



Sedgwick County Association of Cities

# AGENDA

## Sedgwick County Association of Cities

March 18, 2021

6:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88482730567?pwd=WU1PTUg3aTlncjhBTG9uZGFwNXBudz09>

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### **S.C.A.C. Business Meeting**

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approval of March 18, 2021 Agenda  
***Recommended Action: Approve the Agenda for the March 18, 2021, SCAC meeting.***
3. Approval of January 21, 2021 SCAC Meeting Minutes  
***Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes from the January 21, 2021, SCAC meeting.***
4. Approval of March 1, 2021 Financial Report  
***Recommended Action: Approve the March 1, 2021, SCAC Financial Report***
5. One Workforce Grant Program: Amanda Duncan, Vice President and Chief Business Development Officer, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas
6. Youth Employment Project, Aliex Kofoed, Work Experience Supervisor, Workforce Centers of South Central Kansas
7. WAMPO Technical Advisory Committee Appointment  
***Recommended Action: Appoint one SCAC representative to serve on the WAMPO Technical Advisory Committee.***
8. Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Committee (SCSWMC) Appointments  
  
City of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class: Open  
  
City of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class: Randy Parker  
  
***Recommended Action: Appoint two SCAC representatives (one from City of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and one from City of 3<sup>rd</sup> Class) to serve on the SCSWMC.***

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**Wrap-Up**: Around the County: City and other reports

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**Upcoming Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2021, 6:00 PM, at Riverfront Stadium**



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

### **Zoom Meeting Minutes**

### **January 21, 2021**

SCAC met at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 21, 2021, via Zoom, with Chairman **John McIntosh**, presiding. SCAC members and visitors are shown on the attached list.

**Welcome:** **McIntosh** welcomed members and guests

**Cities in Attendance:** Bel Aire, Clearwater, Derby, Haysville, Mount Hope, Park City, Valley Center

#### **Approval of January 21, 2021 Agenda**

The SCAC Agenda was submitted for approval. Motion made by Council Member Bob Rardin (Haysville) to APPROVE the Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Tom Jones (Park City). **Motion PASSED 7-0.**

#### **Approval of November 19, 2020 Minutes**

The Minutes from the November 19, 2020 SCAC meeting were submitted for approval. Motion made by Mayor Terry Somers (Mount Hope) to APPROVE November 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Council Member Rardin. **Motion PASSED 7-0.**

#### **Approval of January 2021 Financial Report**

The January 2021 SCAC Financial Report was submitted by Council Member and SCAC Treasurer Gina Gregory (Valley Center). Council Member Rardin motioned to receive and file the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mayor Jim Benage (Bel Aire) seconded. **Motion PASSED 7-0.**

#### **SCAC Letter of Support for Sedgwick County Election Commissioner**

SCAC Chair, Council Member McIntosh, motioned to send a letter to Secretary of State, Scott Schwab, supporting the reappointment of Sedgwick County Election Commissioner Tabitha Lehman. Council Member Justin Shore (Clearwater) seconded. **Motion PASSED 7-0.**

#### **Sedgwick County Update: Commissioner Jim Howell**

Commissioners received an update on the 2020 General Election

- More than 225,000 ballots were cast for the election, a majority of which were ballots-by-mail or early voting
- 14 ballot drop boxes were installed for voters to cast a ballot-by-mail without sending it via USPS or dropping it off at a poll place
- The Elections Office was awarded \$420,307 in Help America Vote Act CARES funding. Notable projects include the ballot drop boxes, PPE, unbudgeted postage expenses, and temporary staff
- The Center for Tech and Civic Life provided an \$816,458 grant to the Election Office. Notable projects include 100 voting machines, costs associated with a mega vote site, drop box installation and security cameras

Finalized 2020 State Legislative Platform

- Strengthen and enhance the Medicaid safety net through enhanced rates for behavioral health
- Support regional state mental hospitals facilities, including one in Sedgwick County
- Address the behavioral health needs of the uninsured and underinsured
- Support Community Crisis Center Funding
- Nuisance abatement authority for Sedgwick County
- Create a Charter Commission

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#### Working on 2021 Federal Legislative Platform

- Infrastructure investment priority
  - North Junction
  - Northwest Bypass
  - Ark-95 Project
- Landlord/Rental Assistance
- Amtrak Extension
- Dry Creek Overflow Detention Facility
- Northeast Sedgwick County Park
- Health and Social Services

Oath of Office Ceremony for Commissioners Lopez and Dennis held January 10, 2021 and livestreamed on social media. Watch a recording here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z98nld9h2Yg>

Chairman Meitzner and Chair Pro Tem Cruse were selected to serve in their respective roles for another year.

#### COVID-19 Update

- The [local health order](#) is currently in place through 11:59 p.m. on February 6, 2021. It includes a mass gathering limit of 25 people and mask wearing requirements among other prevention measures
- So far, Sedgwick County has given more than 9,540 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine
  - The Health Department began vaccinating people (with Moderna) in Phase 1 on December 23, 2020
  - Phase 1 vaccines were given to health care associated workers, including hospital staff, EMS crews, and other medical professionals in close contact with COVID-19 patients
  - Phase 1 Dose 2 vaccines are now being provided to workers who received Dose 1
  - The Health Department anticipates receiving less than 2,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine this week to begin vaccinating people in Phase 2
  - Due to this limited amount, residents aged 90 and older may schedule a vaccine appointment
- Free, walk-in testing is available for residents, regardless of symptoms, at the Sedgwick County Extension Office. This is offered by the Health Department
  - Testing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Results are generally available within 18 to 36 hours
- Sedgwick County is in the final stages of closing out its Safe Operating Grant Program, providing nearly \$6.3 million to small businesses and non-profits located in Sedgwick County that were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- The County received 1,799 unique applications and offered awards to 72 percent of the requesting entities of up to \$5,000 each for business-related expenses such as rent, utilities, and PPE for safe reopening
- [Click here to watch a short video](#) which highlights just a few of the businesses who received funding from Sedgwick County through the County's allocation of CARES funding
- There was an incremental increase in COVID-19 cases from Monday to Wednesday
  - The [County's Data Dashboard](#) is update daily
  - Additional data and information can be found at [www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19) and on the County's social media pages

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#### Sedgwick County Zoo Update

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Zoo was closed from March 13 to May 18, 2020
- Members are no longer required to schedule a reservation before visiting the Zoo
- There's a new mixed species exhibit at the Veldt with new animals such as antelope and cranes
- Endangered Chinese alligator hatchlings were welcomed at the Zoo for the second year in a row
- The Zoo will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2021. Kick-off celebrations will begin in May

#### **Greater Wichita Economic Recovery Plan: Evan Rosell, Executive Vice President of Operations, Greater Wichita Partnership**

Early in 2020, the Wichita region and Kansas lost approximately 5,000 aerospace jobs because of the Boeing 737 MAX production suspension. In March 2020, global pandemic COVID-19 became the second unprecedented event to significantly affect the core industries that drive the greater Wichita region and state's economy. 59,000+ people have been impacted through layoffs and furloughs.

Seven regional organizations have collaborated to develop a strategic recovery plan: Greater Wichita Partnership, Regional Economic Area Partnership, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce, Workforce Alliance, WSU, City of Wichita and Sedgwick County.

#### Core industries impacted:

- Aerospace manufacturing – South central Kansas is home to some of the world's largest aerospace manufactures including Spirit AeroSystems, Textron Aviation, Bombardier and Airbus plus more than 450 world-class suppliers
- Oil and gas - Kansas ranks in the top ten states for oil production and in the top 15 for natural gas production
- Agriculture - The Wichita region exports \$3.3 billion in agriculture. It's home to two of the largest privately held companies focused on agriculture in the U.S. – Koch Industries and Cargill Protein – and a high concentration of food processing applications, including wet milling, oilseed crushing, vegetable oil refining and blending, and meat processing. The industry supports over 40,000 jobs in the region
- Travel, tourism and service industry - Wichita has a high concentration of travel industry customer support jobs with nationwide headquarter call centers for Marriott and Royal Caribbean/Celebrity Cruise Line
  - In 2019, these companies employed a workforce of 1,500 jobs
  - More than 6 million people visit the Wichita region bringing an impact of \$1 billion dollars to the economy, including dining, retail, cultural attractions and entertainment

#### Growth and recovery:

- Collaboration among key regional organizations is key
- Wichita region is uniquely positioned for growth and recovery because of critical assets, strategic direction and plans
  - Highly skilled workforce
  - Leading global research and development facilities (NIAR)
  - Robust talent training infrastructure
  - Collaborative community
  - Strong supply chain employers
  - Covid-19 Community Task Force - Community-wide task force aligning needs and resources for short-, mid- and long-term economic response and recovery with local, state and federal partners and business, non-profits, workforce, education and more

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Strategic direction and plans: Within the last two years, the Greater Wichita Partnership led regional collaborative efforts to develop data-driven plans by recognized global experts. Implementation, based upon priority and timing, is underway.

- Regional Growth Plan – a comprehensive economic development strategy to grow the regional economy that is targeted, collaborative and data-driven
- Talent Marketing Blueprint – a global research and marketing strategy to position the region to retain and recruit talent that is strategic, focused and research-based

Both plans complement and enhance the state of Kansas' Framework for Growth as a statewide economic development plan (currently underway).

The following investments have been collaboratively identified to continue diversification and growth efforts:

- Aerospace Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) - Capitalize on assets of world-class talent, research and business expertise, including NIAR, by unlocking growth in a different aerospace market that is largely recession proof – manufacturing parts, providing service and repairs to existing aircraft
- Aerospace Defense Manufacturing - Continue further diversification of the aerospace industry and leverage WSU/NIAR through additional defense work by regional companies creating ongoing work during commercial or general aviation cycles
- Workforce Development and Apprenticeships - Seize opportunities to provide earn/learn and apprenticeship opportunities to support returning manufacturing workforce as demand and economy responds from COVID-19
- Technology and Innovation - Build on local expertise to support every business and industry sector's rapid digital transformation required to compete and grow while supporting entrepreneurs with scalable businesses
- Transportation and Logistics - With the I-35 corridor, the Wichita region is uniquely positioned to build on its existing capacity to grow as a hub for essential transportation and logistics
- Shovel-Ready Projects/Sites - Create more competitive sites in the region to stimulate its economy and long-term trajectory

#### **Public Policy and Management Center At WSU Update: Misty Bruckner, Director**

The Public Policy and Management Center (PPMC) at Wichita State University advances public good by strengthening people, organizations and communities. The PPMC provides expertise and support in the following areas:

- Research & Program Evaluation
  - Survey research
  - Board development
  - Organizational assessment
  - Policy research
- Talent Development & Professional Services
  - Professional development
  - Conference administration
  - Association education and support
  - Specialized training
- Community Development
  - Community engagement
  - Strategic planning
  - Program evaluation and improvement
  - Facilitation

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Currently, PPMC staff is working within three significant areas of interest impacting our region:

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition – Develop a sustainable, accessible and integrated system of care that serves people with mental health and substance abuse disorders who are in crisis, in order to efficiently and effectively deliver services that create positive outcomes
  - Three goals identified
    - Workforce: Have enough employees to meet demand in mental health, substance abuse, social work and other behavioral health professions
    - Access: Reduce barriers so patients can get to needed services when they need them
    - Coordination: Create a system of care that relies on improved communication and collaboration among service providers
- Wichita Literacy Coalition – To improve early childhood literacy and kindergarten readiness
  - Funded through grant from Kansas Health Foundation
  - In 2019, 66% of Kansas students were not reading at grade level by fourth grade
  - These students are four times more likely to drop out of high school, with the achievement gap even wider among children of color and those from low-income families
  - Key activities include:
    - Agree on common language – what does kindergarten readiness mean?
    - Inventory of services
    - Resources available – sustainability
- Local Government Management
  - Meeting coordination with management staff
  - Information exchange
  - Training on-demand
  - Fee survey
  - Policy analysis – Law Enforcement Retention
  - Salary surveys
  - Talent development
  - Other areas as identified by local government

### **Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Committee Appointments**

Deferred to March 18, 2021 SCAC meeting

### **Around the County**

- Council Member Rardin: 2011/12 South Broadway Corridor Study needs to be updated
  - Traffic counts have significantly increased
  - Safety improvements made to 79<sup>th</sup> & Broadway
  - No sidewalks or lighting
  - Collaboration between Haysville, Derby, Wichita and Sedgwick County to make necessary improvements for public safety
- Mayor Benage: Pedestrian safety announcements needed – develop public safety announcements
- Council Member Shore – What types of new housing incentives have worked for communities?
  - Zach McHatton (Haysville) – Haysville issues free tree vouchers for new home construction

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**Adjournment at 7:12 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura E. Rainwater, Executive Director for Sedgwick County Association of Cities

Date of Minutes Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting Attendance:**

John McIntosh	Derby
Randy White	Derby
Jim Howell	Sedgwick County
Sarah Lopez	Sedgwick County
Gina Gregory	Valley Center
Ron Colbert	Valley Center
Tom Jones	Park City
Terry Somers	Mount Hope
Jim Benage	Bel Aire
Justin Smith	Bel Aire
Justin Shore	Clearwater
Bob Rardin	Haysville
Russ Kessler	Haysville
Zach McHatton	Haysville
Evan Rosell	GWP
Misty Bruckner	WSU
Megan Wagner	Evergy
Sherii Farmer	Evergy
Wiley Smith	KDOC
Paul Davis	DAB 3
Laura Rainwater	SCAC