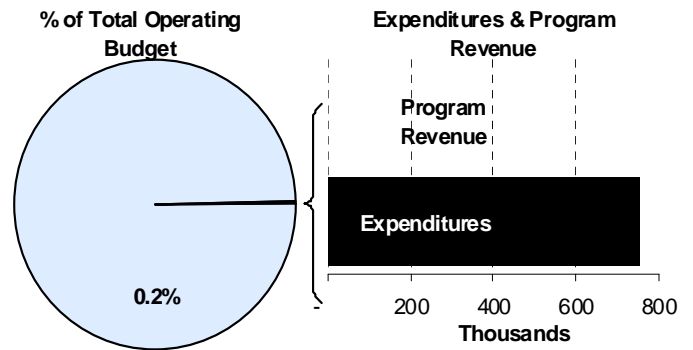
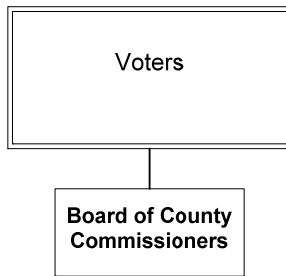




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Mission:

- Assure quality public services are provided for the present and future well-being of the citizens of Sedgwick County.



Description of Major Services

The Board of County Commissioners is the governing body of Sedgwick County, responsible for setting policies for the entire organization and the appropriation of resources to accomplish adopted policies. The Board also serves as the hearing panel on tax appeals, County Board of Canvassers for elections, Board of Health, and the Governing Body of Fire District 1.

The Sedgwick County Commissioners are vested by Kansas Statute with both legislative and administrative powers and duties for governing Sedgwick County. Most of these responsibilities are provided in Chapter 19, Article 2 of the Kansas Statutes. These powers and duties include the following:

- Supervision of County property
- Organization of townships
- Control of the financial affairs of the County
- Approval of the annual County budget
- Levying of County taxes

- Designation of depositories for the County Treasurer
- Construction and maintenance of County roads and bridges
- Approval of land use and zoning policies
- Issuance of bonds
- Awarding of contracts
- Incorporation of cities
- Creation of special districts
- Setting salaries of all County officials
- Providing a jail, courthouse, office space, and supplies for all County officers and the District Court
- Appointment of members of various boards and commissions

In fulfilling its legislative responsibilities, the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners considers resolutions which are equivalent to “bills” in the United States Congress and the Kansas Legislature and to ordinances considered by municipal governing councils. A resolution generally originates at the request of a Commissioner, another elected official, the County



Manager, or a department director. Resolutions are drafted by the County Counselor’s Office.

Before voting on a proposed resolution, it is discussed by the Board of County Commissioners at the public meeting. Any citizen may appear before the Board to speak, up to five minutes, either in favor of or in opposition to the resolution. The Board votes on the resolution following discussion. Adoption of an Ordinary resolution requires a majority (three or more) “yes” votes from the Board. Resolutions become effective on passage or upon publication, if required.

If there is a State law on a subject that applies to a particular county, but the law does not apply to all counties uniformly, a Charter resolution is necessary to deal with that subject. A Charter resolution requires four “yes” votes and is subject to a protest petition. If a protest petition is filed, the matter must go before a vote of the people.

Commissioners are elected from five single member districts for staggered four-year terms. One Commissioner serves as the Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term and is selected by the other members of the Board. Weekly meetings are held in the Commission Meeting Room on the 3rd floor of the County Courthouse every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and are open to the public. Public broadcast of meetings, with closed captioning, can be viewed on KPTS Channel 8 or at www.sedgwickcounty.org. Rebroadcasts are aired on Wichita’s Cable Channel 7 each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Advisory Boards and Committees

As mentioned above, the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners has the power to appoint Sedgwick County citizens to Advisory Boards and Committees through resolutions. These citizens provide hours of valuable service and input to the County Commission. Examples of Advisory Boards and

Committees appointed by County Commission Resolution are as follows:

- Access Advisory Board
- Advisory Council on Aging
- Animal Care Advisory Board
- Building Examiners and Appeals Board
- Central Plains Quad County Planning Forum
- Community Corrections Advisory Board
- Community Housing Services
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Electrical Examiners & Appeals Board
- Fire Code Board of Appeals
- Regional Forensic Science Center Advisory Board
- Grievance Board
- Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board
- Metropolitan Area Planning Commission
- Mechanical Examiners & Appeals Board
- Mental Health Advisory Board
- Nuisance Appeals Board
- Physical/ Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board
- Plumbing Examiners & Appeal Board
- Public Building Commission
- Sanitary Code Advisory Board (Onsite Wastewater Installers/Sewage Haulers)
- Solid Waste Management Committee
- South Central Kansas Economic Development District
- Stormwater Management Advisory Board
- Wichita Airport Advisory Board
- Zoning Appeals Board

Goals & Initiatives

- Establish, maintain and nurture partnerships to ensure effective and efficient delivery of service
- Train, encourage and recognize employees for hard work, creativity and innovation in delivering quality public services
- Foster two-way communication with citizens and employees to build trust, confidence and teamwork, and to ensure informed decisions
- Allocate and use resources for basic and essential services that are responsive to the changing needs of our community

Budget Adjustments

There are no significant adjustments to the Board of County Commissioner’s 2013 budget.

Personnel Summary by Fund

Position Title(s)	Fund	Band	Budgeted Personnel Costs			Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)			
			2012 Adopted	2012 Revised	2013 Budget	2012 Adopted	2012 Revised	2013 Budget	
County Commissioner	110	ELECT	418,590	418,590	418,590	5.00	5.00	5.00	
Executive Secretary	110	B220	95,129	95,129	95,129	2.00	2.00	2.00	
Subtotal					513,719		7.00	7.00	7.00
Add:									
Budgeted Personnel Savings (Turnover)					-				
Compensation Adjustments					-				
Overtime/On Call/Holiday Pay					-				
Benefits					199,579				
Total Personnel Budget					713,298				

