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Commissioners Release Statements

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – The following are statements from members of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners:

Commissioner Pete Meitzner – District 1:

“As one of five elected Sedgwick County Commissioners, I represent the citizens of this county, and represent Sedgwick county in our state, and nationally. The recent news regarding the behavior of one of our commissioners is a reminder that Sedgwick County does have a code of ethics that was approved, and mirrors the one adopted statewide by the Kansas Association of Counties. We all, as county commissioners, need to adhere to the code of ethics we adopted.”

Commissioner Jim Howell – District 5:

“I don’t need to say much regarding the recent embarrassing news story about one of my colleagues. The lessons learned are obvious. In situations like this, we all can better understand how words can become racially offensive and hurtful. It also demonstrates that elected officials are human too even though we expect them to model the highest levels of civility. Nevertheless, the County Commissioners adopted a code of ethics for a reason and it should be honored.”

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About Sedgwick County

The mission of Sedgwick County is to cultivate a healthy, safe and welcoming community through exceptional public services, effective partnerships and dedicated employees. Founded in 1867, the County has steadily grown to span 1,008 miles, has a population of over 516,000 people and contains 20 cities, including Wichita, the largest city in Kansas. The 2023 Adopted Budget of \$497.4 million focuses on improving compensation to ensure fair and competitive wages while being fiscally responsible to citizens, addressing environmental working conditions by funding modern and advanced equipment to ensure services can be provided safely and continuing the commitment to behavioral health services in our community. Sedgwick County’s values of Trust, Integrity, Collaboration, Compassion and Innovation back the strategic plan that focuses on delivering the best services possible that are sustainable and manageable under the current economic and health crisis.