Chg. 05-06
Expenditures					
Personnel	548,654	573,687	573,687	598,028	4.2%
Contractual Services	29,617	41,700	41,700	42,998	3.1%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	8,797	7,005	7,005	7,655	9.3%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	587,068	622,392	622,392	648,681	4.2%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	2,400	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	214	2,315	2,315	1,091	-52.9%
Total Revenue	2,614	2,315	2,315	1,091	-52.9%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	0.0%

Budget Summary by Fund

	2005 Revised	2006 Budget
Expenditures		
General Fund	622,392	648,681
Total Expenditures	622,392	648,681



These powers and duties include the following:

1. Supervision of County property
2. Organization of townships
3. Control of the financial affairs of the County
4. Approval of the annual County budget
5. Levying of County taxes
6. Designation of depositories for the County Treasurer
7. Construction and maintenance of County roads and bridges
8. Approval of land use and zoning policies
9. Issuance of bonds
10. Awarding of contracts
11. Incorporation of cities
12. Creation of special districts
13. Setting of salaries of all County officials
14. Providing a jail, courthouse, office space, and supplies for all County officers and the District Court
15. Appointment of members of various boards and commissions

Priority projects for 2006 include continuing the vision of the Downtown Arena; implementing strategies to deal with increasing jail populations; improving technical education to create a diverse workforce responsive to the needs of the business community; enhancing and coordinating public health services to improve the overall community health; and investing in economic development efforts to retain and attract businesses and employment opportunities in Sedgwick County.

In fulfilling its legislative responsibilities, the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners considers resolutions, which are equivalent to “bills” in the United States Congress and the Kansas Legislature and to ordinances considered by municipal governing councils. A resolution generally originates at the request of a commissioner, another elected official, the County Manager or a department director. Resolutions are drafted by the County Counselor’s Office.

Before voting on a proposed resolution, it is discussed by the Board at the meeting. Any citizen may appear

before the Board to speak, up to five minutes, either in favor of or in opposition to the resolution. The Board votes on the resolution following discussion. Adoption of an ORDINARY resolution requires a majority (three or more) “yes” votes from the Board. Resolutions become effective on passage or upon publication, if required.

If there is a state law on a subject that applies to a particular county, but the law does not apply to all counties uniformly, a CHARTER resolution is necessary to deal with that subject. A charter resolution requires four “yes” votes and is subject to a protest petition. If a protest petition is filed, the matter must go before a vote of the people.

Examples of Advisory Boards and Committees Appointed by County Commission Resolution

- Advisory Council on Aging
- Animal Care Advisory Board
- Arts & Humanities Council
- Buildings Examiners and Appeals
- Central Plains Quad County Planning Forum
- Community Housing Services
- Coordinated Transit District
- Electrical Examiners and Appeals
- Employee Suggestion Awards Committee
- Fire Code Board of Appeals
- Forensic Science Center Advisory Board
- Grievance Board
- Board of Health
- Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board
- Kansas Coliseum Advisory Board
- Metropolitan Area Planning Commission
- Mechanical Examiners and Appeals
- Mental Health Advisory Boards
- Physical/Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board
- Plumbing Examiners and Appeals
- Public Building Commission
- SCKEDD Executive Committee
- Sheriff's Civil Service Board
- Solid Waste Management Committee
- Wichita Airport Authority
- Zoning Appeals Board