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SPECIAL SESSION, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in Special Session, Thursday, November 3, 2016, with eleven members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Walker, Commissioner At-Large Second District (arrived at 5:06 p.m.); Townsend, Commissioner First District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Murguia, Commissioner Third District (arrived at 5:06 p.m.); 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. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Gordon Criswell and Melissa Mundt, Asst. County Administrators; Bridgette Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel; Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer; Emerick Cross, Commission Liaison; Maureen Mahoney, Asst. to Mayor/Chief of Staff; Angela Lawson, Senior Attorney; Mike Taylor, Public Relations Director; and Officer Doug Bailey, Sergeant-at-Arms.

MAYOR HOLLAND called the meeting to order.

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

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to be held Thursday, November 3, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the 5th floor conference room of the Municipal Office Building for the County Administrator's update followed by a legislative review. Immediately following, the Commission will recess to the 9th floor conference room for an executive session regarding land acquisition.

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 we are hearing the Administrator's update. We do this quarterly and this one is the one immediately presiding the Administrator's review that we will all participate in. I will be sending out from my office the materials you are accustomed to seeing for the annual review of our Administrator and after we receive those then we will go into executive session for review. I will be giving that timeline to you soon in terms of how that's all mapped out for when that's going to be. The first thing is to hear this update.

Administrator's Update



Doug Bach
County Administrator
November 3, 2016

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said as the Mayor said I do these quarterly although tonight is more of an annual review. It's a little bit awkward to plug in an annual that kind of comes in through September/October as I put in the data so not everything is on a 12-month cycle. There are some things that are year-to-date and I try to qualify some of those as they come through, but we do try to report on everything that has really happened since your last review of me.

November 3, 2016

Overview of Commission Goals

- Public Safety
- Infrastructure
- Customer Service
- Innovation
- Economic Development, Community Planning, & Housing
- Education/Workforce Development
- Multimodal/Transportation
- Social Services
- Healthy Communities/Recreation
- Environment
- Personnel
- Finance
- Communication
 - Mayor & Commission
 - Public & Citizen
 - Staff Leadership & Interaction
- Other Activities



As we get to the first area and that's the Overview of Commission Goals and that's categorically—these are all the different areas that you've set out for me to go through that you've set goals in and those are ones that you measure to walk through them and state what areas you expect some reporting back on in this update.

Public Safety

- Sheriff
 - Conducted three (3) Deputy Recruit Academy groups
 - Coordinated with HR to complete implementation of many of the Public Safety Task Force on Minority Recruitment/Hiring/Promotion as reported during Special Session October 13, 2016.
 - Recommendations (i.e., monthly recruitment/testing of applicants, coordinate with HR Public Safety Recruiter, development of pre-employment Physical Agility Testing (scheduled to complete next month), Sheriff Cadet Program in development)
 - With the implementation of new staffing, reduced the number of inmates farmed out by about 33% – on target to eliminate inmate farm-outs completely before December 31, 2016



I will start with Public Safety. The first area here is the Sheriff's Department. As I've done in the previous ones I'll do a little bit more on this one than I do in the quarterly's as I go through them, but probably leave most of this and you can go back through when you're going through the evaluation form. You can follow by category of Public Safety and see how I report under

each area so you have some of the information in front of you, but for today's report I'll just highlight a few of the things because there is over 50 pages worth of material and I don't think I need to go through each line with you or we would be here for a while. If there is something I don't get into or you want to go back to, just let me know and I can do that.

In the area of the Sheriff's Department I'll just highlight the fact that we implemented a lot of the Public Safety Task Force recommendations and those are listed out here of the ones that were specifically done with the Public Safety Recruiter and the development of pre-employment Physical Agility Testing. Also, noting the last point on this page with the implementation of new staffing, we've significantly reduced the number of inmates by about 33% and at this point we're on target to eliminate inmate farm-outs by the end of this year. That's a major goal we're after in trying to create some of the savings back from the double bunking that has been done and it's been a long-term process in making that happen.

Public Safety

- Sheriff
 - Researched, developed, and implemented Sheriff's Office in-car and body worn camera systems in Operations and Detention Divisions
 - Continued working with KCKPD to implement the new CAD/RMS system in the Sheriff's Office
 - Developed and conducted new promotion processes for the ranks of Sergeant, Detective, and Lieutenant
 - Hired a new civilian Program Manager for supervision of the Records Unit of the Sheriff's Office
 - Working with the CKO/DOTS on hiring and implementing a new IT Systems Manager



Under Sheriff we've researched and developed and implemented the Sheriff's Office in-car and body worn camera systems and then down toward the bottom I'll note we've had more coordination going between our Chief Knowledge Officer and DOTS on hiring and implementing a new IT Systems Manager in coordination with them.

Public Safety

- **Police Department**
 - Compared to this same time last year, the department has noted a 49% decrease in attitude/conduct & harassment complaints
 - Experiencing a 9% increase in violent crime from 2015. Established a Violent Crime Task Force that focuses on identifying most violent offenders and addressing drug sales in the community.
 - YTD, PD has saved over \$2M in personnel costs exceeding the financial goal for this year
 - In 2015, established goal to Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) certify all officers and police dispatchers by the end of 2017. YTD, 199 (59%) sworn officer CIT certified. 100% (32) of dispatchers are CIT certified.



In the Police Department we have a 49% decrease in attitude/conduct and harassment complaints. Also, in 2015 we established a goal to certify 100% of our department for Crisis Intervention Team and year-to-date we have about 199 or 59% of the officers certified and 100% of our dispatchers so we're well on our way to achieve that goal by the end of next year.

Public Safety

- **Law Enforcement Study**
 - Completed the following phases
 - Diagnostic assessment of the KCKPD and Sheriff's Department, which includes best practice assessment, staffing and organizational analysis
 - Descriptive profile of the KCKPD and Sheriff's Department
 - Staff survey was completed
 - Preliminary report to be completed by end of 2016 with presentation to governing body in early 2017



The Law Enforcement Study is underway which impacts both the Sheriff's Department and the Police Department. This preliminary report should be in the hands of Administration by the end of this year and I think we will be able to have a presentation to the governing body within the first quarter of 2017.

Public Safety

- Fire Department
 - Total Emergency Incidents 4/6/16-10/20/16 = 17,546
 - Fire Calls = 2,997
 - EMS Calls = 13,895
 - Other = 655
 - Labor Management Committee continued to meet and develop goals and objectives to improve overall fire operations per the timeline established by the FACETS study
 - Pre-Apprentice Firefighter Training Program implemented in August 2016. Eight personnel have been hired for the first trainee class.
 - 12 Recruits graduated from the Fire Academy who are now finishing up their proctorship which will allow them to be released to full duty in November
 - Dedicated Recruitment Command Officer selected in accordance with the recommendation from the Public Safety Taskforce.



Under the Fire Department note here on calls for service but I also note the major activity here is our Labor Management Committee continued to meet and develop goals and objectives. While those were all developed we continue to meet as to how we are achieving each one of those. They will be another report coming forward with that after the first of the year as well. We implemented our Pre-Apprentice Firefighter Training Program and eight personnel were hired under that. We have a dedicated Recruitment Command Officer selected in accordance with the Public Safety Taskforce.

Public Safety

- Fire Department
 - The Fire Safety Trailer was utilized by the Fire Prevention Division to teach fire safety and prevention to 1850 children and 150 adults
 - The Fire Prevention Division conducted scheduled fire safety programs for approximately 500 adults.
 - Continued with phase II the CAD/RMS implementation process and is currently mounting the necessary hardware so that CAD mobile capabilities associated with the new CAD system will go live in November 2016.
 - Established a new billing contract for EMS where the billing percentage rate to the vendor was re-negotiated and reduced which will result in significant savings



November 3, 2016

We've established a new billing contract at EMS. It's one of those things you don't hear a lot about. We were able to negotiate the rate down on that by about 1.5% which will result in a significant savings. That is one we will be able to measure and determine just how much that does come out in the end.



Public Safety

- **Municipal Court**
 - Court Clerk's window opening earlier at 7:30am to increase access for citizens to make information inquiries and payments prior to the start of court hearings
 - Over 50% of cases filed are for traffic violations, followed by parking violations and misdemeanors
 - Electronic payment of fines continues to trend upward
 - Dropped calls into the Court continues to trend downward (down 5% from 2015)
 - Court ordered restitution payments are holding steady



In Municipal Court we opened our window earlier at 7:30 a.m. We always have a packed house of people eager to get into court everyday so with that they are able—really we're not seeing a lot of people early so far, but it's able to avoid some of the lines from building because they're opened at that point and starting to work through that. Also, we're seeing an increase in the number of people who are paying their fines electronically since we put that online.

Public Safety

- **Community Corrections**
 - Collaborated with District Attorney's Office and Wyandot Mental Health to establish the first mental health court docket for felony adults under supervision
 - Adult Case Expeditor continues to move offenders through our local criminal justice system which is driving down inmate farm out cost and reducing the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) in our Detention Facility
 - Youth detained in custody continues to track downward saving cost of local detention and NOT impacting the overall community safety
 - Average Daily Population: 2014 – 34.3, 2015 – 31.8, 2016 – 26.5
 - Staff training in several intervention modalities has enabled staff to reduce the number of youth held in detention and out of home placements



In Community Corrections we've collaborated with the District Attorney's Office and Wyandot Mental Health to establish the first mental health court docket for felony adults and under adult supervision. The Expeditor continues to move offenders through our system so we're seeing really record low numbers in people in the detention facility in measuring who should be there and we see the same thing in the youth detained area. You will notice the average daily population from 2014 was at 34 dropping down to 26.5 as an average this year.

Public Safety

- **Emergency Management**
 - Collaborated with Court House Managers to write a building specific emergency operations plan which will serve as first template for similar plans in other UG specific facilities
 - Conducted several regional emergency management training simulations:
 - Pipeline Association Safety Awareness and Emergency Response TTX; 1/4
 - Stop Movement Conference and Training WSX; 2/12
 - Severe Weather Awareness Seminar – Wyandotte County WSX; 2/16
 - State EOP Workshop – WyCo & JoCo WSX; 2/23
 - Regional Training and Exercise Planning Workshop – MARC WSX; 2/26
 - Regional Volunteer Reception Center Exercise FNX; 3/19
 - CST/HazMat/Tac Team Speedway Exercise FSX (approx. 250 persons per day) 3/21-23
 - Speedway Spring Race FSX; 5/6-8



Under Emergency Management we collaborated with Court House Managers to write a building specific emergency operations plan and this is going to be the template that our Emergency

Management Director will continue to use in all our other Unified Government facilities. We've also conducted several regional emergency management training simulations and there is a list of these on this page as well as the next page.

Public Safety

- **Emergency Management**
 - Training Simulations (cont'd)
 - Amateur Radio Field Day FNX; 6/26
 - LEPC Conference (this included a statewide TTX); 7/20-21
 - Regional Area Maritime Security Committee TTX; 7/26
 - NLE Show Me Evacuation/Mass Care Table top Exercise (multi state TTX); 8/9
 - NLE Show Me Evacuation/Mass Care – New Madrid Seismic Zone (multi state FSX); 8/24
 - Medical Countermeasures Dispensing TTX; 8/30-31
 - Large-Scale Aviation Accident Response Workshop (LSAAR) TT – John Knox Village (over 400 participants); 9/21
 - Regional Simulated Emergency Test – 120 participants from the region; 10/1
 - Speedway Fall Race FSX; 10/14-16
 - Close POD Dispensing Training/Exercise – Public Health TTX; 10/20



It just kind of goes through and notes just how many we participate in throughout the course of the year.

Infrastructure

- 2015 CNIP #2 Projects – Seven project areas under design for sidewalks, park trails, and park improvements. Anticipated bid in late November with concrete work starting over the winter.
- Central Ave. Rehab, I-70 to 18th Street – Upgrades to curb sidewalk, ADA Ramps and Pedestrian Crossings, street resurfacing, and signal upgrades. Project 85% complete.
- Merriam Lane, County Line Road to 24th Street – Second Phase which includes wider lanes with designated bike lanes, curb and gutter, storm drainage, and sidewalks. Project is approximately 10% complete. Only limited work this winter with 2 way traffic.
- 2016 Neighborhood Street Resurfacing Projects – To date completed 98% resurfacing of 21.4 centerline miles of roadway and 103 ADA Ramps.



In Infrastructure I have listed through many of the projects that we've completed. I'll note the last one on this page where we're 98% done with our Neighborhood Street Resurfacing Projects which accounted for 21.4 centerline miles and 103 new ADA ramps were put into place.

Infrastructure

- Riverview Avenue Bridge Replacement Project – Grading work has begun for Phase I of Construction. SB Turner Diagonal Ramps from I-70 and Riverview Closed. NB Turner Diagonal Ramp from Riverview Ave. closed. Riverview Ave. remains open through May of 2017
- Stony Point Drainage, Phase I – Project is 60% complete with estimated completion of Phase I by December of 2016.
- Turkey Creek Wing Wall and Tunnel Repairs – Projects remain on hold until river water levels drop below acceptable working levels.



The Riverview Avenue Bridge Replacement Project is underway which is being done in coordination with the Amazon development.

Infrastructure

- Annual Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Projects – Separate contractors are working on spot repair locations and lining locations in order to speed up project timeline. Both projects are 75% complete.
- Force Main Discharge Manhole Rehab – Contractor has completed 40% of manhole linings on the contract. More issues are being found and added to the contract and future contracts as work continues
- Pump Station 18 Upgrades – Contractor is 40% with pump station upgrades and Vactor off-load lagoon upgrades



Several different things going through Sanitary and Storm Sewer Projects listed on the pages.

Infrastructure

- Completed Projects
 - Leavenworth Road Intersections, 72nd and 55th Street
 - 2015 CNIP #1 Projects
 - State Avenue and Village West Parkway Intersection and 110th Street Resurfacing
 - Annual Storm Sewer Rehab and Reconstruction Program
 - 35th Street Culvert Repair, North of Merriam Lane
 - 55th and Leavenworth Road Drainage Improvements
 - Pump Station #6, 41, 50, 64, and 65 Improvements
 - Annual Sanitary Sewer Rehab Program



Here are completed projects. We did complete the Leavenworth Road Intersections and I think if you really note 72nd Street for those people that live in that area was such a major change to the way that intersection functions now is a huge improvement in the community.

Customer Service

- 311
 - Over 80,000 calls received year-to-date
 - 71% of calls are for five areas: Municipal Courts (35.0%), District Court (12%), Public Works (9%), Treasury (8%), and NRC/Codes (7%)
 - Deployed an after-hours communication process to assist Public Works with supplemental refuse/clean-up efforts for Deffenbaugh/Waste Management complaints
 - Online Citizens Web Portal launched as part of upgrade – allowing residents to submit online service requests



In 311 we had over 80,000 received year-to-date. Our online Citizens Web Portal launched as part of our upgrade and this allows citizens to start submitting online service requests so they just don't have to call in.

Customer Service

- **Geographic Information System (GIS)**
 - Delinquent Real Estate and GIS now share one entrance with a fully staffed, bilingual front desk. This zero cost adjustment of work flows dramatically enhances the customer service in both departments.
 - Pictometry (oblique imagery) feature has been added to UGMAPS. Staff is working with interested users on training.
 - Fulfilled 93 custom GIS requests resulting in 121 unique maps during 2016
 - Processed 14 subdivision plats – surpassing the total from 2015
- **Treasury**
 - Motor Vehicle Registration reported significant reductions in average wait times for customers. Compared to 2014 the average wait time at the Courthouse is down 72% averaging 42 minutes and the Annex is down 53% averaging 67 minutes.



In our GIS area we processed 14 subdivision plats which surpasses the total from 2015 already and in Treasury our Motor Vehicle Registration reported significant reductions in the average wait time for customers. Compared to 2014 when we started to put more focus to that we're down 72% for the average wait time. We're at 42 minutes downtown and the Annex is at 67 minutes. Just by note, the average customer that comes into Motor Vehicle it varies. If you're doing a renewal, it takes that person about five minutes by themselves. When they're coming in with a new tag that takes about 20-25 minutes just for one person to process and a lot of that is regulated based on the systems speed communicating back to Topeka.

Innovation

- **New Chief Knowledge Officer position added and filled after national recruitment**
- **Department of Technology Services (DOTS)**
 - 75% of City Hall has been upgraded to gigabit network switches. The remaining 3rd and 5th floors will be completed by years end. Additionally, the Wyandotte County Museum and Sunflower Golf Course have been updated to Gigabit network.
 - Transition has started to consolidate Police and Fire IT services within DOTS. Full integration to be completed in 1st quarter of 2017.
 - DA Warrants project – all judges now have tablets and can electronically sign warrants remotely from their homes or any other location



In Innovation I will say one of the big things coming in was the hiring of a new Chief Knowledge Officer. That was a position that was budgeted for to put into the 2016 Budget. I did a national recruitment for that and hired and filled that position and we're very pleased with his leadership so far. Transition has also started in this area where we're seeing Police and Fire IT services, which has really been off by themselves, I would say more of a silo which is now getting more of a full integration in with our overall technology system.

Innovation

- Department of Technology Services (DOTS)
 - Sheriff's Point of Sale, created by the DOTS SharePoint team, has recorded over \$7,000 of sales to date
 - Completed the Fire Department SharePoint Collaboration site
 - Police Department SharePoint Collaboration site has been completed. Business processes have been automated through the Portal such as offender pickup, vacation requests, and much more!
- Kansas City, KS along with Kansas City, MO was recognized as one of the 15 inaugural communities in the US Ignite Smart Gigabit Communities national network. Commitment is to develop public services that provide advanced technology solutions to issues we face as a community.



Just listing off some additional things here, the Sheriff's Point of Sale created DOTS SharePoint and you can see this theme within Fire and the Police Department where they put this SharePoint system in place but this has allowed us to do over \$7,000 worth of sales that can come into this electronically. That includes different areas. I don't think a lot of sales coming out through the Sheriff's Department, but those is your offender registry, driving records, fingerprints or conceal and carry permits that people buy.

Innovation

- **Health Department**
 - A new Quality Improvement Council of employees has been appointed. The council will update the department's Quality Improvement Plan and Program structure. The team will act as champions for building a culture of quality within the department.
- **Appraiser**
 - Workflow changes have been implemented and the result is inspection counts far exceed previous years. 14,328 have been inspected, exceeding the goal of 11,700.
 - Information regarding ongoing appeals has been centralized utilizing SharePoint for departmental use
 - Implemented a comprehensive training initiative to improve the capacity and skills of the appraisal staff. Individual staff training assessments were completed and a total of 15 courses, classes or workshops held



In the Appraiser's Office we've had several workflow changes and they have been implemented and this resulted in inspection counts exceeding our previous years. We did 14,328 this year which exceeded our goal of 11,700 from where we had previously been and so these procedures are making a big difference. You will note I put all these things under workflow processes and change are in the area of innovation. Innovation is not always just technology. Innovation is a better way of doing business and that's where we record most of this.

Innovation

- **Kicked off Stabilization, Occupation, and Revitalization (SOAR) initiative**
 - Increased number of Tax Sale parcels from 350 to 500
 - Enhanced NRC effectiveness by providing title search access through Delinquent Real Estate (DRE)
 - Tax Sale properties that were not purchased can now be transferred to the Land Bank within a 5-year time period
 - District Court and Treasures Office changed a 20 year collection policy related to delinquent real estate allowing for partial payment of outstanding debt prior to court payment plan
 - Mapped the process flow of 13 departments related to blight and vacancy and property transactions or code enforcement



We kicked off the Stabilization, Occupation and Revitalization or SOAR initiative and there are several things noted under this. One of them right on the first where we increased the number of tax sale parcels from 350 to 500 this year.

Innovation

- SOAR
 - Process improvements made to the Tax Sale process – banning bidders who do not redeem winning bids for 2 years; holding the non-redemption property sale at a later date to generate additional interest
 - Participated in What Works Cities engagement that focuses on SOAR to provide open data as well as establish performance metrics around blight and vacancy
 - Inventoried all UG data sets as stage one of the Open Data Project
 - Expanded What Works Cities engagement to include Performance Based Contracting



Also, under SOAR we had a process improvements made to the tax sale banning bidders who did not redeem winning bids for two years from coming back where we have people that would come in and buy properties but then they would never come in and cash in on them so while it seems like a simple thing, it's one we just hadn't done and this kicks them out of the process for a while.

Innovation

- Restructured AT&T phone and lease line contract; save at a minimum \$100k per a year
- Police/Fire IT services being consolidated with DOTS to provide more efficiencies, enhanced security, and coordination of IT activities.



We've restructured our phone contract with AT&T which is saving us over \$100K.

Economic Development, Community Planning, & Housing

- Planning
 - K-32 Master Plan and Quiet Zone study with Bonner Springs and Edwardsville adopted by BOC on 10/27/16
 - New Sign Code adopted by BOC 6/30/16
 - ENCODE ready to launch to the public in November
 - Rosedale Master Plan Drafted and advancing to Planning and Zoning Commission in November
 - Over 90 percent of engineering reviews completed within 2 weeks of submission (Board of Commissioners Goal is 80-85 percent)
 - Amended dollar stores ordinance to establish spacing requirements.
 - Received Sustaining Quality Places Grant for Fisher Park
 - Received Sustaining Quality Places Grant for Kansas River Bridge trail (just north of Kansas Avenue)



In the area of Planning we did several studies which you had reported on through the course of the year. We had the K-32 Master Plan and Quiet Zone. We had our new Sign Code put in place and over 90% of our engineering reviews were completed within two weeks of submission. When this was submitted to the Board of Commissioners and our Standing Committee that was set at 80-85% so I was glad to see that exceeded that goal.

Economic Development, Community Planning, & Housing

- CDBG
 - 2016-2017 One Year Action Plan adopted
 - CDBG Request for Proposal Process (Received 17--recommended and awarded 7)
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Request for Proposal Process (Ranked and recommended funding for all 6 agencies)
 - 2016-2021 Assessment of Fair Housing in collaboration with Cities of Kansas City, Independence, Blue Springs, Missouri and Leavenworth, Kansas and Mid-America Regional Council
 - Achieved deadline for meeting CDBG Funds Timeliness of Expenditure and HOME Funds Commitment
 - CDBG Home Repair Program/Barrier Removal Program -- assisted 45 households
 - HOME CHIP Program -- assisted 17 households with down payment assistance
 - CDBG Public Facilities and Improvements -- provided funding and staff assistance with:
 - 3 Safe Routes to School Sidewalks
 - 5 Transit Curb/Sidewalks and ADA Ramps



CDBG, we modified the process and that was done through the Commission and I will say is a notable thing. This year is how people would go through and submit applications and that process is noted here.

Economic Development, Community Planning, & Housing

- CDBG
 - Provided Inspections:
 - 135 Home Repair Program unit inspections for 45 single-family units
 - 34 CHIP unit Inspections for 17 single-family units
 - 64 ESG Rapid Re-Housing unit inspections
 - 30 Habitat new construction inspections for 3 single-family units
 - 28 CHWC new construction inspections for 1 single-family unit and 1 duplex
 - Provided Environmental Reviews/ Assistance
 - 45 Home Repair Program units
 - 2 ABC (District 6) units
 - 1 CHWC unit
 - 5 Kim Wilson CoC units
 - 1 St. John historical unit



We did many different inspections throughout the course of the year and provided environmental reviews and assistance.

Economic Development, Community Planning, & Housing

- Economic Development
 - PQ Corporation – continued multi-phase expansion, 2015 and 2016 additional \$49.5M investment
 - Amazon – \$300M, 1500+ jobs, 2.3M sf
 - Central Industrial Park Building #2 – \$55M investment, 500 jobs, structured TDD that benefits the entire Fairfax Industrial area
 - Legends/Village West
 - Acquisition by Walton Street Capital LLC in January 2016
 - Sale of Legends 14 Theatre to AMC, in addition to the \$7.8M purchase, AMC committed to \$5M in upgrades
 - Approval of \$49M luxury multi-family project with 250 units and additional parking garage



In the area of Economic Development PQ Corporation continued their expansion which is now up to \$49.5M in investment in this time period. Amazon started and announced their \$300M project building a 2.3M square foot facility along with many other projects listed.

Economic Development, Community Planning, & Housing

- Economic Development
 - Vacation Village STAR District
 - Legends Auto Mall – Chrysler/Dodge/Ram, Ford, and Nissan open
 - Frontier Justice – upscale shooting club and retailer received planning approval, expected investment \$9M+ investment
 - US Soccer NTC and Youth Tournament Fields – \$65.2M project currently under construction
 - Dairy Farmers of America – the \$46M, 100k sf Office building nearly complete, expected occupancy first quarter '17, 400+ jobs
 - Boyer Medical Office Building – \$11M, 40k sf Office building announced, 50 new jobs



The US Soccer National Training Center has started construction this year and the Youth Tournament Fields are looking pretty good. If you haven't been out in that area to see where they are along the street, they seem to be ahead of schedule. I think we will be potentially there in the spring. When they originally started they were going to be more grass projects. They have moved to synthetic. That moves the schedule up just by the same construction in itself

because with grass we were going to have to let that settle for most of 2017 and potentially start in the fall. I think we will be in the position to be playing on those next summer.

Commissioner Walker said this is great but when you go south of the river you don't get any opportunities so see much economic development and I'm not kidding. We emphasize north of the river constantly and I haven't seen WYEDC or any of our developers take much of an interest in south of the river; Turner, Argentine, Rosedale. We all know where they are. **Mr. Bach** said well I do know and understand where it's at—**Commissioner Walker** said I like all the development, development is great but I'm just sick of always hearing about it north of the river. I don't think anybody is really trying to do much south of the river. **Mayor Holland** said I mean—**Commissioner Walker** said don't tell me Amazon. We gave them the farm to build it. **Mayor Holland** said I'm talking about \$500M in KU and Rosedale. It's one of the biggest economic developments in there. **Commissioner Walker** said we're not going there. KU didn't come to us and we didn't do a damn thing for that. The State did the whole thing. **Mayor Holland** said the State didn't do it. **Commissioner Walker** said I'm sorry. I've had some people talk to me recently about the appearance that we don't do any development out in Turner and Argentine and Rosedale. Yes, KU is building. I'm sorry. It's just the way it is and I don't like it.

Commissioner Murguia said just a correction on a couple of things. At the Board of Regents it is all about the State of Kansas allowing KU to do that development and there is State funding involved in those projects. I can tell you for a fact there is no local dollars in those projects. We've never given to the hospital or the Medical Center. We've never done anything at all for that matter in the way of economic development with the largest employer in our county. **Mayor Holland** said to say that—we just are working on a master plan in conjunction with them to leverage that economic development and to say we've had no part in it; obviously we have worked with them. I was just at the topping off ceremony for the North Cambridge Tower this afternoon where they specifically thanked the Unified Government for our partnership in that project so we're working hand-in-hand with KU to leverage that economic development impact for Rosedale. Yes, we are in partnership with them, but just like Amazon, Amazon is putting \$310M in it and we're partnering with them but it's a private sector so I just want to say yes—to

say we've done nothing I think is an exaggeration. Certainly they are bringing the capital to the table but we're partnering with them and if it weren't for our partnership they wouldn't be building in Wyandotte County. KU could build anywhere on the Kansas side of the river and they have chosen to stay in Wyandotte County and in Rosedale in large part because of the partnership with the Unified Government.

Commissioner Walker said I'm not going to get into an argument tonight with you, Mayor, about this. We're going to argue Saturday about this and this whole issue of development in neglected parts of our community. I told the story—did I tell it at the Commission meeting about the ditch in front of my dad's house? **Commissioner Murguia** said yes. **Commissioner Walker** said my dad has been dead 10 years and we were annexed in 1966. Those ditches where stormwater runoff were all going to be filled in with pipe and that ditch is still there and my dad has been dead for 12 years and he died at 95. Let's just say that annexation of that area has not fulfilled the commitments that the government at that time made and I'm just saying that there is a good deal of undeveloped developable real estate in the southern part of our community that doesn't seem to be getting a lot of attention. There are other areas that aren't getting attention too, but I'm just saying that I would like to see some development and some efforts that are tangible, visible made in those areas. KU is going to build whether we agree with them or not quite frankly, Mayor, they don't need our approval to do anything. Don't shake your head, come on.

Commissioner Kane said, Hal, I agree with you on some of that and the Amazon thing has gone south so, Mayor, when you brag about the Amazon project; that's not a project we should brag about. They are bringing people in from out-of-state to perform the functions and then they tell the people here that you can put the air-conditioning in, you can put a flagpole in, you can put a fence in, and that's working with the community; that's wrong. We were sold a bill of goods on that project and I wish I was going to be here Saturday. I don't think we should have our retreats on a Saturday. I'm not going to be in here because it's hunting season and I'm going hunting. One of the things that we should talk about is I think we need to have an off-site, no camera's, no anything so we can actually voice our opinion so we do not insult some of our commissioners or the TV people because I think there is some stuff that needs to be said. Mayor, this Commission

has been split and you haven't done a damn thing to fix it. **Mayor Holland** said thanks, Mike, let's continue with this presentation.

Commissioner Murguia said I would just say, Mayor, I was just stating a fact; I do agree that I do think we have reached out to KU on master planning deal and I do think that's important. It's a step in the right direction and it's further along than we've ever been in the past before. **Mayor Holland** said thank you. **Commissioner Murguia** said yes, that is true. **Mr. Bach** said while it's different with the master plan, it puts us in line—things we're working. We've advanced the Rainbow Village Project at 7th & Southwest and that's different from the master plan, but that's a project—7th & Southwest is along with working with the new owners of the property there with the Vietnam Café so around the 39th & Rainbow has seen a significant amount of time working with that.

Economic Development, Community Planning, & Housing

- Economic Development
 - Sale of Hilton Garden Inn for \$8.8M, and management agreement for Reardon Center with Brancato's Catering
 - Small Business grants – approximately \$50k issued in multiple grants including KC Cupcake Company, Animal Crackers, and Audrey Spirit
 - Land Bank – implemented new program for the strategic acquisition of residential and commercial structures from Tax Sale
 - American Royal announcement – \$160M project, new STAR Bond District
- Single Family Housing permits are at record levels in 2016



We sold the Hilton Garden Inn which was an advancement to move that forward. We had several small business grants. Approximately \$50K was done in multiple grants through various areas in the urban part of our community and we see our single-family housing permits what we believe hitting record levels for 2016. They are up considerably from where they have been in the last few years so hopefully by yearend we will see a good number come out of that.

Education/Workforce Development

- Met with Amazon, WYEDC, KCKCC, & Turner USD 202 on 9/13/16
- Approved new CEO Board Agreement for Local Area III – Workforce Partnership (Johnson, Leavenworth & Wyandotte)
- Hosted the Metro-wide Job Fair at Reardon Center
- New Workforce Solutions platform with WYEDC, KCKCC, and Workforce Partnership
 - Business retention & expansion services
 - Company specific training, recruitment and placement
 - Data collection and reporting
 - HR roundtable sessions
- Direct engagement with Amazon employment representatives for Turner commerce project



One thing I will note on Amazon, and maybe there are differences on what's going on with construction, but they have reached out and met with us with WYEDC, KCK Community College, and Turner School District to work toward employment of people that live in Kansas City, Kansas to get the jobs for the long-term in that area. I think that's very important for our community. We hosted a metro-wide job fair down at the Reardon Center.

Multimodal/Transportation

- 12th & 10th Street Bikeways – Project rebid in late October by KDOT with construction to begin in Spring of 2017
- Annual ADA Ramp Project – Project underway. 35% completed with remaining work to be completed in 2016
- Safe Routes to Schools, Phase D (Midland Trail, Hazel Grove, and Frank Rushton)
- 43rd Avenue Pedestrian Signal Crossing (near Frank Rushton Elementary)
- Completed work on Kaw Point Park Trail Connector



Under Multimodal and Transportation we have the Annual ADA Ramp Project underway which is 35% completed. We should get most of the rest of that work done this year. Several other Safe Routes to Schools being done, Midland Trail, Hazel Grove and Frank Rushton.

Multimodal/Transportation

- Transit
 - Implemented new software system in dispatch
 - Electronic client manifests via on board tablets
 - Performed on board passenger survey on our fixed route service
 - Wrapped 10 buses in the regional transit branding (RideKC)
 - Participated in Kansas Bus Rodeo
 - Through August 2016, we've experienced a 0.9% decrease in fixed route ridership and a 5.49% increase in paratransit ridership as compared to 2015.
 - Ridership is slightly up as compared to the same period in 2015.



We implemented new software in our dispatch area making that more efficient and we've wrapped 10 of our buses, if you've noticed those driving around town, which has the "RideKC" on them.

Social Services

- Human Services
 - Two Staff Members completed training in "Principles of Core Mediation" and completing requirements for placement on a state approved mediator list
 - 700 plus Misdemeanor police reports were logged with the Dispute Resolution Office
 - Efforts are underway to revitalize the Human Relations Commission to include a new member training curriculum once members have been appointed by their elected commissioner
 - 100 plus calls logged regarding tenants housing rights, contract for deed and fair housing education



In Human Services I have had two staff members complete "Principles of Core Mediation" and completing requirements for placement on the state approved mediator list. We've had 100 plus calls logged regarding tenants housing rights, contract for deed and fair housing education which we've worked with those tenants on that.

Social Services

- **Health Department**
 - PREP (Personal Responsibility Education Program) presentations to all USD 500 5th grade students. The program focuses on issues of puberty, becoming an adult, and making healthy lifestyle choices.
 - Clinic space provided for the USD 500 high school prenatal program during the summer months. The program goals include providing quality prenatal care to students and increasing high school completion rates of pregnant teens.
 - Received approximately 500 books from the Books Across America initiative. The books are available in the WIC clinic and may be taken free by the clients.



The Personal Responsibility Education Program, presentations to all USD 500 5th grade students has been done by our Health Department.

Healthy Communities/Recreation

- **Health Department**
 - CHAMPS grant in the amount of \$39,950 from the National League of Cities was awarded. Purpose is to continue the partnership with USD 500 to increase the number of after school meal sites, summer meal sites, and retro fit a USD 500 vehicle to provide a mobile meal site.
 - In collaboration with the Public Works Department, three new community gardens with access to water this summer through the H2O to Grow grant. Two water taps and one water catchment system were established to these garden areas.
 - Received renewal of the 20/20/20 Movement grant in the amount of \$131,341 from the Health Care Foundation of Greater K.C. The purpose of the 20/20/20/ grant is to build 20 miles of new sidewalks, 20 miles of new trails, and 20 miles of on-street bikeways in Wyandotte County by the year 2020.



We received renewal of our 20/20/20 Movement Grant in the amount of \$131K and the purpose of this grant is to build 20 miles of new sidewalks, trails and on-street bikeways in Wyandotte County by the year 2020.

Healthy Communities/Recreation

- Health Department
 - Posted “Play Tobacco Free” graffiti-proof signs in play areas in Wyandotte County Parks
 - The first class of “Baby & Me Tobacco Free” was held in September. The goal is to help pregnant women stop smoking. This program is funded through a grant from March of Dimes.



The Health Department also in one of their many programs had their first “Baby & Me Tobacco Free” class in September.

Healthy Communities/Recreation

- Health Department
 - Participated in various community events:
 - Bonner Springs Middle School health fair, immunizations provided, 4-3-16.
 - Community Health Fair, showcasing Health Department services, JFK Community Center, 5-13-16.
 - Bike Rodeo and Car Seats Installation event, Schlitterbahn, 5-14-16.
 - Back to School Fair at KCKCC, immunizations were provided, 8-6-16
 - Wyandotte HS BullDoc clinic, immunizations provided, 9-7-16.
 - Helped coordinate the community viewing of the 5-part video series entitled Raising of America, held at the Legends Theater and KCK Main Public Library. The series stresses the importance of early childhood education, development, nurturing and environmental factors.
 - First Annual Levee Fest in June at the Armourdale Levee. 300 people attended.



They also note just various community events and activities that they have participated in throughout the course of the year.

Healthy Communities/Recreation

- **Parks and Recreation Activities and Events**
 - Trail Nerds hosted 5 runs at Wyandotte County Lake Park.
 - Central Avenue Betterment Association hosted 7 La Placita events at Bethany Park.
 - Heart of America hosted 2 volleyball tournaments at Rosedale Park
 - Pleasant Green Baptist Church hosted Praise in the Park at Eisenhower Park on July 19th
 - Hosted the 3rd Annual Christmas in July on July 23rd at Wyandotte County Lake Park
 - Overnight fishing held at Wyandotte County Lake and Pierson Park on July 23rd and September 17th
 - Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with PRIDE and BPOA to host the Annual Back to School Supply Giveaway at Parkwood Pool. Over 800 book bags filled with school supplies were given away during the event.



I've also noticed many of the different Parks and Recreation activities which we've had. We had the Partnership with PRIDE to host the annual Back to School Supply Giveaway at Parkwood Pool where we gave away over 800 book bags filled with school supplies during that event.

Healthy Communities/Recreation

- **Parks and Recreation Activities and Events**
 - 2015 Midwest Amateur Championships Disc Golf Tournament held at Rosedale Park on August 25th-28th
 - Five high schools held cross country meets at Pierson Park or Wyandotte County Park.
 - The Foam Run 5K held at Wyandotte County Park on August 20th
 - A Hunter Safety Course was held at Wyandotte County Lake Park on September 10th-11th
 - Library in the Park Festival was held at Big 11 Lake. The Library hosted a free taco competition with local restaurants. The Book Mobile was also present for children to browse books and participate in activities.



We also had our annual Hunter Safety Course at Wyandotte County Lake which is a really nice event and really conducted very well by many volunteers coming to that in our community each year.

Healthy Communities/Recreation

- **Parks and Recreation Activities and Events**
 - 3 Day Trips offered for seniors including Arrow Rock, MO, Cottonwood Falls, and a Kansas City Chiefs Game.
 - Over 1,300 people attended a free community picnic hosted at City Park by "I'm so Wyandotte" on August 27th.
 - Youth Sports participation: 240 in baseball, 144 in kickball, and 310 in soccer.
 - Adult Fall sports participation: 580 participants in the adult summer and fall Co-ed and men's leagues, 420 participants in the soccer league, and 632 participants in a kickball and softball contract league.
 - Special Needs Leagues: Summer bowling – 72 participants, softball - 28 participants and Special Olympics bowling – 137 participants



Over 1,300 people attended our free community picnic hosted at City Park by “I’m so Wyandotte” on August 27th.

Environment

- **Neighborhood Resources Center Department**
 - **Administrative Citation and Fine Project**
 - Hearing officer appointed
 - Conducted three separate trainings sessions for program staff
 - Program went live on August 8, 2016
 - **District wide Trash Enforcement for Police Direct #114**
 - Completed street by street junk and trash blitz in which 424 junk and trash issues were addressed
 - **District by District Vehicle Enforcement**
 - City wide vehicle enforcement concluded in November
 - Five city wide vehicle enforcement events occurred resulting in 1,603 inoperable and/or illegal vehicles being addressed



Under our Neighborhood Resource Center I’ll note that we did move forward with our Administrative Citation and Fine Project. Our Hearing Officer was appointed. It’s been lightly used so far. We’ve conducted three separate training sessions for this and this program went live on August 8th.

Environment

- **Neighborhood Resources Center Department**
 - Demolition and Abatement
 - Indian Springs Mall buildings demolished
 - Site will be cleared and graded prior to year end
 - 65 properties have been demolished (62 residential and 3 commercial)
 - Livable Neighborhoods
 - Neighborhood Resources Guide was redesigned and distributed in June 2016
 - UG Neighborhood Grants were distributed in September 2016
 - Co-sponsored neighborhood showcase to bring together other neighborhood organizations from across the metro to share their work, suggestions, and resources



Indian Springs has been demolished. This site is currently being cleared and should be graded level by the end of the year.

Environment

- Introduced new *Home Serve* Insurance program to community.
- Community sign ups:

• Exterior Water Service Line:	1008
• Exterior Sewer/Septic Line:	927
• Interior Plumbing and Drainage System:	90
• Total:	2,025
- Additional mowing requested by Commission: 95% complete
- Submitted adopted combined sewer overflow program to EPA in September 2016



We introduced our new Home Serve Insurance Program. I know that was in front of the Commission several times over the course of the past years. We brought it forward and talked about how we would introduce that in coordination with the Board of Public Utilities and the numbers we have here we have 2,025 that have signed up in the program already. Also noted on this page we added the additional money to go through and do additional mowing this year with kind of the extended growing season. That's 95% complete moving through that. One of the

major things this year we submitted the Overflow Program to the EPA which was done after it was adopted by the Commission and submitted in September.

Personnel

- 15 of the 30 Executive Director and Director leadership positions have been hired during my tenure as County Administrator
- Labor Update
 - Successfully negotiated contracts with 12 of 13 labor unions
- Revised open-carry and building security policies to be in compliance with State law
- Executive Leadership positions hired since last report – CKO, Public Works



I will note one of the things in seeing this first point up here—since I’ve been appointed as County Administrator I have appointed 15 of the 30 Executive or Director Leadership positions in the government. I think it’s clear as I’m putting together the report and putting it together with staff, there are a lot more issues now than there were a year ago or especially when I took over that I probably don’t have my hands on as much and I think that’s a credit to the organization that we’re moving a lot faster and able to handle a lot more things. That’s a credit to a lot of these people in these positions that are able to that are able to advance a lot of topics within our government. As an organization of our size I really shouldn’t be able to touch everything all the time and I shouldn’t have to give direction on everything to keep it moving forward and so I’m very proud of that aspect and I’m glad to see that continue forward. I will also note we have successfully negotiated 12 of our 13 labor contracts over the last 12 months.

Personnel

- Legal
 - Restructured responsibilities among Senior Attorneys to:
 - Improve mentoring
 - Provide an Additional Point of Contact with Departments
 - Direct responsibility for Standing Committee
 - Manage Risk
 - Provide training to other departments.
 - Advance Officer Training – 302 officers, Senior Command Staff, Captains, Sergeants, and Detectives.
 - New recruit training for 14 recruits
 - Training for 30 Sheriff's deputies
 - BPU Service Center staff



In our Legal Department we had some restructuring of responsibilities among Senior Attorneys and providing training to other departments and some of these are listed.

Finance

- Developed and presented a sustainable budget to maintain overall service delivery
- Budget staff collaborated with the Library Board and Downtown Shareholders to approve their 2017 budgets
- Finance started creation of a Comprehensive Fee schedule.
- The Finance, Budget and Treasury offices revised the format, structure and content of the budget to actual and quarterly investment report for the Commission update
- Payroll processed over 75 employment verifications & over 75 KPERS estimates of benefits
- Treasury invested \$10,000,000 in the 3rd quarter
- Treasury completed the September 20th tax distribution



In the area of Finance we developed and presented a sustainable budget to maintain our overall service delivery that we're doing and expanded different areas of priorities, not to mention little things like the last one on here that we do every day, but these kind of happened as we complete our 20th tax distribution that comes through the year.

Finance

- Motor Vehicle processed over 37,000 renewals in the 3rd quarter
- Motor Vehicle completed the first year of their survey
- Accounting and other members of the Finance Department, completed the RFP process to select the auditors for the next three years
- Accounting worked with the external auditors to complete the A-133 Single Audit report
- Accounting successfully closed out the 2015 dataset in the financial system
- Accounting is in the final steps of completing 7 additional policies. Once implemented, this will bring the total of new policies established during the last four years to 38



The County is in the final steps of completing seven additional policies this year and with this completed they will have done 38 new policies for the financial recording in the last four years.

Communication

- Mayor & Commission
 - Weekly Notes
 - On 3's
 - Budget
 - Downtown Grocery
 - Indian Springs
 - Rosedale Master Plan
 - American Royal
 - Statehouse News
 - Individual Commissioner meetings with Administrator and/or staff



Just noting our main forms of communication are my weekly notes that I put out to try and show what happened through the course of the week. We have the on 3's on various areas, Statehouse News and individual commissioner meetings.

Communication

- Public & Citizen
 - Published Citizen Newsletter: A newly re-designed newsletter mailed to residents in October. The new format is full color with new graphics.
 - Launched revamp of the UG website with a series of UG and community focus groups.
 - Targeted groups representing business owners, residents, and internal staff.
 - All Commission and Standing Committee meetings are now being live streamed on the internet as well as broadcast on UGTV.



Communication

- Staff Leadership & Interaction
 - Weekly Executive Staff Meetings
 - 50 Weekly Operations Meetings with Senior Staff
 - 14 Meet and Greet sessions with employee groups during Employee Appreciation Week
 - Quarterly New Employee Orientation
 - Quarterly Courthouse Operations Meetings



We also published the first Citizen Newsletter. It went out in a newly redesigned format in October along with our Weekly Newsletters that go out.

Other Activities

- **Clerk's Office**
 - Installed shelving from former Court House Law Library at the Brinkerhoff facility in Fairfax. The collaboration saved the UG approximately \$40,000 vs. new purchase.
 - Created new electronic Transfer Record and Request Record forms. When a request is submitted, the electronic platform assigns it a unique ID number, routes it directly to the Records Center staff and automatically send staff an email confirming receipt by the Records Center.
 - The Records Center, Community Corrections, Municipal Court, and Legal are working to revise the Records Center volunteer program. Both departments will work to assist their clients with volunteering hours needed to restore driver's licenses and other requirements for Community Corrections.



Under the Clerk's Office several items are listed here but I will take note that we've created a new electronic transfer for records and requests for record forms that is online now.

Other Activities

- **Appraiser**
 - September 16, 2016 – The 2016 Mid-Year Ratio Study for Residential and Commercial was received. Residential statistics showed improvement on appraisal uniformity and is in compliance through the first half of 2016
 - Informal Appeals: There were a total of 992 appeals with 744 appeals in the Residential Department.
 - Payment Under Protest Appeals: There have been 707 Payment Under Protest appeal hearings that have been scheduled. 546 are residential and 161 are commercial.
 - Small Claims, BOTA & COA: Upper level appeals (Small Claims, BOTA & Court of Appeals) has been ongoing, with current total of 130 Commercial and a total of 444 Residential on appeals that range from tax year 2016 and back.



In the Appraiser's Office, which it is kind of hard to figure out just where to stick some of these, that's why I did use the category of Other Activities for a few of them. We were down to about 992 appeals. I didn't put my number on there. I think we were about 1,400 last year. I'll try to get that number and put it on there so we were down significantly from where we were. Also, in the area of Small Claims, these are really ones that take a lot of time so it's more of a note of just

saying that there are 444 of these and they date back over a number of years as far as time and how we work through those.



Discussion



That concludes my presentation and I will open it up for additional comments.

Commissioner Bynum said a couple of questions. The first one, Doug, the CIT Training; I just conversationally brought it up a couple of times in terms of is there any value to providing that training to members of the Fire Department? The reason I say that is because they are often the first one to arrive and so it just strikes me that they might be well served to receive that Crisis Intervention Training. Just a thought and I don't need an answer right now but I'm just curious.

Mr. Bach said it's a good thought. It's probably a different kind of training probably in the way that they come upon a scene because you know one of the biggest differences for the Crisis Intervention Training for the police officers is maybe just the way they were trained from the beginning to jump on a scene and get control of it and take over it like that so you kind of deescalate that and take it from a different perspective but recognizing the situation in the individuals that are in need of care when they come there. You're right, particularly the paramedics and the EMTs as they get on the scene would have a different level—**Commissioner Bynum** said sometimes, yes, they are assessing the care that's needed and sometimes that care is not physical health care, its mental health care. Just a thought and something I've wondered about several times.

Also, with regard to *The Citizen*, could I please get a copy of that from someone? I've never seen it. It did arrive at the house. I was saying that it didn't but it turns out that the spouse did receive it. He read it and then he recycled it. I think he thought I didn't need to see it. I'm

thinking he was probably like oh she already knows all this. I would really like to see that. **Mr. Bach** said we will get you a copy.

Commissioner Bynum said also, with regard to the economic development conversation, it strikes me that perhaps, not just a special session, but maybe even a work session with Wyandotte EDC and EGO DEVO staff at the table, maybe we could have a broader conversation about that. I think it's a good idea to just talk about it and look at what are we doing and where are we doing it and maybe that's a work session. I'm just offering that as a suggestion.

I would also submit that I'm sorry to hear Commissioner Kane feel like we have a divided Commission because I don't really feel that way and I haven't really felt that way since I've been here. This last budget cycle I think was a good example. I thought we all worked really well together through that budget and I think we all asked for and received something that we specifically wanted through that cycle and I think it was because we were working together. I just wanted to publicly say I don't feel—**Commissioner Kane** asked we're you here last Thursday? **Commissioner Bynum** said I was. **Commissioner Kane** said five to five, the Mayor made the difference. **Commissioner Bynum** said sure but I think we're not always going to agree 100%. I would put forward that 95% of the time those votes go 10-0 and we could probably check our minutes of our meetings and discover that that is true. We're not always going to agree. I don't think that means we're a split Commission. It's just an opinion.

Commissioner Kane said on the way to work this morning I ran into a couple of our police officers and asked them how it was working being doubled up and both of them really, really appreciated being doubled up. They said they felt more comfortable and that you would be hard pressed to take the other guy out of the car and so I thought that was important to report out.

Speaking of *The Citizen*, third page, lower right-hand side it talks about we all voted for a fire station out west during the budget so I want to know where we're at with the fire station. Are we trying to get some property, have we contacted anybody? When you guys start doing this, since it's my area, I want to be involved with that.

The second thing I want to know about is where we're at the grocery store in downtown.

Mr. Bach said on the fire station two things we're doing, one is the identification of the right parcel of property to put it on and two is it will be advancing forward to the Economic Development & Finance Standing Committee to authorize funding which I'll first need to be able to buy property to put it on and do some of the planning. We'll get the money put in place, we will be able to issue those bonds probably in March I think would be the timeframe for that and then we will have some dollars to work with in the 2017 Budget because we did this under Debt. In the interim we're seeing, and maybe we identify land that's ours and we don't find that need, but it's probably not as likely in the areas where we're looking. **Commissioner Kane** asked don't we have to do the design build as well. **Mr. Bach** said we have to make a decision on that whether it's a design build or we design it and then build it. **Commissioner Kane** said the way I looked at it, it was going to be built in 2017 and we need to move on this in order to get that done so you can catch the construction widow in the spring. **Mr. Bach** said I guess I would probably say we were going to start it in 2017. I won't have money until March and I have to get the property to put it on. **Commissioner Kane** said I talked to the Chief today and he said you guys have talked about that and you might have a location. **Mr. Bach** said and if that works out, that can help us move on.

Commissioner Kane asked where are we at with the grocery store. **Mr. Bach** said we're working on the grocery store. It's had a little bit of a—as we had an operator I thought we were going to be successful in advancing forward. It hit some differences as to how he could make it work so that gave us a little bit of a setback to come back and identify a different one from the one we had in advance.

Mayor Holland said we have the financial package that works in terms of the TIF of the property tax and sales tax. We have an economic model that works. We're working on an operator that will provide a full-service grocery store. I think we've identified the ways and means to get it done and so we're moving forward on that. Finding an operator to operate an urban grocery store is challenging which is why we don't have three already, but we're still moving forward on it.

Commissioner Murguia said so since we're asking construction, I do like the detailed questions, the more specific ones, Mike, that you're asking. So, South Patrol, we cut the ribbon a long time ago and it's deserted. There is still just a pile of dirt there and nothing is happening.

You can't even tell there were shovels there anymore it's been so long. It's been like four months. **Mr. Bach** said we are ready to go with the exception of we identified a few easements that we're trying to get released from the developer. I had conversation with Hunter Harris with Lane4 last week. I think we will be able to get that worked through but that's really the only thing that's stopping us from moving on it right now and we have to have those lined out in advance of starting it. **Commissioner Murguia** asked can you speculate on how much longer. **Mr. Bach** said no. I think the last time you asked me I said we would be there by the end of October. I thought we were going to be there. To me it's kind of an any day type thing to get those filed and be done so hopefully within the week we're moving especially when it's this nice of weather. **Commissioner Murguia** said so you're telling me there will absolutely be something moving in 30 days. Would that be fair to say? **Mr. Bach** said I can't imagine it will take longer than that to get those done unless we really run into something.

Commissioner Walker asked who has the easement release paperwork. Whose desk is it sitting on, ours or theirs? **Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel**, said it's not just easement releases. We need utility and grading easements to move forward with the project. **Commissioner Walker** said so it's really up to them to say yes, go ahead. **Mr. Moore** said but as Doug indicated, I don't believe that's the problem. It's just a matter of getting it accomplished.

Mayor Holland said you will be receiving an evaluation tool soon for Mr. Bach and I encourage you to fill that out, each of the commissioners, and then we will have an executive session to do that review coming up in the next couple of weeks.



Mike Taylor, Public Relations Director, said in case you haven't noticed from your mail or watching there is an election going on and coming up. That will have a big impact on the Kansas Legislature that we will be dealing with in 2017.



The elections are changing the legislative landscape and because of either retirements or outcomes of races in the Primary, we will see at least 13 new Senators out of the 40 and we will see at least 33 new Representatives in the House. I think the numbers will be bigger than that depending on the outcome of the final tally in next week's election. What we all know is that the make-up of the legislature will be more moderate than it has been in the past four years and what I think that means is a chance to renew some partnerships between the State and local government. As you know there have been a number of issues in the past four years with city

elections, gun laws, several others, and tax laws that were punitive to local government and we feel like maybe that attitude is going to change with the make-up.



What we do know is there will be a very large freshman class, brand new legislators coming in, there will be new leadership, a new House Speaker, possibly a new Senate President although probably Susan Wagle will return, but there will be a new Majority Leader, a new Vice President of the Senate and a lot of new committee chairs that will all have to get acquainted with the legislative process and will have to get acquainted with all of us and our issues. There are a lot of difficult issues so these new legislators will walk in the door and have to deal immediately with the Supreme Court ruling dealing with School Finance and how to pay for K-12 education. They will also have to face a big budget issue and deal with the current tax structure particularly on income tax. They are anticipating a difficult session because normally by statute it's a 90-day session. They have already extended that to 100 days and most of the legislators I'm talking to think it could go well past the 100 days so I'm not scheduling a vacation in the month of June at all.



► Docking Institute for Public Affairs Poll

- 70% say Kansas is on the wrong path
- 74% dissatisfied with Governor Brownback
- 57% dissatisfied with the Kansas Legislature
- 54% dissatisfied with President Obama
- 53% satisfied with Kansas Supreme Court

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Interesting to give you again sort of the environment that we're in, the Docking Institute of Public Affairs does an annual poll that's very reliable. They're out of Ft. Hays State University. Seventy percent of the people polled say Kansas is on the wrong path, 74% are dissatisfied with Governor Brownback and his performance, 57% dissatisfied with the Kansas Legislature as a whole, and interestingly I threw this in because we are clearly a red state in Kansas, but 54% are dissatisfied with President Obama. Not so shocking, but 74% are dissatisfied with our republican governor. Fifty-three percent are satisfied with the Kansas Supreme Court and I threw that in because that's one of the big issues on the ballot about retention of the judges. I show you this just to kind of give you a temperature of the mood of Kansas.



► Docking Institute for Public Affairs Poll

- 62% favor expanding Medicaid
- 61% favor closing the LLC tax loophole
- 62% favor training for concealed carry

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Positive for us 62% favor expanding Medicaid; that's been one of our big issues and you will see in a minute it continues to be. Sixty-one percent favor closing what's called the LLC Tax

Loophole, that measure that let's small businesses, sole proprietorships, pass-through corporations not pay any income tax at all and 62% favor training for concealed carry. It's interesting because it was called Constitutional Carry, Second Amendment right to carry a gun, you don't have to have any training or any background checks or anything. The legislature overwhelmingly passed that but 62% of the Kansans polled think yes maybe if you're carrying a gun you should know how to shoot it and have a class on how to shoot it. That's kind of an interesting result.



Budget and Revenue: Let's take a look at that because that's going to be the big issue in the room. We're four months into the State fiscal year and we're almost \$82M short of projected revenues. The revenue estimators will meet November 10th to do their consensus revenue estimates projecting out what they think will happen for the rest of the fiscal year. Those are the numbers that the Governor has to use to build his proposed budget for the 2018 year keeping in mind the State is on a July to June fiscal year. If we hit \$100M in shortfall the Governor has statutory authority to do allotments on his own without having to consult with the legislature. He has indicated he may not do that. He may just push it off and wait until the legislature is in session and then they will just have to deal with some major cuts in the budget. Every agency has been asked to submit a budget that shows what a 5% cut would look like and that's on top of a number of cuts that has already happened. There is going to be a big budget problem that will involve taxes and the complicating factor there, I mentioned School Finance, some people predict, we really don't know, what the Supreme Court might do, but some suggests that the

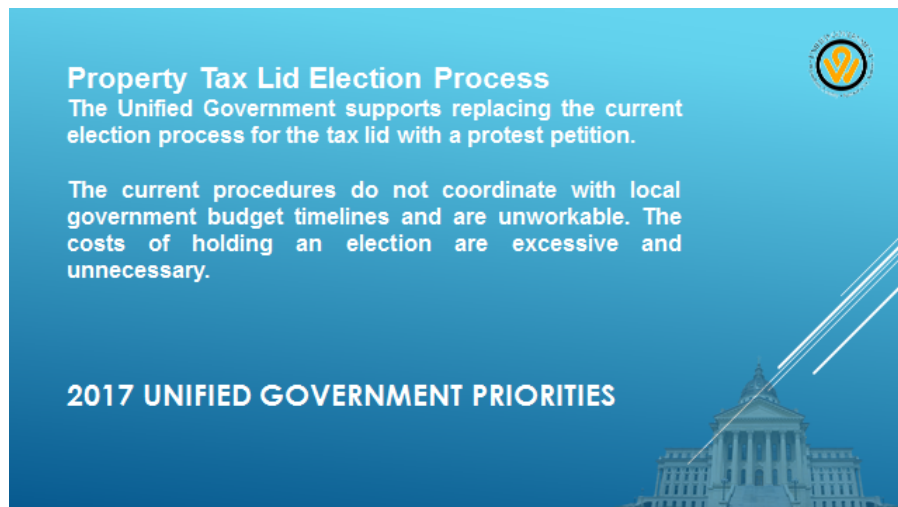
Supreme Court could order that the State spend another \$400M-\$500M on public education so I don't know where you get all that money and they are going to have to figure out how to come up with it. Even if they raise taxes on the first day of the session, as you all know from our experiences, tax revenues lag so it won't help immediately even if they would raise them on day one of the session.

Given all that is sort of the temperature and landscaping we will be dealing with. Let's look at what I'm recommending in this proposed document as our priority issues.



I'm putting Medicaid Expansion as the number one issue. That's been on our priority list for three years now, but we actually see the opportunity now that something could actually pass. It's been blocked for the past three years. Coalitions and support of expanding Medicaid or we call it in Kansas KanCare are growing and even some of the republican legislators who refused to advance this before have said there will be hearings and we think it will get to the floor. I was talking with one republican senator last week who said I think if it gets to the floor; the bill will pass the House and Senate. The question is what exactly will that plan look like. There has been a lot of talk about a Kansas specific plan, which a number of states have done, Arkansas and Indiana have sort of crafted their own Medicaid Expansion Plans, and the federal government have signed off on that and so that's probably what it will be. The big question if it does pass the legislature is what will the Governor do; will he veto it or will he let it go through. It would be a huge benefit to our community. A number of our residents as well as one of our largest employers, KU Hospital and our own EMS service, because they don't get reimbursed in many

cases what they should through Medicaid if someone that they have had to treat is not eligible and so it's a big issue for us in terms of the economy and in terms of providing health care.



The Property Tax Lid that was passed last year includes an election procedure that if we collect more tax revenue than we did the previous year given some—if it's above the CPI and a number of other kind of complex things, we can't actually collect that tax revenue. We would have to cut our mill levy unless we hold an election. The election process, without getting into a lot of details, is completely unworkable given the timeline of when budgets have to be done, when property values are certified, when that election would have to be held; it would actually require—in many cases we would have to let the Election Commissioner know we need to hold an election in September in July. Well, we don't even know what our budget is at the first of July. We're just beginning that real process. What we're going to ask for, and this is in conjunction with a number of cities, the League of Municipalities, the Association of Counties; is to get a tweak in that law to change it from a required election to a protest petition so if we did collect more tax revenue, we wouldn't have to automatically declare an election but if a group of citizens didn't like that idea, they could go out and get a protest petition and force us to have an election. We're going to try to get that process changed.

There is an example I heard—the Tax Lid is not in place yet, it will be for the next budget we put together, but there is a small town in south-central Kansas that just ran a hypothetical on their this year's budget. To show you how crazy this is they were going to collect \$700 more in tax revenue than the previous year. They would have had to spend \$25K on

an election to collect \$700 in additional tax revenue. That's how unworkable this process is. **Commissioner Walker** asked has the League taken a position on what number of signatures is required. **Mr. Taylor** said we haven't gotten into that level of detail yet because I know, and you would probably know better than I—**Commissioner Walker** said we need to know what to do on that. **Mr. Taylor** said there is generally—it's a certain percentage of the number of folks that voted in the last election. **Commissioner Walker** said no, that's not the way you want it. You want the percentage to be of the registered voters, not of the last election. If you have a low turnout the numbers could be 500 people that could force a \$50K election so don't base it on the election results. **Mr. Taylor** said, Commissioner, I don't think we've gotten to that level of detail yet in actually working out a bill. **Commissioner Walker** said keep that in mind please. **Mr. Taylor** said I will and I will let the League know about that as well.



We got our Abandoned Housing Bill passed last year in a very conservative legislative environment and the Governor vetoed it. We think we probably had enough votes to do an override but there was so many other things going on it just didn't happen. The city of Topeka, us, the city of Wichita, are very interested in reintroducing that bill and we think we will get it passed again. What I would like to do is maybe put some tweaks in there. We had to make a lot of compromises to satisfy some of the conservatives who were worried about eminent domain and that kind of thing. I would like to take some of those out. I think there will be a friendlier environment to do that and one of the things we've added in our statement is not only to deal with blight of abandoned, nuisance and foreclosed properties, the phrase to protect the rights and

property values of surrounding property owners. That came out as a very big argument last year, but what about the right of the person that owns that abandoned house and we started turning that argument to what about the rights of the person who lives next door who is keeping up their home and their values are being affected by the boarded up house next door. We've kind of turned that argument and that seemed to get some traction and we're going to continue talking about that.



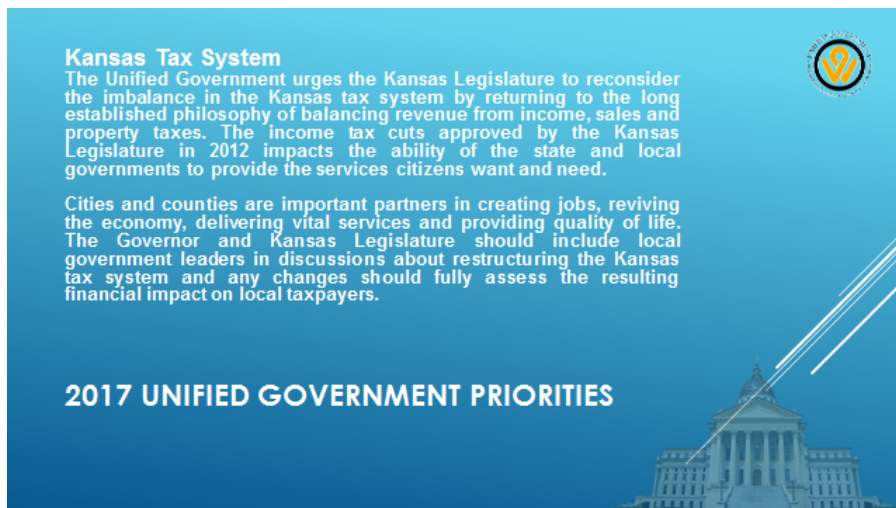
A number of changes were made to the tax appeal process that are, again, not friendly toward local government and we're going to try to work particularly through the Association of Counties to get some of those procedural changes done that create a more balanced and sensible approach for both us and for the taxpayer. It's too involved to get into a lot of the detail but there are a number of hurdles that got thrown in to the way we can deal with appeals and we're going to see if we can get some tweaks and changes done on that.



This story you know. A few years ago we were prohibited from being able to pay prevailing wage. We're going to put that on the priority list again. I think there is already an effort afoot kind of behind the scenes to try to remove that prohibition and I will be honest with you, we were the only local government in the State of Kansas that did prevailing wage. So, when this fight came up I didn't get a whole lot of help from the League or others because it didn't affect them in a way. The League of Municipalities position always was to oppose any mandate requiring prevailing wage and this year in the legislative process I suggested, and they agreed, to change that language to say oppose any mandates prohibiting—requiring or prohibiting prevailing wage. If we can bring an effort forward to repeal that ban that was put on us a couple years ago, the League will be there to support us and say yes, if they want to do that, why shouldn't they be able to do that in their community. That's going to be one of our other priorities.



We're going to again through a coalition, this isn't just the UG, and many of these are coalitions for the efforts. They prohibited us and interceded into our workplace rules and said you can't tell an employee not to carry a gun while they're on the job and we're going to see if we can't get that reversed. We just believe that we should be able to set the rules in our Personnel Policy in our workplace for our own employees without having a legislature come in and tell us that we can't do that. The other thing is that we're going to ask for an Absent of Repeal of those terms. We want the legislature to put in the statute very clearly that we are provided civil and criminal immunity from the action of an employee who is carrying a gun on the job who isn't required to. We just want to make sure if an accident happens, and a number of cities worry about this, that we're not going to get sued and be held liable because that Parks employee or whoever was carrying a gun. We are also going to reinforce that we support the local regulation of weapons and firearms. We don't see a massive change in the gun laws but we're going to see if we can't incrementally change a few little pieces.



This one is long but basically what it talks about is—and something similar has been in past programs, it talks about the whole Kansas tax system and we’re basically taking a position or I’m recommending that we take a position that the legislature look at returning to more of a balance. In Kansas for decades we’ve always had what they call the three-legged stool and taxes were income tax, property tax, sales tax and it was kind of balanced. The changes that were made in 2012 cut out that one leg of the income tax and the stool has been like this. That has had a downward effect on local governments, both cities and counties, and we’re saying you need to look at that. That second paragraph basically says, and when you do that you need to have city and county leaders at the table to help you decide how to move ahead and really analyze what kind of fallouts are going to come from whatever change you make because that wasn’t done before. We’re asking that we have a seat at that table and can actually advise them well if you do that, here’s what will happen to city and county funding. We’ve lost a lot of money and the downward pressure continues on us when there is Mental Health, Community Corrections, the Health Department; you saw some of that in your own budget. I think it was \$80K we put in locally to Aging because of money we lost from the State. We just want to make sure that as they look at the tax situation that we’re included in those discussions.

Before we get into your questions, I’m sure there will be some, I wanted to update you, you know voting has been going on. The election is Tuesday but we’re doing Advance Voting. I talked to Bruce and we have seen so far with the election still several days away about a 20% turnout in Advance Voting. We’ve had—**Melissa Mundt, Assistant County Administrator,**

said today we're up to 22%. **Mr. Taylor** asked is it 22%? **Ms. Mundt** said as of today yes. **Mr. Taylor** said it has been well over 16,000 people, probably about 17,000 people that have voted, about 8,000 of those in person, 7,000 some by mail ballot. The interesting thing about that is normally, Bruce tells me, that in most elections in Advance Voting we only see a total of about 5,000 Advance Ballots cast and we're already up around 17,000 so we've tripled the turnout. That obviously just says there is a whole lot of interest in this election. I thought it would be interesting for you to hear that now.

Mayor Holland said before we start with the questions, I just want to point out that December 1st we will have our legislative dinner with all of our legislators who are invited to dinner here and then we will have a special session in this room to go over this legislative packet. The goal tonight is to discuss our Legislative Agenda. If there are tweaks we want to make to it prior to introducing it to our legislators we want to do that and get your feedback tonight so that is the goal of why we are presenting it this early. **Mr. Taylor** said in addition to that, Mayor, is to put it on the agenda on that December 1st agenda for formal adoption by you all. It would be on, unless there is concern on the Consent Agenda, there is no other way you can do it. This way you've got almost a month to get back with me and go you know I have a question about this; we've got plenty of time to tweak this so this is just kind of the first unveiling of it.



Commissioner Walker said you did not mention the Woodlands. **Mr. Taylor** said it's in the program; it's just not on the priority list. **Commissioner Walker** said I think we need to have a discussion about and reconsideration of our position. I'm not sure where I should be on that

particular issue. I'm not even really sure whether there is a chance that the legislature is even going to deal with it. I know last year, I think it was Commissioner Walters, I mean it just appeared—there really wasn't a lot of thought put into it. I guess the thing that troubles me a little bit is the competition argument. We generally argue that competition is good and that competition promotes but we seem to be locked in on protectionism that is protecting the existing facility when from day one the law permitted a facility to be there. Certainly I know very little about gambling economics and certainly very little about winning at gambling, but I would have to tell you that it makes me wonder. On one side you've got of course NASCAR International Speedway and Penn. These are both multinational, multistate, multi, multibillion dollar operations and I wonder if their economic people have figured out from the very get-go that the Woodland's proposition would not be feasible in terms of how the State structured the division. I guess the question is should we really be opposed to the Woodlands reopening and if so, I would like to hear the cogent arguments as to why either from you or from Administration.

Commissioner Kane said I don't think we said that. **Commissioner Murguia** said I'm confused. We all voted for it. **Commissioner Walker** said no, I'm not talking about that. We voted for the special use permit because we really had no choice but to vote for it. What I have understood our position to be is we're all for the Woodlands opening as long as the law isn't changed and the split to the State and the people and the operator of the Woodlands doesn't get a bigger cut. That's because Penn National keeps claiming that their whole business model is based on the fact that the Woodlands operator would not receive more than the—what is it, 20%. If I'm wrong, I'm obviously confused so I want to know—**Commissioner Kane** said he has our position right here.

Mr. Taylor said I said the position you all adopted last year is the Unified Government supports legislative measures which assists the Woodlands in reopening as a gaming facility so long as the Woodlands provides benefits to the local community which are on par with the benefits provided by the Hollywood Casino Kansas Speedway. What that meant was the owner should sign a development agreement with us like we do in every other economic development deal that we do, they should make some charity contributions, their contributions—the revenue stream to the local government should be the same as the casino pays which is 3% and they only want to pay 1.5%. **Commissioner Walker** said okay, where do we stand then in that somewhat interesting language on a fundamental change in the law that changes the split between the State

and the Woodlands operator? What does that state to me? **Mr. Taylor** said we did not actually weigh in on that. We decided it's up to the State if they want to change, if they want to change the percentages, the profit that each one of them gets to keep. What we focused on was what are you going to do for our community and we wanted that to be comparable to what the things that we demanded from the Hollywood Casino. **Commissioner Walker** said okay, I agree with all that.

Commissioner Murguia asked do you really want to take a public position on an issue that we don't have any control over. **Mayor Holland** said we are taking a public position on about ten things we have no control over. **Commissioner Murguia** said what we also did was we sent them a message saying that we would not be opposed to the planning and zoning piece of it but laid out what our expectation was. Hal, what I think you're talking about isn't a bad discussion honestly, but I would not want to take a position on a State issue. I have enough issues I have to take a position on but if others want to do that, I'm glad we're not taking a position on this.

Commissioner Kane said I agree with Ann and I agree with Mike that we need some sort of agreement from them but I don't think we need an agreement until the State has said it's coming and then you, municipality, you figure out what that arrangement is. Since all of us have been here we've been that way, right?

Mayor Holland said the biggest concern I had with Fitzgerald's bill that went through the Senate was it did not require, as the State did with the casino, a development agreement. There was no conversation with the local community at all. It was completely on its own and never came back and it offered 1.5%. It cut the percentage to the local community in half but offered the horse breeders 10% so instead of us getting 3% that bill offered the horse breeders who don't live anywhere around Wyandotte County 10% of the profits where the local community that's paying for the public safety, that's paying for the quality of life, paying for all the infrastructure, gets 1.5%. The horse breeders that don't live anywhere around Wyandotte County get 10%. That's outrageous and that was not discussed with the local community at all. I don't care what percent they give to the horse breeders. I want to make sure we get our local percent and I want a development agreement with our community to make sure the interest of our community is

held up. **Commissioner Walker** said I agree with that. I certainly had thought the bone of contention was the division between the State and the Woodlands owner and the only reason the Woodlands has not opened—isn't that the only reason the Woodlands has not opened for the last—they can already open today without us. **Mayor Holland** said that's right. **Commissioner Walker** said if they just take the State law as it is. It's none of this that's really holding them up. What's holding them up is the cut they get isn't going to be big enough for somebody to make any money. That's what we understood the real issue to be.

Commissioner Philbrook said and that would be their problem and that would be their argument at the State level. We can't tell the State what to do obviously or we would have done it a long time ago on several things, but as Ann said and Mike said we already made a position that we want our cut of the money the same as what the casino is doing. That's all. That we want to be in it and we want to be in the game as far as what they're going to develop because it will affect us as a community. **Commissioner Walker** asked does everyone think what Mike just read is a clear enough statement of our position.

Mayor Holland said let's check. Do people feel good about the State, and that's what we adopted last year, it's up for consideration right now so we can talk about it right now. If there are changes you want to recommend, do you want to read it again, Mike? **Mr. Taylor** said the position that we adopted was the "Unified Government supports legislative measures which assists the Woodlands in reopening as a gaming facility so long as the Woodlands provides benefits to the local community which are on par with the benefits provided by the Hollywood Casino." What we meant about that was the percentage of revenue that the local government collects, charitable contributions or other things that we demanded of the casino.

Commissioner Kane asked can we take a straw poll on this because I feel what Mike has is very adequate and I don't want to change the language because I don't want to confuse the people we've already told what our stance is. **Mayor Holland** asked are there others that want to keep it the same or are there tweaks that people want to make. Let's just have the discussion first and then we can decide what we want to do.

Commissioner Bynum said the statement you just read is the statement we had last year and we're putting that forward again this year as our statement. **Mr. Taylor** said yes. **Commissioner Bynum** said okay. I'm okay with that. **Mayor Holland** said you like it the way it is.

Commissioner Murguia said mine is more a question from Hal. I'm trying to figure out what you're trying to do. Do you want to make a stronger statement to the State in regard to our position in favor of—do you want to change the formula, do not? **Commissioner Walker** said I guess rather than drive by there as I do on occasion and see an empty building that's not being productively used I would like to see it open. I don't see that it's ever going to open unless the State changes the basic economic equation. Obviously I'm the minority of one here on this issue maybe. This language is fine. I guess on par is clear enough in proportion to or something in that nature. **Mr. Taylor** said that's what was intended. We knew it wouldn't be the same dollars but we wanted something comparable. **Commissioner Walker** said well there are more people taking out of the pie. I guess at some point I can't help but believe we're going to be asked to take a position on a piece of legislation not necessarily—certainly not the Fitzgerald bill, but that changes the equation and we're going to be faced with that claim that somehow is a breach of contract which has the Attorney General or anybody you know of ever ruled that—**Mr. Taylor** said yes. The Attorney General was asked for an opinion and the Kansas Star Casino south of Wichita in Mulvane asked for an opinion looking at if the Greyhound Park reopened in Wichita and the Attorney General did opine that it would probably be a breach of contract and that if they did allow the tracts to open changing the formula's that are in the current law that the State would probably have to pay each of the casinos back their \$25M privilege fee that they paid in as well as future damages. **Commissioner Walker** said okay, I'm sorry I brought it up.

Mayor Holland asked are folks generally in agreement that we want to keep it the same. I've heard people want to keep it the same. **Commissioner Bynum** said I do and I have one more item. **Commissioner Walker** said I would like the Woodlands to be opened but not at any price. **Commissioner Kane** said I think we all here want the Woodlands open and they can open. One of the things I wouldn't want to do I wouldn't want to take a public vote not knowing what Topeka is going to do because whatever vote we can, they can override us. **Commissioner**

Walker said I understand. **Commissioner Kane** said if we wait and agree that we all like the language that Mike has, and that's the language that's been there for a long time, but let them tell us what it is and then that's when we go to Doug and say alright Doug you go cut the best deal you can cut and then we vote on that particular deal that Doug would be working on.

Mr. Taylor said I will add we made a number of attempts last session to meet with the new owner of the Woodlands and in fact met on a couple of occasions with some of his representatives, but it never advanced to the point of them wanting to actually talk about a development agreement or future plans.

Mayor Holland said alright, I see consensus to keep it the same. Unless there is a protest we will keep it the same.

Mayor Holland said any other conversation about our legislative preview? If you do have others, please send an email to Mike Taylor or call him or talk to him and bring an issue up and then we can talk about it on December 1st again before we adopt it.

Commissioner Bynum said just a question, last years' platform had the Urban Opportunity Zone so has that—**Mr. Taylor** said I took that out as a separate item, but blended it under the economic development item on page 4 and it says "we encourage the legislature to work with local governments in developing innovative new economic development tools to help highly distressed urban and rural areas including Urban Opportunity Zones." It's in there. We didn't quite honestly, and I was disappointed in this, because we had a lot of meetings with Wichita, Topeka, ourselves to try to get something moving and we just couldn't get the Urban Opportunity Zone to get much traction. It's still in there. It's just not a priority.

I will mention quickly one thing as you wrap-up since you brought up economic development, the STAR Bond legislation expires June 30, 2017 so there will be an effort or not, I don't know, I would presume there will be to renew the ability to continue to do STAR Bonds. I think that will be a debate.

Mayor Holland said that concludes our meeting down here. We do need a motion to go upstairs for Executive Session for land acquisition.

Executive Session:

Commissioner McKiernan made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook to go into Executive Session until 7:00 p.m. to discuss confidential matters regarding purchase price and property location related to land acquisition as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act; and that staff designated by the County Administrator be present to participate in the discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Holland adjourned the Special Session at 6:10 p.m.

Ms. Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk, said the Commission will reconvene in open session at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located on the first floor.

The Commission moved from the 5th floor conference room to the 9th floor conference room. The Executive Session started at 6:25 p.m. and ended at 6:40 p.m. to allow time for the Commission to move to the first floor Commissioner Chambers.

Present for the Executive Session: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Walker, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Townsend, Commissioner First District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Murguia, Commissioner Third 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. **Staff present:** Doug Bach, County Administrator; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel, Maureen Mahoney, Asst. to Mayor/Chief of Staff; Mike Tobin, Public Works Department; and George Brajkovic, Economic Development Director.

**MAYOR HOLLAND ADJOURNED THE
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:40 p.m.**

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Bridgette D. Cobbins
Unified Government Clerk

November 3, 2016