



Sedgwick County Association of Cities

# AGENDA

## Sedgwick County Association of Cities

March 8, 2025

8:30 -10:00 a.m.

Valley Center Rec Center – 1050 N. Meridian Ave.

Valley Center, KS 67147

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1. Welcome & Introductions, Mayor Pat Stivers, SCAC Chair
    - City of Valley Center Host
  2. Approval of January 11, 2025, SCAC Meeting Minutes: Mayor Pat Stivers  
***Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes from the January 11, 2025 SCAC meeting***
  3. Approval of February 28, 2025 Treasurer's Report: Council Member Gina Gregory, SCAC Treasurer  
***Recommended Action: Approve the February 28, 2025 Treasurer's Report***
  4. Annual Report on Property Valuations: Mark Clark, Sedgwick County Appraiser  
***Recommended Action: Receive and file***
  5. Sedgwick County Strategic Plan SCAC Focus Group: WSU PPMC  
***Recommended Action: Receive and file***
  6. Election of SCAC Officers at Next SCAC Meeting (May): Mayor Pat Stivers  
Chair  
Vice-Chair  
Secretary/Treasurer  
***Recommended Action: Receive and file***
  7. Sedgwick County Update  
***Recommended Action: Receive and file***
  8. Around the County: City and other reports  
***Recommended Action: Receive and file***

### Upcoming 2025 Meetings:

- Saturday, May 10, 8:30 am – Park City
- Saturday, July 12, 8:30 am – TBD
- Saturday, September 13 , 8:30 am – Bentley

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# **Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC)**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Jan. 11, 2025 | 8:30 -10:00 a.m.**

**Kechi City Hall Community Room– 220 W. Kechi Rd**

**Kechi, KS 67067**

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SCAC met at 9:00 AM on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, in the Kechi City Hall Community Room  
Mayor Ashley Coleman presided. SCAC members and visitors are shown on the attached list.

### **Welcome**

- Mayor Ashley Coleman welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. All attendees introduced themselves.
- Matt Jensby gave a City of Kechi update
- Newest neighborhood tax abatement program to improve dilapidated properties in Kechi.
- The City roads are better, the Oliver intersection is getting redone, aim to make it a walkable district by June. Phase 1 is expected to be completed by February.
- Moxi Junction, coffee shop is coming to Kechi
- Paul Davis passed away on Jan 2, 2025. Condolences on behalf of SCAC.

### **Cities in Attendance**

Bel Aire, Bentley, Goddard, Haysville, City of Sedgwick, Mount Hope, Kechi, Valley Center, Mulvane, Maize, Park City.

### **Approval of Minutes from Nov.16th, 2024**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Motion by Mayor Terry Somers (Mount Hope) to APPROVE minutes from Nov. 16, 2024.

Seconded by Mayor Russ Kessler (Haysville). **Motion passed 11-0.**

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Council Member presented the Dec. 31, 2024, Treasurer's Report.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Motion by Mayor Jim Benage (Bel Aire) to APPROVE Dec. 31, 2024,

Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mayor John Lehnherr. **Motion passed 11-0.**

The balance is still the same and invoices will be going out so the balance will increase. The money could be used as a scholarship, fund education of employees, offer a dollar match or fully fund a Mini-MPA program. There will be a future discussion on how to spend the money.

The fees stay the same at \$100.

## **HumanKind Ministries and Emergency Winter Shelter presentation**

Dawn Shepler, President/CEO, HumanKind ministries, gave a presentation on HumanKind Ministries, an organization that has been around since 1885. It has undergone three brand name changes before becoming HumanKind ministries in 2019. The aim is to provide services and community support in addition to shelters.

They currently employ 40 employees and up to 70 employees when operating the emergency winter shelter. They serve anything from outreach, shelter, and housing and have a very large footprint in midtown. Seven million dollars is being spent towards mental health and infrastructure.

Usually churches double as emergency shelters. But there are a lot of behavior issues that people using shelters bring and it wasn't feasible to run.

200-250 people used the emergency shelter this winter. HumanKind needs government funding to support them. They created an emergency shelter at opportunity drive but it was met with a lot of challenges.

Last year the MAC project was started as a goal for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition. And it transitioned into HumanKind's strategic plan, but the coalition was never going to run it. City of Wichita used extra ARPA money to build the winter shelter in Park elementary.

HumanKind was the only applicant for RFP for emergency shelter. The total costs is \$941,000. It took only 24 days to get the shelter up and running.

At the shelter, they are not allowed to bring weapons, food, water, alcohol, sanitizer, mouthwash and blankets for space, safety, and sanitary reasons. They can bring 2 bags, a tote and a regular bag. So far there has been no breakout of bedbugs and lice. There is also an ADA shower for decontamination. There are hot boxes available for strictly temporary use. There is a behavior chart for people who don't comply and they can be banned for 30 days.

Has one men's sleeping space, one women's sleeping space and one flex space. Can house 128 in men, 72 women and 66 in flex. There are 2 day areas.

It is a locked facility, opened 24/7. People come inside one at a time and are subject to search. The security checks everything, they identify themselves as homeless and have providers visiting on site regularly for mental, medical and other services.

There are two private security guards. One handles intake and the other monitors the facility for any disruptions and keep them moving.

There is more homelessness in general in winter. 30 to 40% of homeless are over 60 years. HumanKind wants to collaborate with KDADs for their unique needs. There is an uptick in couch homelessness that needs to be addressed.

EMS has received over 200 calls to the shelter since it has opened. The main reasons -normally calls being concentrated in one place, age of the residents, and residents have authority to call EMS and Law enforcement. Since these people might not have Medicaid, or Medicare, this cost is born by the county at almost \$525 per trip.

People can stay at the Inn (shelter) for up to 90 days. There are studios available as part of a 12 to 36 month program that has 54 rooms. Over 40 collaborative agencies come and work with clients on various skills to create independence to move out.

HumanKind also provides low income housing with \$600 - \$800 all bills included and with access to case management.

We have 2 fundraisers each year.

104 people didn't go to the shelter due to their pets, mental health, distrust of providers, etc. The shelter also has to deal with behavioral issues like anger, lack of social skills, addiction.

Growing concerns are homelessness in seniors, foster kids aging out of the system into homelessness, drugs making issues worse. Synthetic Marijuana (K2) and cartel Methamphetamines (P2P) causes psychosis, mental health, and behavior issues.

Wichita is subsidizing and bought HumanKind a building to help combat drug psychosis. Currently there are 6000 foster kids and one in four kids will be homeless within 2 years of leaving the foster care system.

Hunter Health has a grant to serve non-insured and help homeless. ICT1 also support the shelter. They will be added to the MAC going forward. There are barriers to entry to the winter shelter, waitlist for housing, studios and a section 8 waitlist of 10,200 people for low-income housing.

### **Sedgwick County Update**

Chairman Ryan Baty and Commissioner Pete Meitzner gave the Sedgwick County Update.

- David Dennis retired and Sarah Lopez was not re-elected. Jeff Blubaugh will be taking over 2<sup>nd</sup> District and Stephanie Wise will be taking over 3<sup>rd</sup> District.
- City and Chamber is looking at the legislative platform, there are some concerns with what is happening in Topeka. There is a crisis in funding adult correctional facilities. Residential correctional might get a 52% cut in funding.
- The senate is going to pass a motion to put a limit on valuations at 4% on the ballot for voters to decide. Unsure if the house will do it as well.
- The legislative platform will be presenting three main agenda items. Economic development, housing and infrastructure.
- County is working on MABCD access on the permitting process, some joint procurement opportunities, first right to refusal when we start to liquidate some of our equipment before putting it up on auction.
- Solid waste fees was based on tiers and tonnage. There were some inequities to work on but we have accomplished lowering solid waste fees in the residential side. Parks are tier 4 due to land based codes. Also many multi-parcels receive solid waste fees for each individual parcel. County will work with title companies to try to get multi-parcels into a single parcel per park. It could cost about 300 dollars to combine them. There might be challenges in charging solid waste fees to a bin but it is an area to look into. Solid waste fees for residential dropped 5 dollars.

### **Around the County**

Jan. 22, 2025 – Local Government Day

Road work around 69<sup>th</sup> and Meridian. Roads will be closed in 4 months.

Former Mayor Laurie L. Dove's novel Mask of the Deer Woman was released on Jan 21, 2025.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 AM.

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## **Meeting Attendance**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY/COUNTY/ ORGANIZATION</b>
Jim Benage	Bel Aire
Bob Rardin	Haysville
Dawn Shepler	HumanKind Ministries
Tania Cole	Sedgwick County
Michelle Bastian	Sedgwick County
Ryan Baty	Sedgwick County
Pete Meitzner	Sedgwick County
John Lehnherr	Park City
Charles Schwanke	Park City
Tracy Pribbenow	Bentley
Terry Somers	Mount Hope
JT Bryan	Bentley
Ashley Coleman	Kechi
Kendra Baldrige	Kechi
Matt Jensby	Kechi
Gina Gregory	Valley Center
Justin Bruster	Haysville
Krista Hall	Goddard
Austin St. John	Mulvane
Danielle Gabor	Haysville
Russ Kessler	Haysville
Doug Hall	Goddard
David Guo	Maize
Nick Gregory	Maize
Bryan Chapman	City of Sedgwick
Greg David	Bel Aire



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## TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

For Month Ending February 28, 2025

**BEGINNING BALANCE (Jan 1, 2025) \$10,612.93**

### INCOME (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
2/7	Deposit	\$1,100.00
2/7	Deposit	\$800.00
2/26	Deposit	\$100.00

### EXPENSES

Date	Check No.	Description	Amount
2/12		Return Deposit Item	\$100.00
2/12		Return Deposit Item Fee	\$7.00

**ENDING CASH BALANCE (Feb 28, 2025) \$12,505.43**

TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS

TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS

**RECONCILED BANK BALANCE \$12,505.43**

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Gregory, Secretary/Treasurer, Sedgwick County Association of Cities