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## **Commission to hold public forum on wind and solar energy**

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – Sedgwick County Commissioners have scheduled a public forum for residents to provide input on wind and solar energy systems in the county. The forum will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 28 at the Sedgwick County Zoo Cargill Learning Center, 5555 Zoo Blvd.

Residents also have the option to leave comments related to wind and solar energy systems in an online forum. Comments will be accepted now through Friday, April 26 at [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org).

During a public meeting on February 7, Commissioners voted to temporarily prohibit applications for wind and solar energy operations through a moratorium. This action will allow staff to conduct additional research and study for the development, consideration, and potential establishment of specific standards or regulations. The moratorium will temporarily prohibit the acceptance and processing of an application for a commercial wind or solar energy system until August 12, 2019. There are no current applications for such systems in Sedgwick County.

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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 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020, bears the name of a Civil War hero, Major General John Sedgwick of the Union Army.