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CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, DISTRICT 5 – MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 7, 2023, 4:00PM

2937 E Oaklawn Dr., Wichita

Board Members in attendance: David Sowden, Chairman; John Nicholas, Vice-Chairman; Amanda Amerine; Brad Smith; Olivia Hayse; Joseph Elmore; Christopher Wyant

Absent: Liz Loera, Secretary; Andrew Le; Denise Meirowsky; Bryan Porter

County Representatives: Commissioner Jim Howell; Julie Stimson, Sedgwick County Director of Emergency Management; Chief John Turner, Derby Fire Department; Battalion Chief Lane Pearlman, Wichita Fire Department; Deputy Chief Ray Hensley, Sedgwick County Fire District 1; Captain Nick Becker, Sedgwick County Fire District 1

Speaker: Nick Flanders, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Attendees: Suzanne Amerine, Faith Martin, and one other member of the public (no sign-in) attended

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Chair David Sowden called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.**
2. **Invocation** – Joseph Elmore
3. **Flag Salute** – All members stood for the flag salute.
4. **Roll Call – Determine Quorum**
 - a. David Sowden, John Nicholas, Amanda Amerine, Brad Smith, Olivia Hayse, Joseph Elmore
 - b. Quorum was not present; however, Christopher Wyant arrived later in the meeting to reach quorum. Amanda Amerine left early, bringing the number below quorum again.
5. **Approval of Minutes – June 5, 2023**
 - a. The minutes from the June 5th meeting were reviewed and approval was tabled until a quorum was present.
6. **Public Agenda**
 - a. Faith Martin
 - i. Would like to know what the County is going to do to protect the citizens of Sedgwick County after the passage of the Women’s Bill of Rights and potential law changes at the state level
 - ii. Read that 46 bridges in the County are in poor condition and would like to know if that has been addressed

7. New business

a. WAMPO presentation

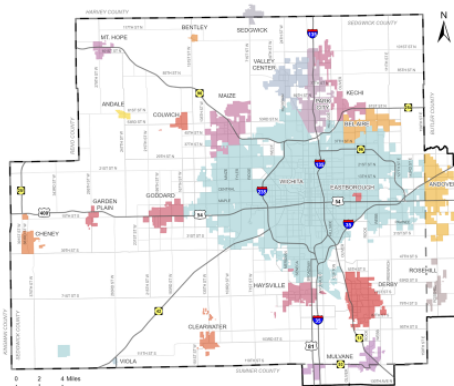
- i. Nick Flanders from WAMPO shared about three community surveys.



WHAT IS WAMPO?

- 50,000 population = Federally created Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - Provides local elected officials input into the planning and implementation of federal transportation funds
- 200,000 population = Transportation Management Area (TMA)
 - Direct funding from FHWA to select projects in the WAMPO area
 - About \$10-\$15 million per year
- Long-Range and Short-Range Planning

www.wampo.org



Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050

MTP 2050 Timeline: Public Engagement (PE)



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

An MTP covers a planning horizon of at least 20 years, with updates every 5 years. WAMPO's MTP is currently going through the update process and the MTP 2050 will be adopted in May 2025. Updating the MTP requires a lot of research, data analysis, public input, and coordination. Serving as a guide for the expenditure of state and federal funds through the year 2050, the plan addresses regional transportation needs that are identified through forecasting current and future travel demand, developing, and evaluating system alternatives, and selecting those options which best meet the mobility needs of the region.



Status: Survey available now!

www.wampo.org/mtb2050





- WAMPO's Electric Vehicle Plan is being developed to support the growing market of Plug-in Electric Vehicles (PEVs) in the region by enabling municipalities and others to address immediate needs and long-term planning objectives so the WAMPO region will become an electric vehicle (EV) destination, corridor, and gateway.

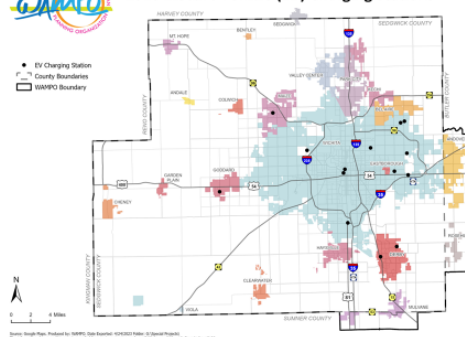


- The Electric Vehicle Plan supports the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 and the Charge Up Kansas NEVI Plan, by advancing the use of EVs to improve air quality and fostering economic development. WAMPO has an opportunity to adapt to emerging technologies by closing EV charging infrastructure gaps and removing barriers to EV adoption.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050



2023 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- We currently have a survey available that will help us determine the demand for electric vehicles as well as determine where new EV infrastructure is needed.

Status: Survey available now!



- ii. WAMPO website for links to surveys and more information:
wampo.org/MTP2050

2. Approval of June 5th minutes

- a. Chair David Sowden returned to this agenda item after quorum was present.
- b. Motion to approve by Chair David Sowden
- c. Seconded by John Nicholas
- d. **Approved 7-0**

3. Kansas SB 180

- a. County Counselor's office does not believe that the new law requires any changes to Sedgwick County government policies or practices
- b. Questions may be directed to Sedgwick County Department of Human Resources

4. SGO Emergency Management

- a. Julie Stimson, Director of Emergency Management, shared information about what the department does and how to prepare for emergencies.

SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Julie Stimson, Director
Sedgwick County Emergency
Management

OVERVIEW

- ▶ What is Emergency Management
- ▶ Emergency Management Hierarchy
- ▶ Sedgwick County EM Programs
- ▶ Get Involved
- ▶ Make A Plan



WHAT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT?

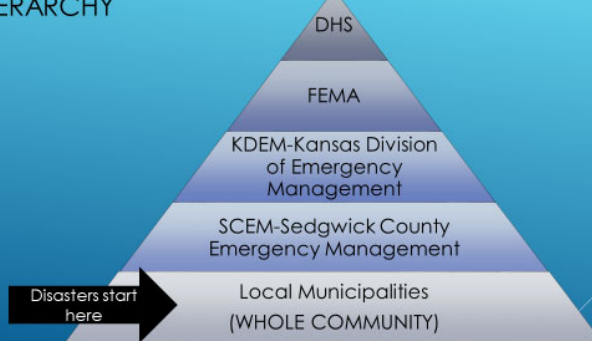
FEMA: The managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters

Sedgwick County Emergency Management Mission

Build, sustain, and improve Sedgwick County's capabilities in disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery through whole community collaboration, innovative planning, training, and exercise activities



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY



KANSAS STATUTES

- ▶ K.S.A. 48-929(a) Establishes Emergency Management as a County function and charges each EM Agency with coverage and protection of all cities within their county
- ▶ 48-929(b) Allows for cities to petition Governor for establishing their own EMA – own staff, own responsibility, own plans
 - ▶ No cities in Kansas have petitioned
 - ▶ KCK and Wyandotte Co are a combined interjurisdictional agency (48-930)

SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Public Warning Systems
- Public Outreach
- Planning, Training, and Exercise
- Volunteer Teams
 - ▶ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
 - ▶ Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
 - ▶ Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)
 - ▶ Adopt a Siren Program
 - ▶ K9 Search and Rescue
 - ▶ Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) managed by Health Dept

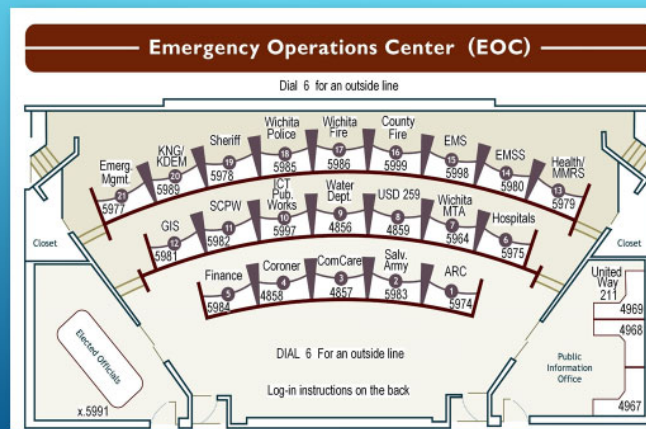


EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

- ▶ Three Levels of activation
 - ▶ Monitoring (level3)
 - ▶ Partial (level2)
 - ▶ Full (level1)
- ▶ Situational Monitoring
- ▶ Operational Coordination
- ▶ Resource Support
- ▶ Keeping Local & State Government Informed
- ▶ Supporting local responders



4-29-2022 tornado



PUBLIC WARNING SYSTEMS

Layered Approach

- ▶ Local Media Outlets (TV, radio)
- ▶ Social Media
- ▶ NOAA Weather Radio
- ▶ Wireless Emergency Alerts
- ▶ Phone/Tablet Applications
 - ▶ Check your settings!
- ▶ County Emergency Log
- ▶ Outdoor Warning Devices (153)



This WILL wake you up!



This will NOT wake you up!
Not intended to be heard indoors!

Have more than 1 way to receive warnings!!



COUNTY PLANS

- Risk Assessment and Hazard Vulnerability Analysis for Sedgwick County
- South Central Regional Hazards Analysis
- South Central Kansas Regional Commodity Flow Study
- Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)
- Debris Management Plan
- Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Top 5 Sedgwick County hazards
 - Tornado
 - Flood
 - Windstorms
 - Winter Storm
 - Wildfire (especially in rural areas)
- Continuity of Operations Plan (EM and government agencies)



TRAINING & EXERCISES

Plans need to be trained on and practiced

- All-hazards, not just weather
 - HAZMAT Release
 - Transportation Accidents
 - Cybersecurity attacks
 - Civil Unrest
 - Active Shooter
 - Mass Casualty Incidents
- Identify gaps and shortfalls before a disaster
- Build relationships



GET INVOLVED:

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

- Committee of volunteers from different groups and organizations described in Section 301c Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA)
- **Link between local government and industries to enhance HAZMAT preparedness**
- All-Hazards planning: identify hazards that pose a risk to the community and evaluate available resources
- Meets Quarterly/Open to the public
 - Locations rotate throughout county and virtual (ZOOM link)
 - 3rd Thursday, 2nd month of quarter, 2PM
 - <https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/emergency-management/local-emergency-planning-committee-lepc/>



GET INVOLVED: (CERT) COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

- ▶ Trained neighbors helping neighbors
 - ▶ Light search and rescue
 - ▶ Fire safety
 - ▶ Basic first aid
 - ▶ Shared resources
- ▶ Allows professional responders to focus on complex tasks
- ▶ Basic training level and advanced training options
- ▶ Assist in large events
 - ▶ Riverfest, NCAA tournament, county fair, parades, health fairs, other special events)



MAKE A PLAN

- ▶ Plan for disruptions in services regardless of cause
 - ▶ Utility Failure (electricity, gas, water)
 - ▶ Communication failure
 - ▶ Delayed emergency response
 - ▶ Food, water, fuel shortages
- ▶ How will I receive emergency alerts/warnings?
- ▶ Where is my safe shelter/evacuation route?
 - ▶ HAZMAT Shelter in Place is different than severe weather sheltering
- ▶ Do I know how to shut off utilities at my home?
- ▶ How do I communicate with my family/household?
 - ▶ Cell phones may not work or may be damaged/lost
 - ▶ Do you have any phone numbers memorized? Write them down and include in disaster kit!
- ▶ What supplies will my household (and pets) need during the first 72 hours? Medications? Special dietary needs?



BOTTOM LINE

Emergency Management is here to help communities, businesses and individuals prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from the impacts of **all-hazard** events





CONTACT INFO

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8-5
316-660-5959

Duty Officer on-call 24/7

<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/emergency-management/>

Julie Stimson, Director

Jonathan Marr, Deputy Director

Cody Charvat, Preparedness & Operations Manager

Jonathan Schropfer, Planner (starts 7/24/23)

Kenji Brooks, Logistics

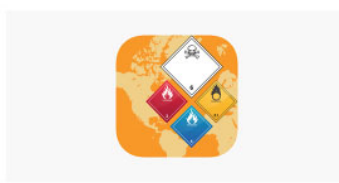
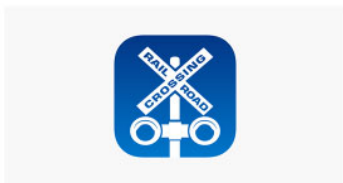
b. Questions

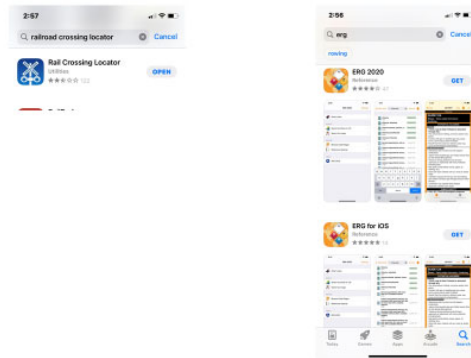
- i. Does Emergency Management partner with Red Cross?
 1. Yes, Red Cross has a desk in Emergency Management center.
 2. Working to partner with CERT team as well
- ii. How will people know about an emergency if they speak different languages?
 1. Vulnerability that the department is working on
 2. Meeting with International Relief Committee to address
 3. Have partners that work in Vietnamese and Spanish
 4. Working on bringing Spanish-specific Listos program to County
 5. Working with partners, but open to more ideas or connections
- iii. EOC building
 1. Current Emergency Operations Center is underneath 911 Emergency Communications Center
 2. Looking to build new center due to growth and lessons learned from COVID-19
 3. Applied for grant to fund building the center
 4. Already purchased land near Murdock and Meridian
 5. Expect to hear about grant on August 4th
- iv. Tornado sirens in Derby
 1. In the midst of capital improvement project to upgrade and enhance outdoor warning system; new technology mixed with old technology
 2. Signal went twice automatically and once manually, but was not received in the polygon zone in Derby
 3. Electrical components that are a part of the old technology failed
 4. Important for people to use multiple means of receiving emergency information
 5. Mechanical test of sirens occurs weekly on Mondays if weather permits
- v. Olivia Hayse suggested seeking grant funding for emergency communications to help connect with the public more effectively

- c. Chief John Turner, Derby Fire Department; Battalion Chief Lane Pearlman, Wichita Fire Department; Deputy Chief Ray Hensley, Sedgwick County Fire District 1; and Captain Nick Becker, Sedgwick County Fire District 1 shared information about HAZMAT and train concerns



Useful Apps





- d. Questions
 - i. Concerns about bacteria in water (Garden Plain)
 - 1. Aware of risks, specialize in handling these issues
 - ii. Recruiting and staffing
 - 1. Starting to recruit at high schools, lot of interest
- e. Julie Stimson shared that emergency management is happy to speak to any group about disaster preparedness

5. Commissioner Howell Report

- a. July 13th: Kansas State Treasurer Steven Johnson holding event at Ruffin Building educating people on unclaimed property
- b. Fire District 1 Steering Committee: 9-member board will be sworn in at first meeting
- c. County's annual comprehensive financial report was presented on June 21st, showed very good fiscal health including being in the 95th percentile for low debt
- d. July 11th: Special BoCC meeting at 1:00 PM: manager's recommended budget will be presented
 - i. Public hearings and eventual vote will happen over the following six weeks
 - ii. Likely going to exceed revenue neutral rate
- e. July 8th: Sedgwick County Association of Cities meeting at 8:30 AM at Woolsey Hall (County is non-voting member)
- f. July 12th-14th: three Commissioners attending City to City trip in Colorado Springs
- g. July 13th: Commissioner Howell attending graduation at Evening Reporting Center for Juvenile Corrections
- h. July 14th: Commissioner Howell attending Child Psychological Fellowship program ribbon cutting
- i. August 7th: Purple Heart County proclamation and celebration
- j. Questions
 - i. Clarification on Colorado Springs City-to-City trip
 - 1. Opportunity for local leaders to learn from other communities
 - 2. About 75 people from the area are attending
 - 3. Board would like to see reporting on what leaders learned and how taxpayer funds were used; interested in seeing what actions are taken as a result of the trip

- ii. Functional zero homelessness goal for Veterans
 - 1. Veterans Administration working with the City
 - 2. County not leading the program but there to support

6. SGCO New Policies

a. Parental Leave

- i. Wide variety in what is offered by other government entities, large businesses, small businesses, etc.
- ii. Vice-Chair John Nicholas is interested in seeing policy for other family-related leave (i.e. taking care of sick parents)
- iii. What is fair to employees and fair to tax base?
- iv. Board members will send Chair David Sowden information on employers' leave policies
- v. Workforce Alliance also has data that could be helpful

b. Advisory Boards

i. County Health Advisory Board

- 1. Draft resolution distributed; no time for discussion

ii. What should CAB's weigh in on – i.e. fiscal changes etc.

- 1. Idea for all-County CAB meeting once a year to discuss and compare

c. Olivia Hayse reminded members to join subcommittee on LAVTR if interested

7. Meeting adjourned by Chair David Sowden at 5:58 PM.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Review of future subject matter – determine priority and interests.

- ICT-1 Follow Up
- County fines versus State Allowance Resolutions
- Driver's License Suspensions etc
- SGCO HR
- LAVTR – Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Status
- Blake Carpenter – Bill Presentation
- K15 Corridor
- SGCO EMS

ADJOURNMENT

The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be Friday, August 4, 2023 4:00pm

DOCUMENTS:

CAB 5 06/5/2023 Mins.

SGCO DRAFT Paid Parental Leave Policy 4.704

Resolution Establishing Advisory Board of Health

County Upcoming Events (Tentative):

- Tuesday July 11, 2023, BOCC Special Meeting 1pm re: Maximum Property Tax Collection

County Closed:

- Labor Day – Monday, September 4, 2023
- Veterans' Day – Friday, November 11, 202 (Observed)
- Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 23, 2023 – Friday, November 24, 2023
- Christmas – Monday, December 25, 2023

Commissioner Howell Events:

- 2nd Monday of each Month – Bullet Points @ Range 54 (5725 E Kellogg Dr S., Wichita) 4p-5:30p
- Last Friday of each Month – Cuppa Jo with Jim @ Calvary Baptist Church Gymnasium (1636 E. Patriot, Derby – enter through the glass doors on the East side of the Building) 7a-9a.
- 3rd Tuesday of each Month 7a – 9a – Coffee with the Commish; The Grill, 222 N. 2nd Ave., Mulvane