STATE OF KANSAS)
WYANDOTTE COUNTY)) SS SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016
CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KS)

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in special session, Monday, July 25, 2016, with ten members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Walker, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Townsend, Commissioner First District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eighth District; and Holland, Mayor/CEO, presiding. Murguia, Commissioner Third District, was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Carol Godsil, Deputy UG Clerk; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel; Gordon Criswell, Asst. County Administrator; Joe Connor, Asst. County Administrator; Melissa Mundt, Asst. County Administrator; Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer; Debbie Jonscher, Asst. Finance Director; Reginald Lindsey, Budget Manager; Mike Tobin, Interim Public Works Director; Patrick Waters, Senior Attorney; Wilba Miller, Community Development Director; Mike Taylor, Public Relations Director; Rocki Mayes, Executive Asst. to County Administrator; Budget Staff, and Officer Jake Dent, Sergeant-at-Arms.

MAYOR HOLLAND called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Holland.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to be held Monday, July 25, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Office Building for the final 2017 Budget Public Hearing. Immediately following in the 5th floor conference room will be the Public Works & Safety Standing Committee meeting followed by the Administration & Human Services Standing Committee meeting. Immediately following, a budget workshop will be held in the 5th floor conference room.

CONSENT TO MEETING of the governing body of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, accepting service of the foregoing notice, waiving all and any irregularities in such service and in such notice, and consent and agree that we, the governing body, shall meet at the time and place therein specified and for the purpose therein stated.

Mayor Holland said tonight is our final budget hearing.

Pre–July Budget Calendar

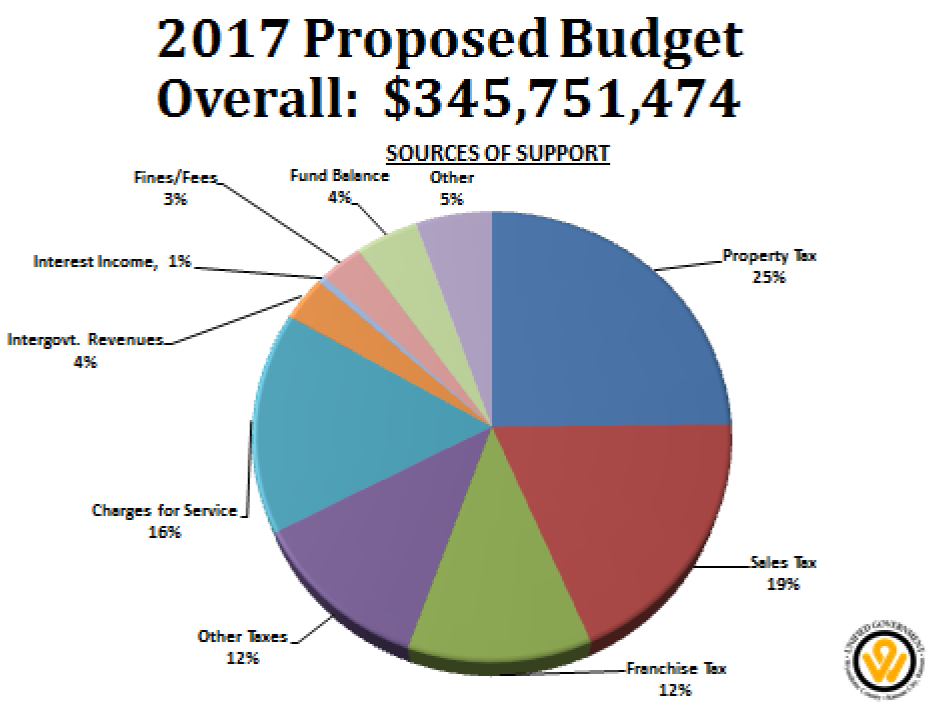
- October 19, 2015 – Commission Strategic Planning Session
- February 25, 2016 – 2017 Budget Public Hearing
- March 10, 2016 – Special Session – 2015 Financial Year End Review
- April 2016 – Commission Strategic Planning Session
- May 5 & May 26, 2016 – CMIP/DCBF – Committee of the Whole Workshops
- April/May 2016 – 2016 Citizen Survey Results
- June 23, 27, & 28 – Administration 3x3 with Commission

July Budget Calendar

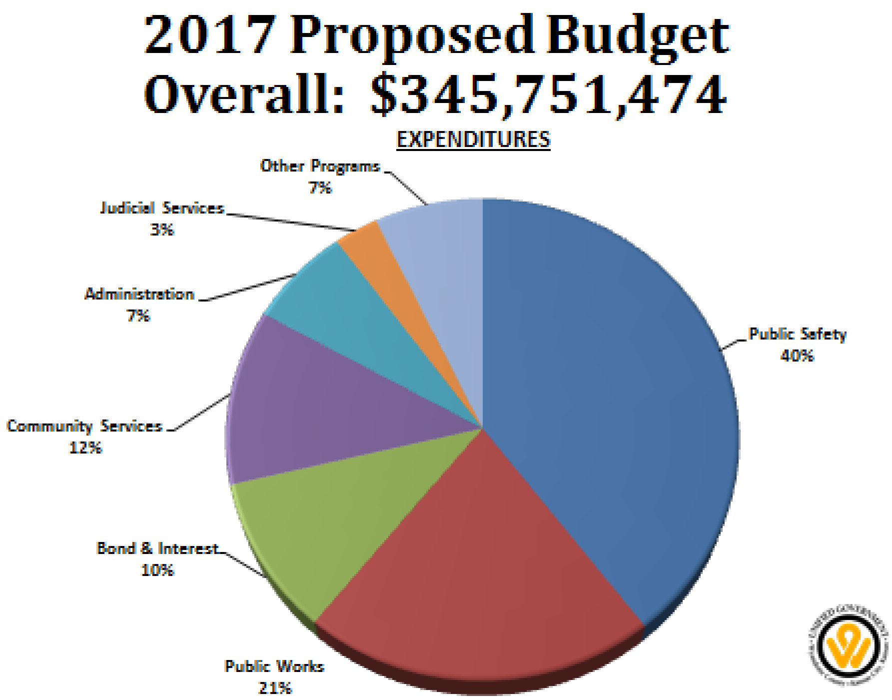
- July 7 – 5PM – Administrator's Presentation to Commission
- July 11 – Budget Workshop (Immediately following Standing Committee)
  Set Maximum Mill Levy
- July 18 – Budget Workshop – 5PM
- July 21 – Budget Workshop – 5PM
- July 25 – Final Public Hearing; Standing Committee; Budget Workshop
- July 28 – Budget Adoption

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said just to say a few things before we move into tonight's session I think the first thing is kind of a look back over the sessions we've had leading up to tonight's budget. We really got started on this last year. I think that has been a commitment by the governing body that we would kind of work budget throughout the year and would not just dive in and try to do everything in a couple of weeks. We started our Strategic Planning in October so currently we're starting to think about what our Strategic Planning will be for the 2018 Budget cycle. Then we moved into February. We really did our first public hearing and I will say the way this budget is set out that's our main public hearing that we get into, listen to comments from the public and be able to work through that and take some written sessions that come in. We go through the Yearend Review and then work through workshops leading through the month of June and then which led up to the proposed presentation of the budget that I put forward on July 7th, and then we've had a few workshops since that time leading up to today. The Commission has put a lot of time and effort into strategizing as to what would come into this year's budget to put you in a position to adopt what comes forward this week and then continue to look forward for long-year plans.

Tonight I'm going to ask Reginald Lindsey, our Budget Manager, and Wilba Miller, our Community Development Director, to come forward and give different parts of the presentation before we move into the public hearing.



Reginald Lindsey, Budget Manager, said our 2017 Proposed Budget at $345M is balanced both on the Revenue side and Expenditure side. This budget funds 31 state certified funds and through these state certified funds, we fund over 200 services. The main sources of support are Property Tax at 25%, Sales Tax at 19% and this year's sales tax at 19%. It's 4% higher as far as this piece of the pie than it has been in the past. Last year it was 14%. Our other major sources of revenue are Franchise Tax and Charges for Services.



On the Expenditure side of the house where we have funds going out, Public Safety is our major source of expenditures going out at 40% and Public Works at 21% and then Community Services at 12% of the pie.

CDBG – Examples of Eligible Activities

- Planning & Administration
- Public Facility Improvements
- Rehabilitation of Housing
- Clearance and Demolition
- Acquisition, disposition, and relocation
- Public Services
- Economic Development
- Historic Preservation

Wilba Miller, Community Development Director, said as you know, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County receives an annual allocation of Entitlement Funds from the U.S.

Department or HUD for the following programs: Community Development Block Grant, the HOME Investment Partnership Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. In order to receive the funds, the Unified Government must submit a 5-Year Consolidated Plan which includes an assessment of housing needs for both affordable and special needs housing, a housing market analysis, housing priorities and strategies to address those needs, a 5-Year Strategic Plan and an Annual Action Plan. The 2016 Action Plan is the second year of our current 5-Year Plan.

The Annual Action Plan consolidates the three grant programs into a single application which includes a description of the projects and activities expected to be undertaken using grant funds and any expected program income.

Examples of eligible activities for the CDBG Program are shown on the current slide. The plan also includes actions that the Unified Government expects to take during our program years to pursue strategies described in the 5-Year Plan.

The Unified Government must hold two public hearings to inform the community about the plan, the process, and to obtain community input. As Doug said, the first public hearing was held on February 25, 2016, prior to our developing the Annual Action Plan. We are fulfilling the second public hearing requirement tonight.

The Unified Government requested applications for 2017 Community Development Block Grant funding, and a community forum was held on April 7th to describe the process. Applications were accepted from April 7th until April 29th. The applications recommended for funding were brought forward to the full Commission and approved on June 9, 2016. Those approved applications are included in the draft Annual Action Plan which was published on June 16th and citizens were given 30 days to comment. The Plan budget is summarized by the following slides and is shown by categories and activities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FY 2016 GRANT BUDGET

DEMOLITION	339,478
REHABILITATION	687,781
PUBLIC FACILITIES & IMPROVEMENTS	300,100
PUBLIC SERVICES	270,575
SECTION 108 REPAYMENT	280,000
ADMIN	407,232
TOTAL	2,285,166

You can see the Community Development Block Grant budget is $2,285,166.

HOME FUNDS
FY 2016 GRANT BUDGET

HOME CHIP	241,226
REHAB/NEW CONSTRUCTION	270,000
ADMIN	56,802
TOTAL HOME	568,028

The HOME Funds are $568,028.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS
FY 2016 GRANT BUDGET

FEDERAL ALLOCATION	182,274
TOTAL ESG FUNDS	182,274

Emergency Solutions Grant is $182,274 in total funding.

The Plan must be submitted to HUD 45 days prior to our fiscal year that starts October 1st which means submission can be no later than August 15th. Failure to submit by that date will result in an automatic loss of funds.

The submission of the Annual Action Plan will also include this year the Amended Citizen Participation Plan which has been revised to include the new requirements of the new federal Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Final Rule. The amended Citizen Participation Plan was also made available on June 16th for a 30-day citizen comment period. The Unified Government has joined a collaborative of communities in the metropolitan area to develop the nation's first regional fair housing assessment and strategy which is currently underway.

A resolution calling for the adoption of the Annual Action Plan and the Amended Citizen Participation Plan will be presented for Commission approval during the July 28, 2016 adoption of the Unified Government budget. This concludes my portion of the presentation.

Mr. Bach said that concludes the information we wanted to present tonight. At this time, I would recommend that we forward to the public hearing.

Mayor Holland said I will now open the public hearing. I will ask the Clerk to read the statement governing this public hearing. (Ms. Godsil read the statement)

Dennis L. Harris, 5926 No. 123rd St., said I don't know how many years I've been here for a hearing of this nature on behalf of the Wyandotte County Fair Board. I've been a member of the Fair Board for some 15 to 20 years. Time gets by as you advance to my age. I have unsuccessfully tried to convince this board that the Fair Association and the Wyandotte County Fair Foundation is worthy of budgetary funding equal to or greater than what was received by this organization prior to Schlitterbahn moving in on our old fairgrounds and the new fairgrounds at 13700 Polfer.

We just completed our sixth county fair at the new fairgrounds for which I call where we're occupied now from the 12th to the 16th. The grounds prior to the fair were probably in the best shape and the best looking that they had been in the six years we have been there thanks to volunteers. We have no employees except during the fair. Everything that we did in preparation for the fair was done by volunteers. Board members volunteering their equipment, their time and their effort to ensure that this annual county function was successful. I believe it was very successful this year. We grew after the mud on Tuesday, through a little less mud on Wednesday and Thursday it was almost dry in the majority of the places. By Friday we had a few mud puddles and a couple of wet spots. By Saturday the midway and the areas of the ground were pretty dry. The crowds grew as the weather and our conditions improved from Tuesday through Saturday.

Ms. Godsil notified Mr. Harris he had one minute left of the three minutes speaking time. **Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to extend the speaking time to five minutes. Mayor Holland** said we just had a motion. We have three people speaking. Can we award those three people if they want to five minutes each? Motion carried.

Mr. Harris said I am very pleased with the manner in which the fair happened this year and the results of the fair, but the fair isn't the only thing that we do at the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds have been utilized for many, many community activities. This past June, Crosslines held the first barbeque contest that I'm aware of that's been since the old fairgrounds. We used to have a lot of them at the fairgrounds. It wasn't huge this year but it's the potential of growing.

There were 35 teams that entered. They paid entry fees in excess of $300 to be there and so much per class that they entered a product in. They prepared food that was subsequently served in the Crossline kitchen down at 7th & Kansas Ave. or just off of 7th & Kansas Ave. They are now planning on another event next year at the fairgrounds.

Numerous wedding receptions and weddings have taken place in the major building that we have available on the fairgrounds although, in retrospect, had we known at the time we built that building what we know today, that building would have never been built. It was built as a horse facility and animal facility. It was not heated, it was not air-conditioned and two bathrooms are in the building. At that time, we anticipated funding through either bonds or other means to build an exhibition hall with meeting rooms and facilities for our 4-H'ers to have club meetings, etc. We never received the bonds or that funding, and that building is still in phase five of the development of the fairgrounds and we're in phase two.

We've had antique shows, we have antique shows planned, we've had gun shows, we've had gun and knives shows, we've had wedding receptions. We've worked to develop use of the building as best we can. We still do not have heating or air-conditioning but we've generated some income. We have thanks to members of this panel, at least three of them, funding for the five trap fields that were authorized by this body in perpetuity in 2011. The funding that we received is approximately 40% of what was needed, but through donations, hard work of volunteers, donation of equipment and materials, we're going to build all five of them. We've got two that we're in the process of running electricity to and opening them hopefully by the middle of September. The other three we hope will be completed by October of this year.

The Kansas Trap Association is already planning the possibility of one more event—**Mayor Holland** said you are out of time, sir. I appreciate you coming today. **Mr. Harris** said northeast Kansas this spring.

Marcia Rupp, 2816 No. 46th St., said I want to talk about our emergency units, our knights in shining armor, the Fire Department and the Police Department. I want to make sure if they can to get all the material and equipment that they need to keep us safe and new fire departments out west. I watched a segment on TV and I believe it was the Overland Park Fire Department and they talked about how the new houses now are made of cheap and lightweight material. If you go out to 130th & Polfer Road and you look northeast, wow, I mean that's all you see is new homes, all the building we're doing, the training center coming in; we really need a fire department out west. I don't know if you have ever looked into this but we had some help with building a Police Department at midtown with the federal and you know we don't have a Homeland Security Office in Kansas City, Kansas; not in Kansas at all. We work out of the one in Missouri is what we use so that might be somebody that we could go in to partner with just to bring up some suggestions.

I also want to talk about Parallel Parkway. I know we did a really good job of paving—and I see that Mike Tobin is in the audience—and I know we did a really good job of paving the Leavenworth Road and also State Avenue. It's beautiful and people were traveling Parallel when all that was being done and Parallel is just a mess. It needs to be grind and overlaid. If we can't afford it right now, someone needs to go along where that pavement has moved. You know, when it gets warm, the pavement moves and it causes a seam and protrudes up and you know as well as your car going down and hitting a pothole it's just as bad when your car hits one of those. From like about 82nd Street down Parallel clear through down to 47th, it's really bad. It's going to tear up a lot of cars so if we could just do something about Parallel Parkway.

While I'm up here I want to thank, and I really meant to do this tonight, this is one of the things I wanted to do; I want to thank the people that really help the Neighborhood Watch leaders. I know that if they were here with me, and a lot of them know I'm going to talk about this, they would say so too. I want to thank the guys that do all the abatement mowing, Lance and his group are wonderful, God bless them. They make our neighborhoods look better.

I want to thank the guys that come out and fix our signs when they're bent. Our Neighborhood Watch signs, the other signs on the roads; they never get thanked and I want to thank them. I love them.

I want to thank the Street Department for all the work they do plowing and paving our streets, fixing the potholes whenever they can and we hope they can fix up Parallel Parkway and all the other ones that I haven't mentioned; the worker's that are out there doing those jobs every day that never get noticed, a big thank you.

A thank you to all the commissioners that help the Neighborhood Watch leaders because I know a lot of you do, and also I've had a lot of help from Gordon, our Assistant Deputy Administrator, thank you so much.

Daniel Welch, 6221 Armstrong, said those who know me know I came to talk about parks, Proposed 2017 UG Budget for parks is generally satisfactory. I found the Fire Department Study very interesting. Yes, the Fire Department Study. It proposes combining eight fire stations into four superior and better located fire stations thus affecting our parks. The four parks affected are Parkwood, Klamm, Kensington and Emerson. Only one park fire station located in the corner of Bethany Park is not affected. The fate of these four old stations as well as our parks is yet undecided, but at least we know through the magic of the internet that the fate of these stations as well as our parks is readily in view for public discussion. I can only hope that the current study of our public parks by Vireo Associations due next spring is published on the internet as well.

I cross my fingers as it appears our Park Department access to the internet is limited by UG bureaucracy. Park facility data often is very limited and many park event postings are often old as well as incomprehensive. Some important information about our parks is completely missing such as the recent Marshall Creek Dam Inspection Report. I mention this report; it is the fourth inspection of the dam since the Army Corps of Engineers 1978 inspection. The first inspection included a complete recalculation of dam water flow capability which insured us the 1930's calculations were correct. However, the first and subsequent inspections recommended certain actions as well as more detailed inspections. A few of these action inspections have been performed and then only after concerned citizens asked the State of Kansas for assistance. Without publication of the latest inspection, it appears the Marshall Creek Dam remains in continual uncorrected and unmonitored deterioration and that this deterioration is hidden from the public view.

Mayor Holland closed the public hearing.

Mayor Holland said we will reconvene upstairs on the 5th floor. The five commissioners who have the Standing Committee, we will start that at 5:40 p.m. Immediately following that Standing Committee, we will have about a ten minute break and we will begin our budget workshop.

The public hearing concluded at 5:27 p.m.

Mayor Holland reconvened the Special Session for the Budget Workshop at 6:15 p.m.

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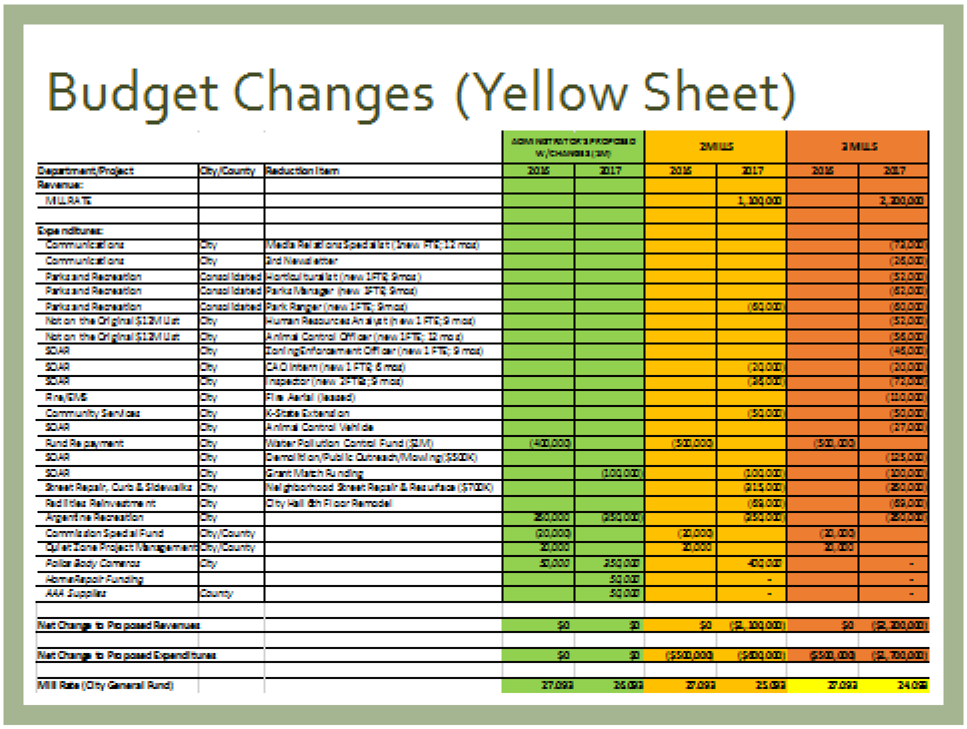
With the exception of Wilba Miller, Community Development Director, the same officials were present that were present at the 5:00 p.m. final Budget Hearing.

ROLL CALL: Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Holland.

Mayor Holland said I'm going to ask the County Administrator to walk through the agenda and the main topic tonight is we need to resolve the decision we're going to make on how many mill levy's we're going to reduce this year. One was the proposal in the Administrator's budget. We asked him to look at what two and three would look like and we have that before us tonight.

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said first, just as you noted, we have three items really on the agenda. The first item will be the yellow sheet so we will jump right into that. We also have any Commission meeting action items, the different actions you will take Thursday night. That came out in your agenda packet today, but I will review those with you later on so we can go through and know specifically what you will be taking action on. Then any clerical corrections that Reggie and his staff have found in the budget document that needed to be cleaned up and clean pages of that will be put in your document.



Budget Changes (Yellow Sheet)

			ADMINISTRATOR'S PROPOSED W/CHANGES (1M)		2 MILLS		3 MILLS	
Department/Project	City/County	Reduction Item	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Revenue:								
MILL RATE						1,100,000		2,200,000
Expenditures:								
Communications	City	Media Relations Specialist (1new FTE; 12 mos)						(73,000)
Communications	City	3rd Newsletter						(26,000)
Parks and Recreation	Consolidated	Horticulturalist (new 1FTE; 9mos)						(52,000)
Parks and Recreation	Consolidated	Parks Manager (new 1FTE; 9mos)						(62,000)
Parks and Recreation	Consolidated	Park Ranger (new 1FTE; 9mos)				(60,000)		(60,000)
Not on the Original $12M List	City	Human Resources Analyst (new 1 FTE; 9 mos)						(52,000)
Not on the Original $12M List	City	Animal Control Officer (new 1FTE; 12 mos)						(56,000)
SOAR	City	Zoning Enforcement Officer (new 1 FTE; 9 mos)						(46,000)
SOAR	City	CAO Intern (new 1 FTE; 6 mos)				(20,000)		(20,000)
SOAR	City	Inspector (new 2FTE; 9 mos)				(26,000)		(72,000)
Fire/EMS	City	Fire Aerial (leased)						(110,000)
Community Services	City	K-State Extension				(50,000)		(50,000)
SOAR	City	Animal Control Vehicle						(27,000)
Fund Repayment	City	Water Pollution Control Fund ($2M)	(400,000)		(500,000)		(500,000)	
SOAR	City	Demolition/Public Outreach/Mowing ($500K)						(125,000)
SOAR	City	Grant Match Funding		(100,000)		(100,000)		(100,000)
Street Repair, Curb & Sidewalks	City	Neighborhood Street Repair & Resurface ($700K)				(215,000)		(250,000)
Facilities Reinvestment	City	City Hall 8th Floor Remodel				(69,000)		(69,000)
Argentine Recreation	City		250,000	(250,000)		(250,000)		(250,000)
Commission Special Fund	City/County		(20,000)		(20,000)		(20,000)	
Quiet Zone Project Management	City/County		20,000		20,000		20,000	
Police Body Cameras	City		50,000	250,000		400,000		-
Home Repair Funding				50,000		-		-
AAA Supplies	County			50,000		-		-
Net Change to Proposed Revenues			$0	$0	$0	($1,100,000)	$0	($2,200,000)
Net Change to Proposed Expenditures			$0	$0	($500,000)	($400,000)	($500,000)	($1,700,000)
Mill Rate (City General Fund)			27.093	26.093	27.093	25.093	27.093	24.093

What we did was sit down and I worked with one and started off the base of what my Administrator's Proposed 2016-2017 Budgets were. The first column in the green is one where I incorporated in a few of the different changes we had and, of course, that has a one mill reduction in it for 2017. Then I worked in a reduction to cut another $1.1M out of the budget or make it an overall two mill reduction and present that. The third scenario is a three mill reduction to go through and cut another $2.2M out of what was proposed. I will walk through each of these at this point and give you the opportunity to ask any questions. I will go through and just kind of layout the scenario as they're proposed.

In the green section, the first one I will say the big change or add back in—probably if I start at the bottom it kind of explains what I've added into it and then we can work over the deducts from this budget. Chief Zeigler had appeared at one of our first workshops and we talked about body cameras. That's a $1M project. What we did over the last couple of weeks, we have gone through this with his staff. By utilizing the system we put in place last year that Sheriff Ash is using, we think we can make a complete migration from the camera system that's in the cars now and the police over to what the Sheriff's Department is using. This will allow us to do a phase implementation. Its project cost but total implementation will be about $1M, a little under that; however, we can start with about a $400K implementation in 2017. We would still bid this and determine, but we found that this option does exist this way. This would enable us to change out all of our in-car cameras and then put in different car—into our districts and I believe into our traffic units. It gets us out there with about 56 cameras and then we can move onto the next phase. That cost is $400K. I have that broke out and it's a little bit unique. We had to do some balancing between fiscal years based on what we published as the maximum budget that we would spend, and that's why you see the number different for the same project between what's in the Proposed and what's in the two mill change. It's a $400K cost. In this one it shows $50K in 2016 and $350K in 2017.

I put in $50K for the Home Repair Funding Program. This was the initiative discussed last Thursday. Commissioner Bynum, I know you had presented that at about $200K. I realize there is a lot of policy development around that figuring out how the program could work. If we could find a program, ideally one similar to the Shepherd's Center or something like that that we could fund or somebody that could do it where we could put money into it. I put that in as more of a pilot to go after that. Then I believe I heard quite a few comments saying let's try to get money back into AAA for the supplies for the seniors in terms of diapers, dentures, such like that that they were looking for.

This budget essentially takes those three items, which is a half million dollar add, come in. In order to get there, I made the steps of reducing the repayment to Water Pollution Control by $400K and this one is consistent across the next one and that's Grant Matching Fund. When we were building the budget for SOAR, we go out for a lot of grants and we kind of put this as an aggressive line so we budgeted $100K to be able to match into other money so that's not really a loss of anything. That's just match money that we held out there so I cut that out of it.

It reflects the movement of the Argentine Rec Center from 2017 into the 2016 Budget so that's a net wash between the two years so it makes that funding for that project this year.

The Quiet Zone, the discussion there was how could we move forward with a project management. I don't really have a specific number on that. The discussion around that was how do we do that and could use the Commission Special Fund Project, which is funded at $100K, so we moved basically $20K from that budget. I just wanted to make that formal into $20K here.

That's not a net new cost to the budget but it specifies that's where money would be available for that noting that we were going to move forward with that and then we would have to figure out what the project management total cost would be.

That's how this budget's out with what's in place. Everything else that's above would continue to be funded in the budget as originally proposed.

In the two mill scenario, which starts off the line with a $1.1M deduction from the loss of a mill rate, additional mill, the new item added to this is the body cameras are in place.

We would still do the Quite Zone Project Management moving that money from the Special Fund into that, but I would remove from the Proposed Budget the Park Ranger position, the Intern position, one of the Inspectors, the additional funding to K-State Extension, would not repay $500K to the Water Pollution Control Fund. If you will recall, that was budgeted at $1M. I do believe we need to show effort to continue to make funding repayments on that particularly as we're going through different issues with the consent decree on that but that would cut that in half.

It eliminates the Grant Matching Fund and then it takes $315K away from the Street Repair where we put in an additional $700K to cash fund additional street repair in 2017. We would pull out $315K from that. Take away some remodeling work that's here in City Hall and removes the funding to the Argentine Rec Center Project. That will allow that to balance out between the two years.

The three mill reduction or an additional $2.2M over in the orange, it's kind of brown on the screen for those watching on TV. I don't add anything back into it so there would not be any body cameras or any other additional ones added to it. The Quiet Zone is still there because that's a net wash between how that works with the Special Fund.

Basically what I've done here is removed most of the new positions added back in. A lot of these directed toward SOAR but one is the Communications Media person. There was some offset to that but it would basically take it so we're working enough to try to get the two newsletters and we will be doing this letter so I just went ahead and removed the third newsletter if we're not going to have that person because I can't seem to get Mike and Edwin freed up enough to work on those so I removed both those items, the Media position and the newsletter.

It takes out the Horticulturalist position in Parks, the Parks Manager position was there to work through their programming and such for us, the Park Ranger, Human Resources Analyst position, the Animal Control Officer, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, the Intern position, both the Inspectors, the fire aerial removed that out and that's an ongoing, K-State Extension money, one of the Animal Control vehicles, reduce the demolition mowing money by $125K; that grant match money is gone, the Neighborhood Street Resurfacing, reduce that by $350K, and then remodel money by $69K and then the Rec Center money by $350K which takes that project out.

Really that's a lot of the new initiatives that were put forth in this year's budget. When I went with the one mill scenario, I was more apt to say I'm a little more comfortable with one-time scenario costs to cut those out of the budget. When I go to the three mill scenario, I felt that second million I needed to take out personnel costs and ongoing costs. If I'm going to reduce my overall operational costs, I can't have obligated money that's going to be there from year to year. I need to take that back out of the budget because I also look at those when I look at straight mill rate reductions. Personnel is affected by that and as we will move into next year contract negotiations, that will have a direct impact on how much money we're able to put on the table with any of our union groups. When we cut a couple of million dollars out of our future revenue streams, then I want to be able to prepare for that and be able to have serious conversations with you all after the first of the year about how much money we would or would not have, and I can't have ongoing obligations of personnel expenses.

I built you three scenarios and I guess this is where we get into. I would be willing to stand for any questions about decisions, thought process and you know it's only a week to work on it. We went through and tried to work on it and really targeted what would be newer type initiatives coming in and how to balance this.

Commissioner Walker said first of all, when does the budget actually have to be approved by; not our arbitrary schedule. When is the date that we have to conclude it and have it certified? **Mr. Bach** said we have to send it to the State toward the end of August, like August 25th. **Commissioner Walker** said so we have plenty of time to work on it. We set this up next Thursday as being the date—**Mr. Bach** said it takes us a couple of weeks to finalize once we get it all in-hand and clean it all up.

Secondly, you know I'm having a hard time when people call me at home and I'm looking here that you're taking out virtually everything that we put in. If I'm not wrong, isn't that $1.7M that we've increased it? **Mr. Bach** said yes. **Commissioner Walker** said and yet we've gotten—and I would ask this question, we've gotten an additional $12M to spend. That's what I've been told all along. I don't know what the true dollar and cents number is. I've had people tell me that our sales tax is actually running above the projected $12M. Is that true? **Mr. Bach** said yes, I think we're looking at a number that hits right over that.

Commissioner Walker said so for the public that's watching and for my edification because, as a Commissioner, I don't really have anybody working for me that can come up with an alternative scenario to your proposals here. You've got one mill, two mills, three mills and you've made the choices of these various things. Now, there are probably other choices a person could make to cut out of the budget so that we could cut the three mills and believe me the three mills is a bottom of the barrel thing for me and I've talked to you about this.

I'm trying to be reasonable about looking down the road. I'm looking at people and they know we've got $12M. We've got an additional $1.7M in expenses that we've added in and we've got no money. I would like for somebody to explain to me how it is that anybody ever thought we were going to reduce taxes with $12M additional money and that was all just a joke on all of us. I'm very unhappy as you can tell. I mean you're cutting little-bitty departments let alone things we ought to be doing that we haven't been doing. I mean you've given us three scenarios. I certainly would like to have someone that was working for the Commission coming up with some other scenarios because I don't believe these are the only three possibilities. I'm sorry, I just don't.

Mayor Holland said, Commissioner, I would have to take issue with that. Mr. Bach works for this Commission and so he works for me and he works for this Commission. He is our professional employee who we have asked to prepare the budget. So, I do think he works for us and I think his scenarios are legitimate. I hear you're unhappy and I think we need to take that into consideration. I do want to hear from other commissioners in terms of what you think. I have thoughts on the three proposals. This is the first time I've seen them as well and that's why we're here tonight to discuss them.

Commissioner Bynum said I see that the cuts were made to the new items basically. I'm just curious, are there no other savings to be found in other pieces of the budget? I think I understood your explanation but you know it's a big budget book and I'm just curious if there were other places to look so we could retain some of both what you brought to us and what we had put forward at the two and three mills. **Mr. Bach** said yes, there are a lot of different scenarios. I didn't take it from a perspective that I was to go back—I mean you asked me to go back and come back with a scenario and I guess I try to listen to what I get input on from eleven different people. I didn't go back into core areas of our operations. That's why I targeted more toward what were new things that we're not doing today and if there are things that we are currently doing that we would rather not do or—there are other Capital Equipment items that I guess I felt like we heard on for a while. I mean we're buying four pieces of fire apparatus this year. I feel really good about that, but four is one more than I really thought we were really going to get to when I was trying to do it so that's where I looked at one of those. I mean I can hit stuff like that and cut a couple or I could have went after the dump trucks or I could have went into a specific operating department. I looked and considered some of those.

Commissioner Bynum said you're helping me at least understand where that other $9M is or $6.8 if you will. There are other additional new expenses in the 2017 Budget beyond these items that are on the chopping block in order to bring the three mill reduction and as you state, they are large expenses. It might be helpful just to be reminded of here's everything that we were doing new and these are the items we're going to have to let go of in order to have three mills. Because I, like Commissioner Walker, was struggling a little bit because I'm going but its $12M and where is it.

Mayor Holland said I'll weigh in here. I think one mill, and I've said this from the beginning, was too little. I think we need to go higher than that. The Listening Tour said clearly 2.5 mills was what people looked at over the $12M. The survey, again, came in around three mills and so my commitment is to get to three mills. I think that's a legitimate goal. I think that's something we should do. Three mills will reduce the city mill rate to the lowest in 25 years. I think that's a very nice mark. I think it's fitting with the commitment to lower taxes. I think it's fitting with the information we've received from the public, and I think three mills is where we need to go. I have said from the beginning, I would rather see us do two mills now and do another mill next year because I think doing three mills all at once—three and then zero, I just don't think that's as good. I think we could do two mills now and I think we have to do these police cameras. I think that's something that the public wants, that's something I'm passionate about and I think losing that is unacceptable so I think we need to do that. I think lowering by two mills this year is an excellent start and next year we can lower it another mill.

The Administrator's proposal in green is a three mill reduction. It's one mill now and two mills next year. I don't like that. I prefer to do it two mills now and one mill next year. We're all—and I hear Mr. Walker saying three mills is rock bottom for you in terms of what you would be willing to do. I think the question is, do we do all three now. Do we do one now or two now? My personal perspective is I think we need to do two mills this year out of the box. We're restoring Fund Balances which is fiscally responsible. We're not spending all the money. We're putting a lot of it into the bank and I think that's very responsible. We're lowering it two mills which is significant if you look at this. I can't do the math in my head, two mills out of 27, that's what a 7% reduction; 7% or 8% reduction in the City General Fund Mill Levy reduction which I think is legitimate. Then next year we do an additional one so the consensus from the Administrator, from this group has been three is the number out of the twelve that we should use to reduce taxes. That's 25% of the money. I think that's a legitimate give.

The question remains all three now, one now or two now. I would certainly push for two now, the yellow one, I think that's the best model and I think it gets us to where we want to go and I have some suggestions around that too. I'm committed to getting to three and I think we need to take that seriously.

Commissioner Kane said you know, Doug, I hate to keep beating the old horse and I agree with you, Mayor, that we need those cameras; we needed them yesterday. Doug does work for us. He and I get along probably98% of the time. I don't see it in here, just refresh my memory; is there a fire station in here anywhere? **Mr. Bach** said no, there's not a separate—well fire stations are in there based on, and we had that whole discussion on it, but they are based on how we put together the savings that we generate back within the Fire Department budget and that would allow us the revenues to be able to pay it.

Commissioner Kane said okay, so somebody else outside the box is going to have to answer this one. Don't you after so many buildings or whatever, shouldn't there be some sort of study that says you have to put a fire station right here because somebody decided to put some over here and some over there. What I would like before Thursday is how many people have moved from 99th Street out west since 1990. We don't need a study to say we're underserved, but I think we need a plan to where we need to set some money aside for whether we build one fire station, two or whatever it is. We need to start doing this now instead of saying we're going to combine two over in Turner and two over here in the First District because the longer we do this, the more growth is going to happen out there. I even forgot about the new apartments out there.

I've been bringing this up for 11 years and I have yet to have either Administrator, either Mayor say boy we really ought to do that. **Mayor Holland** said I have said clearly, I think we ought to do that. **Commissioner Kane** said then let's do it. **Mayor Holland** said I think it has to come out of the implementation of the study and the savings in personnel. **Commissioner Kane** said we knew this before any kind of study came around, Mayor. **Mayor Holland** said sure, but the study gives us the path to fund it and I think it's great. **Commissioner Kane** said I'm not sure the path to fund it is there. I think we have a path but there is no funding in the path. The path is there; it is what it is. I didn't make that up the other day about how many brand new homes are out there. When I talked with the Chief the other day, the newer homes go up faster than the older ones because the older ones are built better. I'm going to bring this up every day if that's what it takes because I don't think anybody is listening. If I had to vote for the budget today, I would vote no.

Commissioner Walters said when we were here last time, I liked the three mill option but I don't like the contents of this proposal in that it cuts so much of what I thought were pretty good ideas out of the budget. I'm kind of on the same page with Hal. If we had not had the $12M, we still would have had to stay in business; we still would have had to run the government. One of my fears was that the $12M would just get absorbed into operations and we would never see a benefit from it that is tangible. As many people have mentioned, tax relief was the number one goal and I don't think three mills is overly aggressive. It's about 25% of the revenue. I think some people would have suggested we could have done more than that.

I will bring up one thing. The 2015 Budget that we approved projected an $8.6M ending Fund Balance. The 2015 Actuals had an ending Fund Balance of $14.7M. That's over $6M of excessed Fund Balance than what we were budgeting. I would hate if we actually did the three mills and cut all these programs and then at the end of the year found we really had the money to pay for them anyway through whatever methods; conservative, revenue projecting or some projects that just couldn't be executed as quickly as possible and, therefore, the money didn't get spent. That would be a real failure I think on our part if we accepted the three mills, we cut all these good ideas out of the budget and then at the end of the year we found we could have afforded them anyway even with the three mills.

My last point is we're talking a lot about mill reduction on the City side. There is no mill reduction proposed on the County side but the County project that I was proposing, the Quiet Zone, is not funded. Similarly to the other information regarding Actual Performance, 2015 we projected an ending Fund Balance of 2.7. Our Actual ending Fund Balance was $5.5M and that is approximately 10% of the County budget so we have a good Fund Balance. We have a modest request for expenditures for the Quiet Zone; I believe $65K for three years and then $160 something for the permanent financing. It's well within the budget, and I don't see any reason not to give that more consideration.

Commissioner Townsend said I think Commissioner Walters kind of hit it more succinctly what I was looking at. It goes to what we have to give up in terms of the programs that were put forward for this new budget cycle. For instance, and the people at home may not be able to see in detail the small writing, and I want to commend the Budget staff and the Administrator for this; it seems easy to follow here but I'm concerned that when we start getting into the two mill, let alone the three mill, so many of the good programs that we were focusing on are going to pay the cost. For instance, SOAR would take quite a few hits. We heard a good presentation about how the internal workings of that program were going to help eradicate blight. With this mill levy reduction, proposals we have itemized here, certain specific things would not happen if we go to the two mill let alone the three mill like Code Inspectors, a couple of them.

Also, high on the list in almost every district on the Listening Tour were the improvements of street repair, curbs and sidewalks and so that's going to take a big hit. Those are things that people can see. Even though mill reduction was a big request, the issue remains, how much people are really going to see even if we do a three mill reduction. They're going to see potholes that aren't repaired, they're going to see grass that is not cut, they're going to continue to see blight so I have some misgivings with more than a two mill reduction. As I said earlier, I like the graduation of it. The one mill is a good faith start with progression, but as I look at what we would have to give up, I am uncomfortable with not having a lot of the new things that were included like the SOAR Project and not being able to move forward with Code Enforcement, Street Repair; those very type of basic visible things that people will see.

Commissioner Johnson said I said this at the last meeting that we had that there are a lot of requests. There are more requests that we need for our county and our city than the $12M will allow for. For me, I guess I'm pulling back on my banking background, I like to try to mitigate as much volatility one way or the other whether that's going up or whether that's going down. I've said it before and I'm probably not going to get a lot of traction on it but I think it still needs to be said, we need to take a more disciplined, deliberate approach to lowering the mill rate whether that be by—I think I probably prefer somewhere in the middle at 2% but I'm not even saying that three mills is enough. We might be able to do more over an extended period of time if we have a plan in place that we can be held accountable to to make sure those things happen which also allows us to mitigate the volatility and not have to cut so much on the frontend.

Whether we do two this year and one next year, I don't have a problem with that, but maybe we do two this year and two next year. Whatever we decide, I think you need to look at the fact that this is going to be—we can expect the benefit of the $12M going forward. Is that correct? Is that a correct assumption? **Mr. Bach** said yes. **Commissioner Johnson** said so that means that in years two, three, four and five, if you want to look at it that long or that short, we will have the wherewithal if we stay focused and stay committed to this to be able to mitigate the volatility and be very disciplined about our approach in that. That is what I will offer to this Commission for your consideration as well.

Commissioner Markley said I also feel most comfortable with the two mill option for a couple of reasons. One is that, as you all know, Commissioner McKiernan and I have been deeply involved in this blight issue. I would like to see those positions be funded, at least the bulk of them, because I think as Commissioner Townsend said, those are the issues we all get calls about most often are those blight related issues and I think we could see a big impact there.

Also, regardless of my own feelings about whether body cameras are a good idea or a bad idea, based on statistics as we see them now, I think our Chief was very clear in that he felt that was his highest priority. If three mills is going to leave us without an avenue to get those cameras and we're already, as I hear it, only getting half of those cameras or some smaller amount of cameras under the proposed $400K, you know particularly in light of the last few months, I think that we need to take the Chief's professional advice into account. As I said, regardless of my own feelings on whether that should be the highest priority, it's clearly his. That's my feeling. I'm not happy about the Argentine Community Center situation, but as I understand it, perhaps the original fish isn't on the line anymore anyway or may not be on the line anymore anyway. Obviously, she's not here and I'm not sure how she would feel about that. I assume we will be giving ANDA back their $70K based on this budget proposal. I guess if I had to pick between these three, two mills would be my choice as well for this year just to clarify.

Commissioner Philbrook said number one, I am very privileged to be on a Commission with people that understand a lot of this stuff sometimes better than I do, of course. I will tell you, I look at this and I feel like yes, we have come up with a lot of really good ideas to help our community with the funds that we have. I wish that I were a mathematical genius because I would find a way to do the three mills and still keep all the stuff we want. I don't care if I had to pull it out of the heavens but that's the way I feel about it. I appreciate your work that you've done; the work that you guys have done. Three is not enough, but if our only choices are to help keep most of these good ideas that we all have come up with that our community wants to help improve living in this county and city, then I would have to go with the two at this point.

Mr. Bach said I just felt—I had called Commissioner Murguia to let her know that my scenarios were not funding up the Argentine Rec Center. She obviously did not get to see this whole sheet. No one saw it until we passed it out tonight. She did know that was not going to be on the list. She asked me about other things and I told her many of the new initiatives we were working on were going to be removed from the budget. She just asked me to respond back that she did not support that. She was supportive of the original Proposed Budget and would be good with the one mill reduction going forward and allow for the new initiatives that were put forth to be included into the budget. I wanted to make sure the rest of you had her words since she at least asked me to bring those forward to you.

Commissioner Bynum said to Commissioner Walters's point of the Fund Balance at the end of '15 being higher than anticipated, I would like us to consider a conversation around the two mill reduction, restoring the cuts and living with the $1.1M difference in the Fund Balance. I would ask—it seems like it was right about this time last year that we were paid the $1M fine from Hollywood Casino for not breaking ground on a hotel. **Commissioner Philbrook** said $1.4. **Commissioner Bynum** said $1.4M so it just strikes me that they're probably going to be writing that check again at some point. **Mr. Bach** said I will say that's an area that we've probably been conservative in our estimates. The $1.4M, I believe we budgeted that through the middle of next year so we only have half of it in our budget. That is one of those projects that the day they start is the day it ends. It's not like they have to build the project; it's to move forward with it. I'm reluctant to say I believe 100% 18 months from now that they will still not have started that, but 12 months I was comfortable in giving Kathleen the direction. We talked about it that not through half of next year, but we only built the penalty in for half of 2017 so those are areas where we work conservatively as to how we estimate those revenues.

Commissioner Bynum said I'm just asking the Commission to consider two mills, restoring the things that have been cut and living with a lower Fund Balance. I would be really interested in what Commissioner McKiernan has to say.

Commissioner McKiernan said those of you who I talked to, and it was many, know that my original pie in the sky vision for this was a much deeper mill rate reduction than we ever even began to envision with this budget. I think the reality is as we try to restore service to the level of excellence and coverage that we really want for our city and county, we realize that we can't get that immediate reduction in the mill rate and still—it's a point that Commissioner Murguia made the other night that if we provide excellence in customer service and if we provide those services that make people's lives tangibly better in their neighborhoods and in their communities, that does mitigate somewhat the lack of a mill rate reduction. I am definitely comfortable—as a matter of fact, I think Commissioner Bynum's proposal of the two mills and then living with a slightly lower fund balance is a good, thoughtful way to move forward.

I think Commissioner Johnson is right, and I will go back to something Commissioner Markley and I have talked about before. Commissioner Johnson really asks us to be much more strategic, not only in terms of what initiatives we want, but how we fund the fundamental operations of government going forward to do more priority-based budgeting types of the things where we consider the what if's scenarios: if we had this much, if we spent this much, what would the impact be? I think we should commit ourselves.

Commissioner Walker has certainly been an advocate of doing priority-based budgeting for the last several years. I think that we would do well to take him up on that and to begin to be very thoughtful about the actual dollars of our initiatives and not this week before or these three days before the budget is due, but truly start now looking for next year's budget and start the process of asking what if, what if we spent this much.

Another thing that I think we really should do because we don't have time nor the resources to come to this last day and to say are there some fundamental savings that we could make within the basic operations of government, to review our procedures, to review our staffing levels, to review our personnel, to review our equipment buying and leasing policies; those are things that would have to be accomplished over a full year and that should start today for next year.

Again, it goes back to—Commissioner Markley had asked about the Comp & Class Study. We have it but my question would be, have we taken the information from that and used it to help refine our operation in any way. It speaks to what Commissioner Johnson said a moment ago about being much more forward-looking and strategic and thinking years ahead and not a year ahead and doing that not with just CMIP but with our regular operations as well.

I would be comfortable with two this year with the pledge for more in coming years and that that pledge could be one or more. I think Commissioner Bynum has hit on an interesting solution to accept a lower fund balance in the short run to get some of those community enrichment initiatives moving forward.

Commissioner Walker said I would like to ask the Finance Director, do you have the Second Quarter Reports preliminary? **Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer,** said I just got a draft of it but I haven't looked at it. I just got it this afternoon. **Commissioner Walker** asked what is our surplus running at. **Ms. VonAchen** asked surplus. **Commissioner Walker** said well, excess Fund Balance. You call it Fund Balance, I call it surplus. **Ms. VonAchen** said I don't know off hand but at the end of the fiscal year, it's what's shown in the budget at the end of last fiscal year six months ago. **Commissioner Walker** said what I'm getting at is we don't have the ability independently to look at how the numbers are coming in progressively throughout the year to see where we're at right now. Now I have been told we have more sales tax that has come in so far this year than was anticipated. **Mayor Holland** asked don't we do a quarterly presentation to the Economic Development Standing Committee. **Commissioner Walker** said yes, that's why I just asked if she has the quarterly numbers ready so we should have those numbers ready. **Ms. VonAchen** said you know we don't reconcile all the books until about 15 or 20 days after the end of the month so that just came in and that's why. We've been looking at the sales tax figures through the middle of the year, and they pretty much are in line with what Lew projected and what we've got in the budget. I'm not sure where you're hearing that and I would like to know.

Commissioner Walker said, again, I guess I don't understand how money comes into this organization and we put it down the rabbit hole and we don't get it again. I've been either stupid or grossly naive to believe that we would consider a six or eight mill cut with an extra $12M. I knew all along that there would be a thousand ways to spend this money, but I thought there was this general concurrence somewhere with all of us that we would keep the pledge that was made to do a significant reduction in taxes.

I will tell you that 20 years ago, they didn't say they were going to reduce eight mills or ten mills or whatever number. They really sold the public the whole idea of the Village West and western development of retail on the idea that one day, one day this was going to bear fruit and that fruit is going to be plentiful and we're going to reduce your taxes. I think it has been stated repeatedly that in reality whether we reduce your taxes one mill or two mills, most everybody that is looking at us on TV or maybe even sitting in this room, you're not really going to notice very much of a bump. It is your bump. You know if it's $25, it's your $25.

I really thought we were going to be able to do something really good for this community. I'm not saying by spending the money for the things we're doing; these aren't good things. I'm going to tell you, I've been around—you are all probably tired of how long I've been around here. Maybe the people won't let me be around here much longer next year, but I've got to tell you, I have witnessed budgets 32 times at least and, you know, this budget does what other budgets have done. It gores your ox. Things you want are the things that are looked at. That's not unusual. That's new spending.

I am extremely disappointed on a personal level not because I think any of you aren't making sense, all of you are making sense, but I really don't think we've kept faith with the public by a two mill. I really don't think we kept faith with a three mill, but I have to be realistic because I'm only one vote. This is not what I expected two years ago with the promise of a windfall and you know new money. We have found a way to spend it. I will conceive that everything on this list is ideally something we ought to be doing. You know, I don't work for Doug. I'm not hired by Doug. I'm hired by the people that elect us, elect me like you, and my bosses are not calling me up and say spend this money on curbs and sidewalks, spend this money on more demolition and mowing, spend this money on a new Inspector. I haven't gotten one phone call telling me to spend this on anything but tax reduction. Maybe you guys are hearing something different. Maybe sometimes we have to disregard what the public tells us and do what we think is best because we're in a position to know maybe more. You know, I'm going to end up voting, I guess, with the majority on this not because I want it. I'm certainly not happy and I'm not going to brag about this budget to anybody. I don't think this is nearly enough. I've made my speech and I'm done.

Commissioner Kane said I had the luxury of being around here when we had money and when Mark first got here we had money. **Mayor Holland** said just one year. **Commissioner Kane** said and then Kathleen Sebelius came in and eliminated the Machinery & Equipment which is I don't know how many millions of dollars that's been, and then the State has cut us from one end of this county or city to the other. I don't think anybody foresaw when this $12M was coming our way that we had lost monies before it had got here; in fact, we never know what's going to happen. Hopefully, the election will change some of this.

Hal, I would have loved to drop it three or four percent where people could really see a difference, but I think Commissioners Johnson, Bynum, McKiernan and Markley all of them are right. I'm not the academium around here but when something happens at your house and you lose $100 a month of income or $200 a month of income, then you adjust accordingly until you find out ways to be more prudent with your monies. I've been there with layoffs and stuff like that. Why don't we take a straw poll for two percent, Mayor?

Mayor Holland said alright. One of the things I would like—I think we need to do that. We need to leave tonight with a consensus and I do want to take a straw poll. One of the things I want to think about before we do that is something that Commissioner Bynum said and just to test the Commissions will on this. We have a pretty aggressive in this fiscal year repayment of about $5M of accounts that our Administrator feels passionately is the responsible thing to do and I agree with that and the bulk of it is going to—all of it's going to that. I think that taking $315K out of Street Repair and Resurfacing is too high. I think we could look at splitting that $600K loss of revenue in 2017 in the middle line with half of that coming from reducing the repayment this year of some of those funds. We're putting almost $5M into those funds. If we took $300K out of that repayment in addition to the 500 he is considering, we would have half of that; and if we reduced our fund balance by $300K, we could do, I think, a responsible budget with a two mill reduction this year and keeping the aggressive priorities that our community has said or our priorities through our survey and through our Listening Tour. The community wants streets and they want the weeds cut and they want the blight removed and they want some things approved. I think we have to be on a path to increasing our Fund Balance. I think we're on that path. I think Commissioner Walter's point is well taken. I know the bulk of our increase in '15 though was land repayment that is a one-time thing, but I do agree that we are conservative in our budgeting and have been smart with our budgeting that I think we could do with a little bit lower Fund Balance.

I also think that the request for the Quiet Zone is a small reduction in Fund Balance on the County side. It will be the first major Capital investment we've made on the County side in a long time and I think it would be worth doing. Those are some proposals that I think we could get done tonight. We could keep the innovative things that are going to make our city better and make our people feel better about the city. At the end of the day, you know, people have said what's the real impact on the Legend's. What is that? I've said you know it's hard to quantify the impact of a positive morale of people feeling good about their city. I think the blight reduction; people want to see the weeds cut in the urban areas. How do you quantify that morale boost of seeing the impact?

I was surprised going on the Listening Tour across all eight districts everybody wanted property tax reduction, but it was right at two to three mills. There wasn't any group that we met with and even the survey that said use half of it or three quarters of it. I know what was said years ago but I think as we've talked to the city, we had a good process and I think the two mills is the right message. I think we can get there with living a little tighter on the Fund Balance side, both the restoration and the bottom line Fund Balance.

That's a suggestion I would like to put out there, but I want to see if there is consensus around that and then we can move to a straw poll to make sure we have everybody and at least—consensus is not the same as unanimity. Everybody has the right to stand outside the majority and I don't disrespect anyone. Every view I've heard tonight is legitimate. I can't disagree. Commissioner Walker, I can't disagree with you. You're spot on. I think the statements that Commissioner Kane and everybody have made are completely valid. I don't think we're at a point where we've got horrible ideas on the table. I think we've got good ideas on the table and we've just got to come to a consensus.

Commissioner Bynum said we did hear through the Community Survey and the Listening Tour that these were things people wanted so I'm comfortable and I appreciate putting them in. People said they wanted them and people also said they wanted a mill levy reduction although we did hear from some of the groups during the Mayor's Listening Tour, as they reported out they were actually—I don't know if you all remember, but some of those groups were willing to forego a tax reduction to get stuff. Nonetheless, I think we are committed to tax reduction here. I want to clarify what you're asking us to take a straw poll on. Two things, restoring the cuts, and

I just want to understand, are you specifically talking about the Water Pollution Control or are you talking about all the Fund Balances? **Mayor Holland** said I think if we said—Mr. Bach has already taken $500K out of the Water Pollution Control for this orange budget or the yellow suggestion. I would suggest $300K more and let him decide which of those funds he would take it out of. **Commissioner Bynum** asked in order to restore the cuts—I want the cuts restored. **Mayor Holland** said that would restore half the cuts. If we put another $300K from Fund Balance, which is a modest reduction in our Fund Balance, it would restore the other half of the cuts.

Commissioner Philbrook asked do you have certain ones in mind. **Mayor Holland** said no, I think if he says $600K is the miss down below that if we did $300K out of those funds that we're restoring this year and carried over and $300K from the Fund Balance in 2017, $300 and $300 would get us to $600K.

Commissioner Walker said maybe Commissioner Bynum said this, alright, everything in this orange column, brown on the television, is shown as a cut. We're moving all of these over into the green with the two mill plus the maneuvering of funds from—whatever it's called; transfer of funds. If I go down this list and I ask you we're going to have a new Media Relations Specialist, 3rd Newsletter, Horticulturalist, Park Manager, Park Ranger, Human Resources, etc., etc., K-State Extension, Animal Control vehicle; all these things are going to be restored to the way they were and we're going to take part of it from Fund Balance and also by taking—repaying less money. Is that correct? I don't want to come in on Thursday and find that any of these things right here are still being cut. That's what you're telling me and that's what you're telling me. **Mr. Bach** said if you like, I will restate I believe what I'm hearing for you all to have and that way it will help me as well.

Essentially, what I'm understanding is you want the proposal in green as far as what's in the budget so all the stuff that's on here; you don't see any cuts there. We would add back in the Argentine Rec Center is going to be there, the body cameras will be there, the Home Repair Funding, the AAA and so those are all adds that are going to be built into it.

We're going to accomplish this by taking an additional $300K away from fund repayment. Now, you know this has $400K not going to it now so you're wanting to add an additional $300K that goes away and then take the balance of that out of Fund Balance so I would be reducing the Fund Balance by about 800—actually about $760K because the technicality on the mill rate exact amount. Then I believe the Mayor said, you haven't commented, but we would add then $65K a year in on the County budget for the Quiet Zone and reduce the Fund Balance on the County budget by $65K. It's essentially the green budget, all the add in, another mill rate deducted from that side and then that accounted for by the Fund Balance repayment—or fund repayment, Fund Balance and then the $65K on the Quiet Zone piece. **Mayor Holland** said I think that's what we're saying.

Commissioner Markley said this is just me personally; I'm just going to say what I think. I like the idea of restoring some of what's going on. Personally, I would take out the Home Repair

Funding and the AAA supplies that are brand new expenditures. I wouldn't fund those. I wouldn't fund the Park Ranger and I wouldn't fund the Grant Match Funding, even though I would like to have that for SOAR; I wouldn't that. Personally I wouldn't fund the Quiet Zone in this budget, but I would restore the other things. That would be me if it were me designing the budget. **Mr. Bach** said just for clarity, that Grant Funding is gone in the green proposal.

Mayor Holland said the green proposal shows reductions in Water Pollution Control, it shows reduction for the Rec Center, the Grant Match Fund—**Commissioner Markley** said it just moves the Rec Center. **Mayor Holland** said it just moves it yes, and the same with the others. The $20K is just a wash. **Mr. Bach** said yes, the green takes out money for fund repayment for Water Pollution and it takes out the money for the Grant Match. The Argentine is just a wash one year to the next and the Quiet Zone is a wash between where it was budgeted and then it adds back in the body cameras, Home Repair and AAA. Commissioner, you said the AAA, the Home Repair, the Ranger—**Commissioner Markley** said I'm just saying what my priorities would be if I had to kind of pick and choose and then we talked about the Grant Funding. **Mr. Bach** said okay, I'm just making sure I caught that.

Commissioner Johnson said in essence, we want our cake and eat it too, Doug. I want to just add this because I think it kind of ties into what Commissioner Walters is saying. If we see that revenues are trending better than projected, could it be that the modifications that we are suggesting now will be changed and that those things may be we will be able to accomplish everything, if not more, as we see the actuals coming in and now performing. It sounds like what I was interpreting from what you were saying was that over the last couple of years, maybe revenues may have been outperforming what we may have budgeted. I'm just putting that on the table.

Mayor Holland said there is a proposal on the table. Let's take it in bite-size pieces. Let's check first with a straw poll of folks who are willing to go with a two mill this year, a two mill reduction this year. If you're in favor of that, show of hands. Alright. If you're in favor of leveraging our Fund Balance and our payment of things back to bring back the cuts from orange to green, is there willingness to do that? I'll just take a straw poll. **Commissioner Bynum** asked the stuff on green stays. **Mayor Holland** said the stuff on green stays. **Commissioner Markley** asked all of it or are we just doing generally at this point. **Mayor Holland** said I think we're just looking generally at this point. Are we willing to do it generally to take the cuts from this and move it—restore the green—to the green with the additional cuts that came out of the yellow? Does that make sense? Generally speaking, I would just like to see a show of hands, just a straw poll of people generally willing to do that. Alright, so we have a general agreement on two mills this year and I'm going to advocate I'm telling you coming next year, I'm looking for another mill reduction next year. I think we need to do it and I'm going to push for it.

Commissioner Walker said let's set our goal a little higher. Why don't we look for three mills next year and settle for one if we have to. **Mayor Holland** said I support that. We do have in October, we're going to have our next Strategic Planning and we're going to start with Strategic Planning in October and this is the conversation we need to continue to have. **Commissioner Johnson** said we need to continue to look at over—not just next year but two years out, three years out; what would that look like over time. I'm going to continue to suggest this because I believe I'm committed that this is the right way we need to proceed over a period of time. I won't be popular about it, but I think it's the right way for us to do it. **Commissioner Philbrook** said you're popular with me.

Mayor Holland said the next piece is we've had discussion about the Quiet Zone. The proposal is to take it out, the $65K and it's an ongoing expense, 65, 65, 65 and then it grows to 165 or so in the out years to do the first phase implementation which would basically take out—it would make all of Edwardsville a Quiet Zone. There was a discussion in this group that we wanted to ask Edwardsville to contribute to that and to partner with us in that. I think the position is on the table to add that into the County side budget looking at reducing Fund Balance a little bit and I want to get to that consensus.

Commissioner Philbrook asked does that mean that we're asking them to or we are requiring them to, two different concepts. **Mayor Holland** said I think at this hour we need—if we don't have it in the budget there is no point in doing anything and then I think we can go— **Commissioner Philbrook** said I agree with that, but the intent. I need to know the intent. **Mayor Holland** said I think the intent is to go talk to them about it and bring it back to this group. If they say no, then we're going to need to decide if we're going to fund it entirely on the Unified Government County side and what percentage would be an acceptable percentage from this group. I think that's going to take a Project Manager working that to do some work.

Commissioner Kane asked how much money are you talking about. **Mayor Holland** said I think it would be $2.2M over 20 years. It would be—I think the formula we have is about $65K in the first three years because its temp notes and then that would push it out—it would go up from there to about $165K for the remaining years. **Commissioner Kane** asked so if we talk to Bonner and Edwardsville and they say no, we're still going to have another crack at this. **Mayor Holland** said I think from a policy perspective, we need to embed this in the budget if there is a possibility of doing it. If Edwardsville comes back and says we're not putting a nickel in it, then I think this group is going to have to decide what to do at that point. Fair enough? **Commissioner Philbrook** said yes, as long as we revisit it.

Commissioner Townsend said so as I'm looking at the green version, the Quiet Zone shows $20K in 2016 so it would go to 65 in 2017. Is that what we're talking about? **Mr. Bach** said it would be, I believe, an additional $65K to be added to that. **Commissioner Townsend** said so the number in 2017 would be 85. **Mr. Bach** said yes. **Commissioner Townsend** said okay, just so I understand.

Commissioner Walker asked is the proposal then that if Edwardsville and Bonner say yes, go ahead but we're not contributing—I guess what are we voting on? If they're not in, we're not going to be in? **Commissioner Kane** said I talked to Tiny the other day. They're not—**Commissioner Walker** asked if they're not in it, the deal is dead. Is that what we're saying here tonight? **Mayor Holland** said this is my view and, Commissioner Walters, see if you're agreeable to this. If we don't put budget authority in, we can't do it. We've got to have the budget authority for it to keep the conversation alive. If we put the budget authority in and plan to do it, then the project, as it comes forward, obviously we would have to vote on the project. We would have to see the scale of it. We would have to see how it works. There is some hope that there is some value engineering and some possible grants that could go into it. I think the key is to put the authority in it now and then to work it and to continue the conversation with—at this point we would be talking to Edwardsville because it would not be in Bonner Springs' jurisdiction. I think we could put it in pending conversations with Edwardsville and then we can decide. We can have that vote then if we decide—if Edwardsville is against it, then I think we have to decide that.

Commissioner McKiernan said I would agree with that. I have no problem with short term budget authority to move the ball forward and see if they are agreeable to a partnership, but as I said the other night, I'm really concerned if we don't have partnership and if they are going to benefit from it and yet expect us to take the full burden of the cost, then I'm not sure that is a wise investment. **Commissioner Walters** said I might just say they are Wyandotte County residents also so when we meet as a Commission, we are representing those folks. **Commissioner McKiernan** said so all of the money for this would come County side only. **Commissioner Walters** said that's what's proposed. **Mayor Holland** said that's what's proposed. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I thought we were moving it around.

Commissioner McKiernan said so in the short run—so we're committing then to—what's our total payout then over time? **Mayor Holland** said I think it's 2.2. **Commissioner McKiernan** said over 20 years or 2.2 bonded. **Mayor Holland** said yes, 2.2 bonded over 20 years. **Commissioner Walters** said the actual payment is, over time, 2.2 would be the projected cost of the project. **Commissioner McKiernan** said okay, that's interesting. So we're saying that because it's not being paid out of our City side then we're not asking for any City side out of Edwardsville and we're not asking any City side out of Bonner Springs. It will all be funded by the County. We are the County, therefore, we choose to do it or we choose not to do it and it really doesn't matter if we have a partnership. **Commissioner Walters** said no, I think what is being proposed is that we talk to Edwardsville about them funding part of it also and that would be from Edwardsville's City side. **Commissioner McKiernan** said from the City side because the City of Edwardsville would yield the benefit from this if it were executed. **Commissioner Walters** said well, Wyandotte County residents would in my opinion. **Commissioner McKiernan** said but again you're saying you are going to go talk to Edwardsville and so the reason to talk with Edwardsville is to see if they would commit some of their City to it. **Commissioner Walters** said that's what I sense is the will of the Commission that they would like Edwardsville to put some money into the project in addition to what the residents are already putting in—**Commissioner McKiernan** said as residents of the County.

Commissioner Walker said I'll be honest, Commissioner Walters, I have not got a lot of positive feedback on this project. Maybe the people that support it aren't the kind to wave the flag and write you emails or post on your Facebook. I agree with your concept that as the Unified Government, it's kind of been my opinion that, and this goes back to 1998, that from day one, because they wanted to retain autonomy, independence, for whatever reasons they did; they have kind of received the short stick on attention, just my opinion. We had CIFI Funds and it wasn't really a lot of money. I guess I'm willing to let it go to Edwardsville and see if they will participate. I would urge you frankly if we're going to spend this kind of money, I would like to do a partnership with Edwardsville where Edwardsville and/or Bonner, I'm not excluding Bonner, decided how we spent the money over 20 years or 10 years. If you want to call it CIFI, I mean obviously we're issuing County debt probably to do it, but you know it's hard for me to get a real handle on what the people of Edwardsville want. I assume they want the same things we do, curbs and sidewalks, new roads, new housing, some retail development; those kinds of things. I'm perfectly willing to entertain proposals that meet the needs of Edwardsville and Bonner and cost money. If it's the Quiet Zone and that is a benefit to the redevelopment or the development of the K-32 Corridor through that section, I'm in the boat with you. If that's not what is the best vehicle for Edwardsville, I'll still be in a boat with you, it will just be a different one.

I represent that district and I think we owe them something. Now, we may widely vary on what we think that is, but them having a decision in how we spend money in their jurisdiction is critically important to me. I'm going to rely on whatever comes out of that dialogue. If this is not what they want, I would hope all of you would still be in the boat with Commissioner Walters to develop a funding mechanism in Edwardsville and Bonner, to be a partner with them in developing their communities. They are Wyandotte County, as Jim says, and what's good for them is good for us as what's been good for us has been good for them i.e. the agreement on the Casino. That's where I'm sitting on the Quiet Zone. I would agree to go ahead with the embedding of funding with what I just said that if Edwardsville does not want to do that, then I think we need to sit down with them and say what can we do to make your community better and how can we fund that and what will you participate in or will you participate. Either way, I think we have, as a Commission, some duty to improve parts of Edwardsville. I have my own ideas but I don't live there and I don't vote there in their community.

You know, I've thought for years a sewer running from the top of I-70 all the way down through the middle of Edwardsville to connect it up and spread out would be a tremendous asset, but that's just me so that's where I'm at right now tonight and hopefully—I know you believe in this idea, Jim, and hopefully Edwardsville will see the wisdom of this idea. I'm not precluding other alternatives to help Edwardsville prosper as a community.

Mayor Holland said we've had a good discussion about this. **Commissioner McKiernan** said I just want to agree with Commissioner Walker. It really reframes, and I have to confess I wasn't thinking of this as totally County money, but if we reframe it from the County fund perspective then effectively what we're asking to do is to spend a sum of money, 2.2 or whatever it is, for the benefit of county residents who happen to be in three different cities. What I would like to do is what Commissioner Walker said, is allocate it now and then have a thoughtful strategic discussion with the representatives of those other cities, those other city governments, and have a collective visioning as to whether or not this particular project is the best source or yields the best benefit of investing County money on behalf of the county residents who happen to live in three different cities. I would say let's budget it in, let's get budget authority for this, let's have a thoughtful discussion and if it appears that those other local governments do agree with us that this would be a benefit to the people who live in their cities who are also county residents, then I think we can come back and revisit it to move forward.

Commissioner Walker said I also think Commissioner Walters should be, I'm volunteering him for work, I think when these strategic discussions go on, I don't want this to be staff to staff entirely. Staff needs to be there but the Commission representative that has the most knowledge of this project and can articulate the benefits the best is Commissioner Walters. I have a general idea the whistles stop blowing as they go through town, but I want somebody from the Commission meeting with their representatives and partake. Now, if Jim doesn't want to— **Commissioner Walters** said I will be glad to. **Commissioner Walker** said I'm not going to make him do it obviously, but I think I want somebody from the Commission there involved intimately in the details of the discussion.

Mayor Holland asked is there consensus to embed this in the budget as described and I will just take a straw poll. If you're willing to embed this in the budget—alright, so it's in the budget on the County side.

Mayor Holland said Commissioner Markley also made some recommendations. We can walk through those and see if we want to do individual ones like that. Commissioner, you suggested the ones you were willing not to fund included the—refresh my memory. **Commissioner Markley** said I wouldn't do the two new ones, the Home Repair and AAA supplies and then personally, I would say the Park Ranger is not my highest priority. I don't know the other two, the Intern and the Inspector, my sense was that those were sort of enter role to that whole SOAR package so I left those alone. At some point, we've got to stop spending money. **Mayor Holland** said so your suggestion on the bottom is Home Repair Funding and AAA supplies. **Commissioner Markley** said and then that offsets the extra so in the green budget, as Doug mentioned, the Water Pollution Control Fund, he only took it down—there is only $400K there where in the orange budget there is $500K. If we add back in that extra $100K, I'm not making sense—**Mayor Holland** said I get it. Let's take these separately. The Home Repair Funding and the AAA supplies, are people willing to forgo those two new spending items? No? **Commissioner Townsend** said the ask, as I recall, it for the Home Repair funding was like $150K. Was it $200K? **Commissioner Bynum** said the ask was $200K. This at least starts a pilot program and gets us started on a potential Home Repair Program for those citizens. **Commissioner Townsend** said okay, that's what I needed.

Mayor Holland asked is there a consensus. I'm just going to do a straw poll because it's on the table. If you would like to remove those two items, raise your hand. **Commissioner Kane** said wait a second. Could we reduce that down to $50K? **Commissioner Bynum** said it's sitting at $50K to save it. **Mayor Holland** said the AAA is Area Agency on Aging in case people wonder. The Home Repair funding and the Area Agency on Aging, those two areas are $50K each in the green; they're the last two lines on the green. If you would like to remove those two, let's just take a straw poll; just a show of hands if you would remove those funding's. **Commissioner Markley** said it's just me. I hate spending money, sorry guys. **Mayor Holland** said, Commissioner Markley, thank you.

Commissioner Markley said I also, and you guys know this, we've had this discussion a million times. I just have a problem with funding things at the last minute and we do it every year. Every year I vote no on them and every year I get overruled but its fine. I understand but the whole point in starting the budget in February is so we're not funding things the week of the budget. I always have a problem with it. **Mayor Holland** said we do appreciate the consensus.

I will vouch for Commissioner Markley. She votes no every year on additional funding at the last minute.

Commissioner Philbrook said, Angela, would you please hold our feet to the fire this fall when start on this. **Commissioner Markley** said I try. **Commissioner Philbrook** said you have done a wonderful job of that. Look where we would be if you guys hadn't of worked at it this hard but you know it's always going to happen. **Commissioner Markley** said I just bang my drum and you guys can keep banging yours.

Mayor Holland said the last item is the Park Ranger. Commissioner Markley suggested not funding the Park Ranger. Is there any discussion about the Park Ranger? **Commissioner Walker** said can I ask you to explain that. **Commissioner Markley** said when we first sat down and looked at this and I was going okay, what is the thing I'm saddest about losing, I said okay, I would really like to still have that Inspector. I didn't really care about the Intern but I understand the idea is for the Intern to help manage that whole process so I was like okay. **Melissa Mundt, Asst. County Administrator,** said actually the Intern is not to manage the whole process. It's very clear (was not talking into a mic). **Commissioner Markley** said well to participate in the process; its part of that whole group. As I was going down the list, I was saying what am I going to be saddest to lose and all that I noticed was that I didn't particularly go oh my God we're going to lose the Park Ranger. In thinking of how can we not spend money, that was my thought. **Mayor Holland** asked is there a ground swell to not have the Park Ranger. If you would be willing to eliminate the Park Ranger, raise your hand. I will say that falls short of a consensus.

Commissioner Townsend said so I know what we're losing the possibility of, what would this Park Ranger do if hired? **Mr. Bach** said, Joe, you want to go ahead and describe how that initiative was put forward and what they would be doing. **Joe Connor, Asst. County Administrator,** said Jeremy and the Park staff really would like to have more of a presence especially in the signature parks. They see increases in vandalism; they see increases in just kind of violations in general. This would be really a supplement to what the Sheriff already provides. The Sheriff does it by district so they are in and out of the parks and they don't focus on the parks. They were really looking for a person that would focus on our signature parks: Bonner, the lake, Pierson and City Park and be there when they're busy, be there to be the ambassador for the parks and be there to help curve vandalism and increase the customer service experience.

For those of you that do remember, the Parks Department did have their own Rangers at one point and those were transferred over to the Sheriff's Office. They miss the ambassador piece of that, they miss the customer service that they get and they miss the additional eyes in the parks. This would be a way to start to bring that back into focus for the Parks Department. **Commissioner Townsend** said so we're talking about like Wyandotte County Lake as opposed to Parkwood or Kensington. Is that what we're talking about? **Mr. Connor** said I guess I was trying to say that we wanted the focus to be on the signature parks. It's not that we want to ignore the other ones but, again, the vandalism and it's where the people are at more of the time than not and that's the signature parks. **Mayor Holland** asked can you list those again please. **Mr. Connor** said we are talking about City Park, Wyandotte County Park in Bonner Springs, Pierson Park and the County Lake.

Commissioner Walker said aside from the fact that I never understood why when we transferred them into the Sheriff's Department, we don't have jobs that they bid there that are Park Rangers. That is, if it's necessary for them to wear a different uniform than a Deputy Sheriff or be more of an ambassador or greeter, I don't understand why a Deputy Sheriff is not capable of doing that. They were capable of being Park Rangers and then became Sheriff Deputies. I'm not really sure why you can't say, Sheriff Ash, assign some people to these parks and their job is not to go out there and necessarily enforce the law but be a greeter, be a person that is knowledgeable about the parks, drives around the parks, stays right in the park all the time.

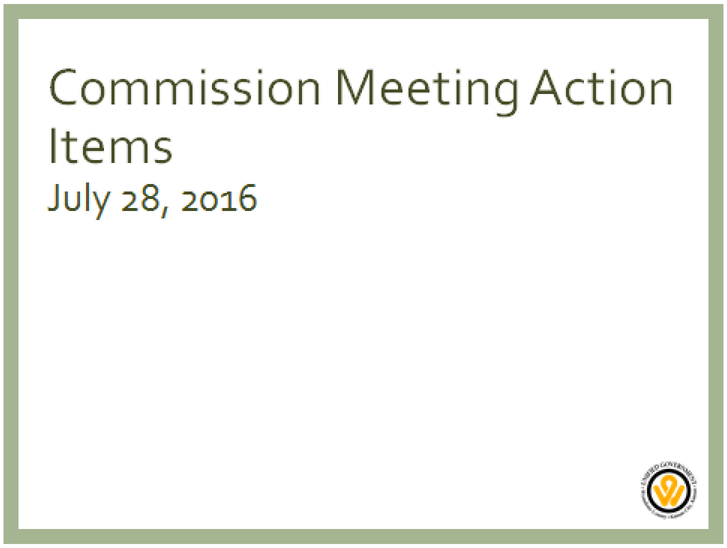
It seems like to me that we did miss the boat. I didn't have any problem changing them because there was no reason for the disparity in salary between a Park Ranger and a Sheriff Deputy. That was driving when it was done but I still don't understand why the Sheriff can't have three or four bid positions. It probably would be a junior, well it wouldn't be junior because you have to be in the jail ten years, I think, before you actually get out of the jail into the office. I suppose you would have to have some seniority before you could actually bid these jobs, but I don't understand that.

Commissioner Walker said then I wanted a clarification. The fire station that we're talking about presumptively located in Mike Kane's district, you're planning to build this from savings that we accrue from the Administration of the union contract. Is that what you're telling me? **Mr. Bach** said yes, sir. **Commissioner Walker** said so an example of that would be we have $1.7M in overtime. If we didn't have that $1.7M, I assume that $1.7M would be a pretty good down payment on the beginning of a fire station, correct? So that's the plan. **Mr. Bach** said yes, that can work within it definitely. **Commissioner Walker** said okay. I just wanted it clear.

Mayor Holland said the Park Ranger, so if you would like to remove the Park Ranger, please raise your hand and let's see if there is consensus to remove the Park Ranger. Okay, so we have—**Commissioner Walker** said I have an alternative. **Mayor Holland** said you did offer an alternative so we have four, that's short of a consensus or even a majority to remove the Park Ranger, but I think, Mr. Bach, taking the suggestion of Commissioner Walker back to the Sheriff is a good one just in terms of looking at broadening our base of how we support our parks. **Mr. Bach** said and maybe I will offer too, I think that's a specific area we can discuss as we're doing our Law Enforcement Study that is really underway next week. As they get into it, they could do a little bit of focus on where we were with the parks and the Rangers Program, what has changed from that and are we missing something in regard to that, and maybe open up part of that conversation to make sure they're visiting with the Parks Director and that staff about how we feel the services are being covered.

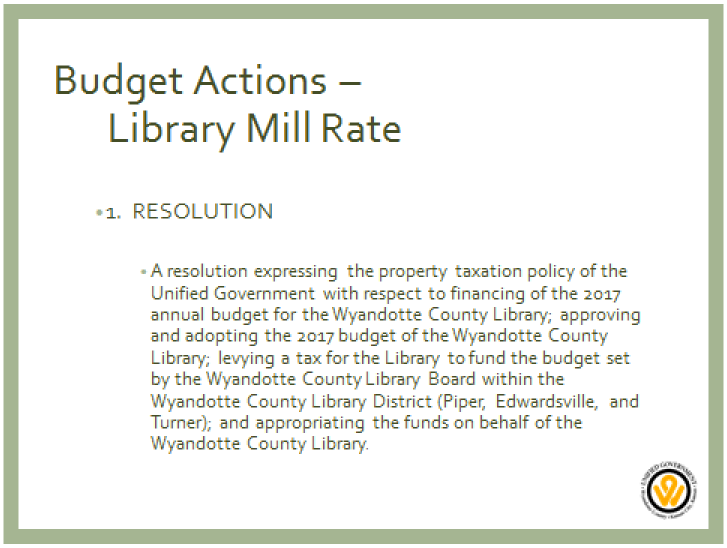
Mayor Holland said I think we've reached some consensus around the yellow sheet on all the issues that have been brought up thus far. I do want to take about a ten minute break and then we will come back and wrap up the remainder of our meeting tonight and look ahead to Thursday. (The break started at 7:43 p.m.)

Mayor Holland called the meeting back to order at 7:53 p.m.

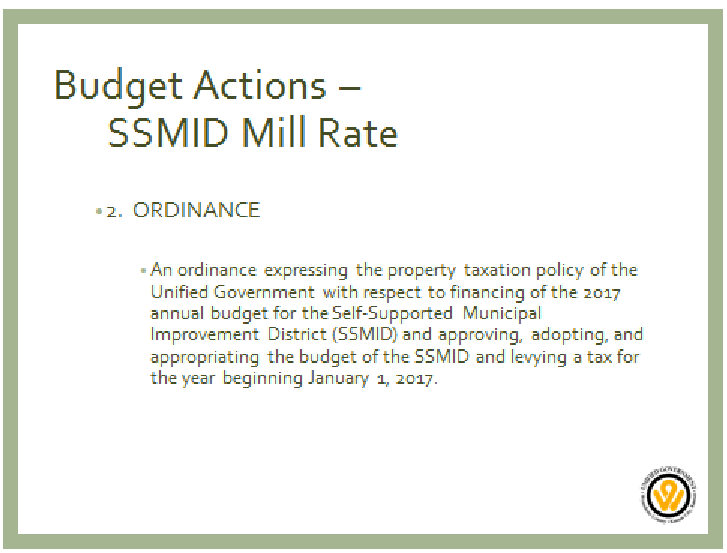


Mayor Holland said we need to walk through Commission Meeting Action Items. This is for Thursday night and unless we hear something different than what we have tonight, I do not believe we need a budget session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. We do have room for that but I think we have consensus on all the items before us so I don't think we need that 5:00 p.m. session. We will have a 6:00 p.m. executive session on litigation and then at 7:00 p.m. we will have Planning & Zoning and Budget. **Commissioner Markley** said will you make sure we all get an email to make sure our calendars are correct on that. **Mayor Holland** said yes, because it has moved a little bit. We will make sure to get the corrected information out that no budget hearing 5:00 p.m. Thursday unless something unravels before adjournment tonight. A 6:00 p.m. executive session on Thursday for litigation and then 7:00 p.m. we have Planning & Zoning and we also have our final budget approval which includes, as we all know now, because we've all been through a couple of these, a number of action items. I'm going to ask Mr. Bach to lead us through the action Items so we will know what we are voting on specifically on Thursday.

Mr. Bach said as in past years, there are several actionable items that don't have anything really related closely to what you've all put your time and work into but they are ones that are put before you as the governing body of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. There are six actionable items. These all came out in your budget today.

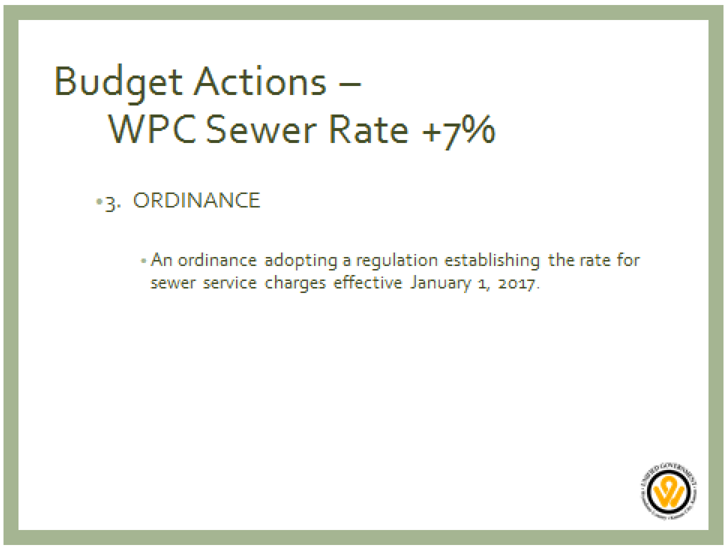


The first one is going to be regarding the Library Mill Rate. That was submitted as a statuesque mill rate so as you all painstakingly go through how you can reduce increases that have come in from different things, this one was coming in as a statuesque mill rate.

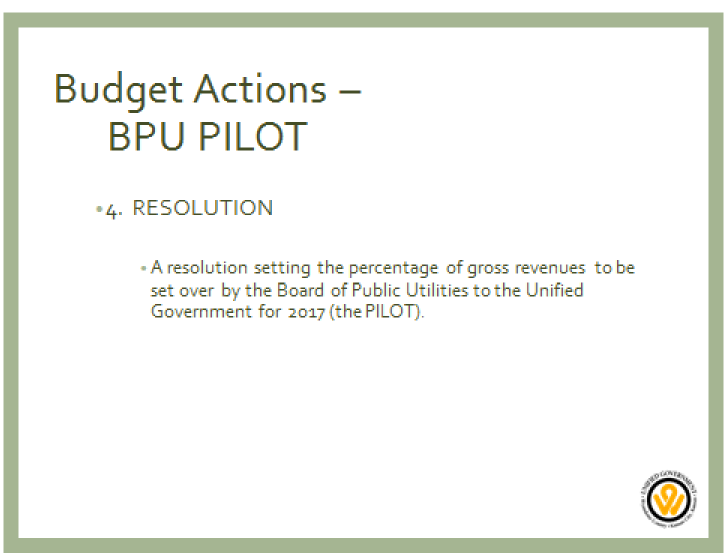


Another one will be the SSMID Mill Rate. We've had a lot of information go through on that so that is being set forth to allow that jurisdiction to collect the revenues as that was just previously adopted to go forth. **Commissioner Markley** asked is that with the same boarders or with different boarders. **Mr. Bach** said that's a good question. What you will have earlier on the agenda is the reduction in the size of the boarder so you will officially adopt that before we get to the budget approvals. The actual approved budget that you're approving was done based on what the amount of budget would be for the whole area, but the mill rate is going to be still the same so they will just collect less than what we advertised as that number.

Commissioner Philbrook asked back on the Library Mill Rate, is this based on what was recommended by the Library Board themselves. **Mr. Lindsey, Budget Director,** said yes. **Mr. Bach** said we, as staff, don't do anything to that.

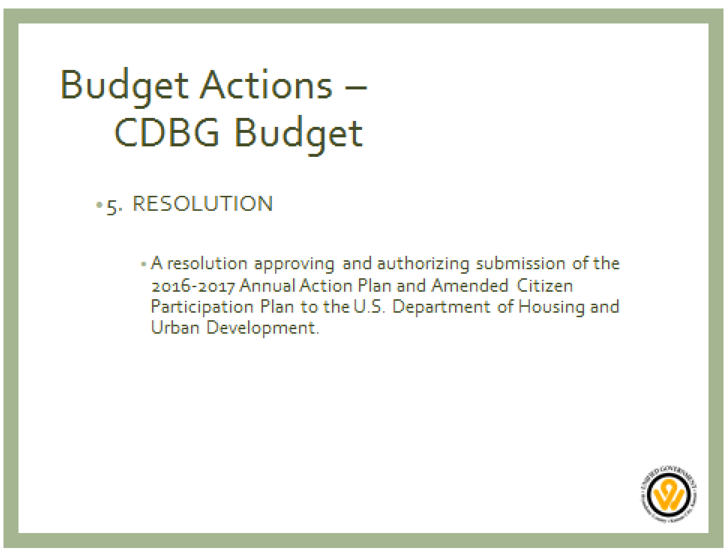


The third item on the list will be the Water Pollution Control Sewer Rate. Last year we were at the 7% increase as we are moving toward our consent decree and collecting the money necessary in order to follow those guidelines going forward. That would go into effect on January 1.

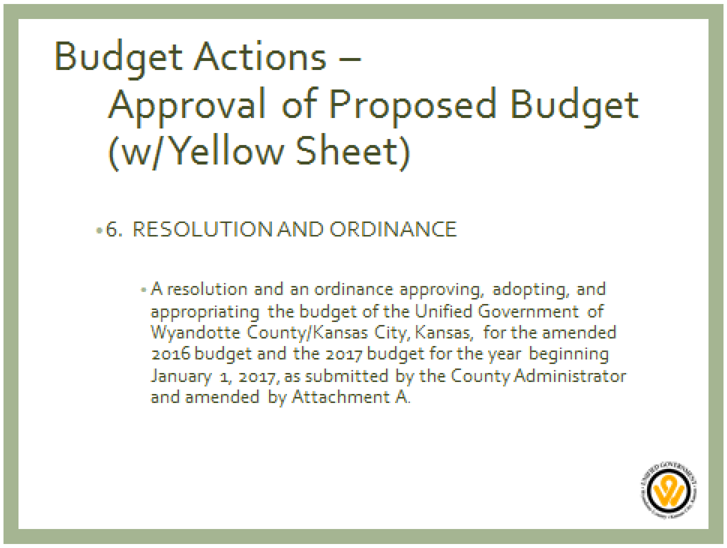


Item 4 is the resolution that adopts our PILOT with the BPU. This PILOT rate stays flat as what it has been the previous year.

Commissioner Walker said it will come as no surprise to those of you that will recall, I have voted against this for three straight years. I intend to vote against it again and will continue to vote against it until we show some good faith in keeping the pledge that was made when it was raised. I may not recall it exactly, but when we raised it—we didn't raise it, most of us that are on here didn't raise it; when it was raised, we were told a couple of years later we were going to start reducing it at a percent a year. Now that we've got the money, we don't want to give it up. Whether you realize it or not, everybody who is a taxpayer is a ratepayer almost virtually. There may be a few hundred people that don't use utilities that we haven't found. (**Someone** said something about Edwardsville and Bonner that was inaudible.) **Commissioner Walker** said I meant within the city, within the BPU jurisdiction. When you put 1% on them, it's the same as hitting them with a 1% tax because everybody is paying it. We're not doing anything to reduce it and I think we should be. I thought that since the beginning and so when I vote no, don't any of you be surprised.



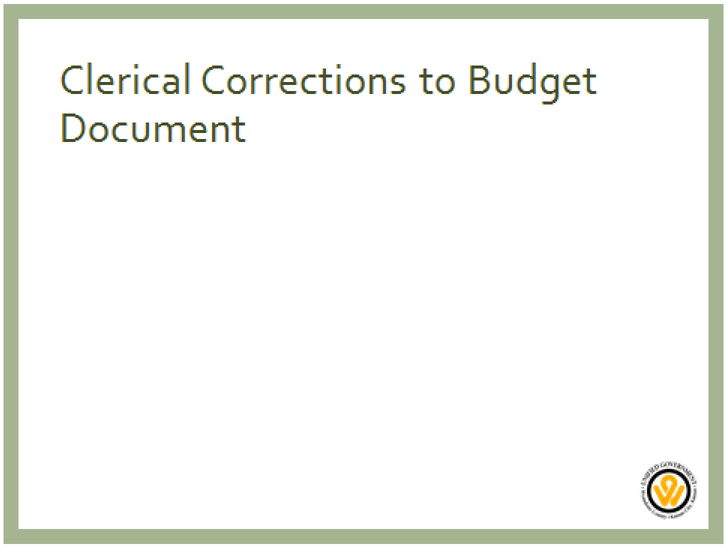
Mr. Bach said Item 5 is the resolution that's the Community Development Block Grant Budget that has been presented. I will say this is probably one of the better budget seasons we've had in working that as you focused your time on that outside of the $345M Budget and put forth a good budget plan to move that forward and that will be adopted according to that.



Item 6 is what we've all been here for and that's the approval of the Proposed Budget. Assuming the items above are all done in accordance with how they've been presented, that allows us to approve the budget which contemplates all those sources of revenue that come into it. We will have the appropriate yellow sheet as a blue sheet to attach to the agenda on Thursday night to allow for the changes that you've made tonight to account for that.

I'm also going to note in this years' resolution for this, Ms. VonAchen has submitted additional language regarding the Capital Projects. As you all recall as we go through and we approve what we're doing for projects now and say this is what we want to buy as were going forward, Kathleen is of the belief and has seen this in many other jurisdictions where we can adopt the appropriate resolutions now so then we don't have to keep continuing to approve those two or three times more later in the year for the same projects you have already approved. We can come back and update you and say this is what we're doing but we don't have to go through those. We have a few things we have to work through with Bond Counsel to get their final blessings on that, but we're hopeful this will get it done one time instead of having to do it three more times later in the year in order to move forward with your action Thursday night.

That will complete all the Budget Action Items.



The last item on our list is the clerical corrections to the budget document and I will turn this over to Reginald Lindsey and let him step through. I think Reggie is going to have all the corrected pages—they will be submitted to the Commission Office and they will be able to put them in place, but I'm going to have Reggie walk through those now.

Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director, said there are five clerical corrections in the budget document this year. The first two were in the Financial Overview, Summary of Budget & Expenditures; we replaced that page. The Dedicated Sales Tax read wrong so we replaced that. The Alcohol Fund Summary had the wrong column as far as reading the 2016 Amended, it read 2015 Amended. In the Department Programs, we changed the Special Community Grants Department to read Wyandotte Economic Development Grants as one of the divisions on that page. Also, in CMIP Projects, we replaced the key that described what was going on. We had a misspelling on there. In some of the Debt Projects, some of the lines were missing but the total tallied up to what they should have equaled so what we did was unhide those columns. We have updated the actual budget document on the website, internet and intranet so it is up-to-date for you all now. We also have hard copies for you to put into your documents.

Mayor Holland said it's not surprising that in a 300 plus page document you might have clerical errors. We appreciate your diligence in getting those corrected for us and getting them into the document.

Mayor Holland asked are there any further questions about the budget because this wraps up our 2017 Budget Session tonight. I think we should commend Doug and his staff for a terrific job. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I don't understand how you guys can do it with all of us commissioners throwing up boundaries and all kinds of extra stuff your way, but I really do appreciate the hard work.

Mayor Holland said I will reiterate one last time, we do not have a Budget Session at 5:00 p.m. Thursday. We start at 6:00 p.m. with an Executive Session for litigation and 7:00 p.m. will be Planning & Zoning and then we will adopt our budget as we just rehearsed tonight.

MAYOR HOLLAND ADJOURNED
THE SPECIAL SESSION AT 8:04 p.m.

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Carol Godsil
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