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Commission approves contract with new County Manager

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – The Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously today to accept the employment contract with Tom Stolz making him the new Sedgwick County Manager. Stolz was named Interim County Manager in December after serving as Deputy Manager since May 2017. He was promoted to Deputy Manager after serving as Assistant County Manager of Public Safety, Code Enforcement and Emergency Management since August 2016.

During the discussion, Chairman David Dennis said, "Through every interaction with community members, partners and staff, the support for this decision was strong. All of those who have worked with Tom recognize that he is a strong leader who has developed strong relationships."

After the vote Stolz said, "I'm incredibly humbled and honored to serve the Commissioners and Sedgwick County, especially our great staff who are experts in what they do from clinicians to deputies to budget analysts. Our focus must be on delivering the services our residents need today and planning for tomorrow, creating efficiencies in how we operate."

Stolz has more than three decades in public service. 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.