

Spire Raising Event at Intrust Bank Arena

(Commissioner Tom Winters)

On behalf of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners we want to welcome you to this event. We have with us: Commissioner Unruh, Commissioner Norton, Commissioner Parks and County Manager Bill Buchanan here today. I want to thank all of you who are here, for your continued support and enthusiasm about this project. From the beginning, I have felt that the Arena would be a strong asset and a strong building in the core center of Sedgwick County, and in the core of our region. I appreciate the support that we have had from many of you. Just a brief bit of background on the Arena. The Arena was approved by the voters of Sedgwick County in November of 2004. It was approved by the State Legislature and the sales tax was commenced and that happened in early 2005. The ground breaking occurred December 4th, 2007. The sales tax ended and the building was paid for on December 31st, 2007. Intrust Bank naming rights agreement was signed about a year ago. And construction will be complete in January of 2010. The Intrust Bank Arena will be a modern, first class sports and entertainment venue in the city, in the center, of Sedgwick County. Let me tell you a little bit about the spire. It is purely an aesthetic element. It will be lighted by spotlights in the top of the post rock column, which will create a dynamic experience and a sense of excitement for patrons coming to the building. The top of the spire has a slope profile that matches the pitch on the post rock limestone. The spire is stainless steel and has a base diameter of 18 inches and a top diameter of 7 inches. The spire weights 3,400 pounds and will be nearly 160 feet above the ground. And in case you're worried about lightning, the spire has grounding connections that will protect it from lightning strikes. Thanks again to everyone who came to this event. Mayor Carl Brewer, thank you for being here. City Council members, thank you for participating in this milestone event. At this time I would like to invite my fellow commissioners, Charlie Chandler, Lyndy Wells & J. V. Lentell from Intrust Bank and we are going to sign our names to the base of this spire.

Event took place on 1/6/2009