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Commission enters into negotiations for new County Manager

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – The Board of County Commissioners voted today to appoint Tom Stolz as the permanent Sedgwick County Manager pending negotiation of a contract. Stolz was named Interim County Manager in December after serving as Deputy Manager since May of 2017. He was promoted to Deputy Manager after serving as Assistant County Manager of Public Safety, Code Enforcement and Emergency Management since August 2016.

“Sedgwick County is fortunate that we have such a qualified internal candidate who has the right leadership, vision and commitment to our community” said Chairman David Dennis. “It became clear in the discussion that Tom Stolz has earned the respect and support of the Commissioners. It was also clear from community and staff input over the past weeks and as a top candidate during the search process three years ago, that Tom has also earned the respect and support of County staff, County partners and those who have worked with him over his lifetime of public service to make our community. Commissioners cited his proven track record of leadership, respect for people and process, his ability to bring solutions and the belief that Tom will provide the needed leadership and stability for the County at this important time.”

Before joining Sedgwick County, Stolz was named the first Director of the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD), a joint department between the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. In that position he led the joint department’s consolidation efforts reporting to both City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Stolz was named to the position after retiring from the Wichita Police Department in 2012 after a 31-year career culminating as Deputy Police Chief.

He has a Bachelor’s of Science in Biology from Newman University, a Master’s in Administration of Justice from Wichita State University, and a Police Executive Research Forum’s Senior Management Certificate from Boston University.

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About Sedgwick County

Established in 1867 and located in south-central Kansas, Sedgwick County is home to more than 500,000 residents and occupies 1,008 square miles of land. The county holds 21 municipalities including the county seat, Wichita, the largest city in Kansas and known as the Air Capital of the World as a global leader in aviation manufacturing services. Sedgwick County's 2019 Adopted Budget of \$439,530,621 focuses on its key priorities (Safe and Secure Communities, Public Services and Cultural Experiences, Effective Government Organization, and Communications and Engagement). Sedgwick County, which will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2020, bears the name of a Civil War hero, Major General John Sedgwick of the Union Army.