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**NEW COUNTY MANAGER TO BEGIN MONDAY**

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – Brigadier General Michael Scholes, USA begins work as Sedgwick County Manager on Monday, November 9. Scholes was appointed to the position by the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners at the September 2 commission meeting, following a national, executive search.

“We are extremely impressed with the executive leadership and diverse experience that General Scholes brings to Sedgwick County,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Richard Ranzau. “We believe that his skills and experience in strategic planning, financial management, problem-solving and crisis management will certainly be assets in leading our organization and community.”

Scholes comes to Sedgwick County with 33 years of experience in the US Army, most recently serving as Chief of Staff for the Kosovo Forces, NATO. He holds the rank of Brigadier General, with numerous military awards and commendations. In his military experience, Scholes helped cities and communities overseas with rebuilding public infrastructure and providing municipal support services, with staff from 31 nations. He also helped lead Hurricane Katrina emergency relief operations and coordinated response efforts to assist with the Haiti Earthquake response. Scholes served as

commander of the FEMA Region IV Homeland Response Force, with significant crisis planning and response expertise, and also has firefighter, EMT, and police experience.

Scholes has a Master's in Public Administration (Georgia College and State University), a Bachelor's in Business Administration (North Georgia College) and a Master's in National Security Policy (US Army War College). He is married with five children.

**NOTE:** Please see the attachment for work history, specific relevant experiences and honors/awards.

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