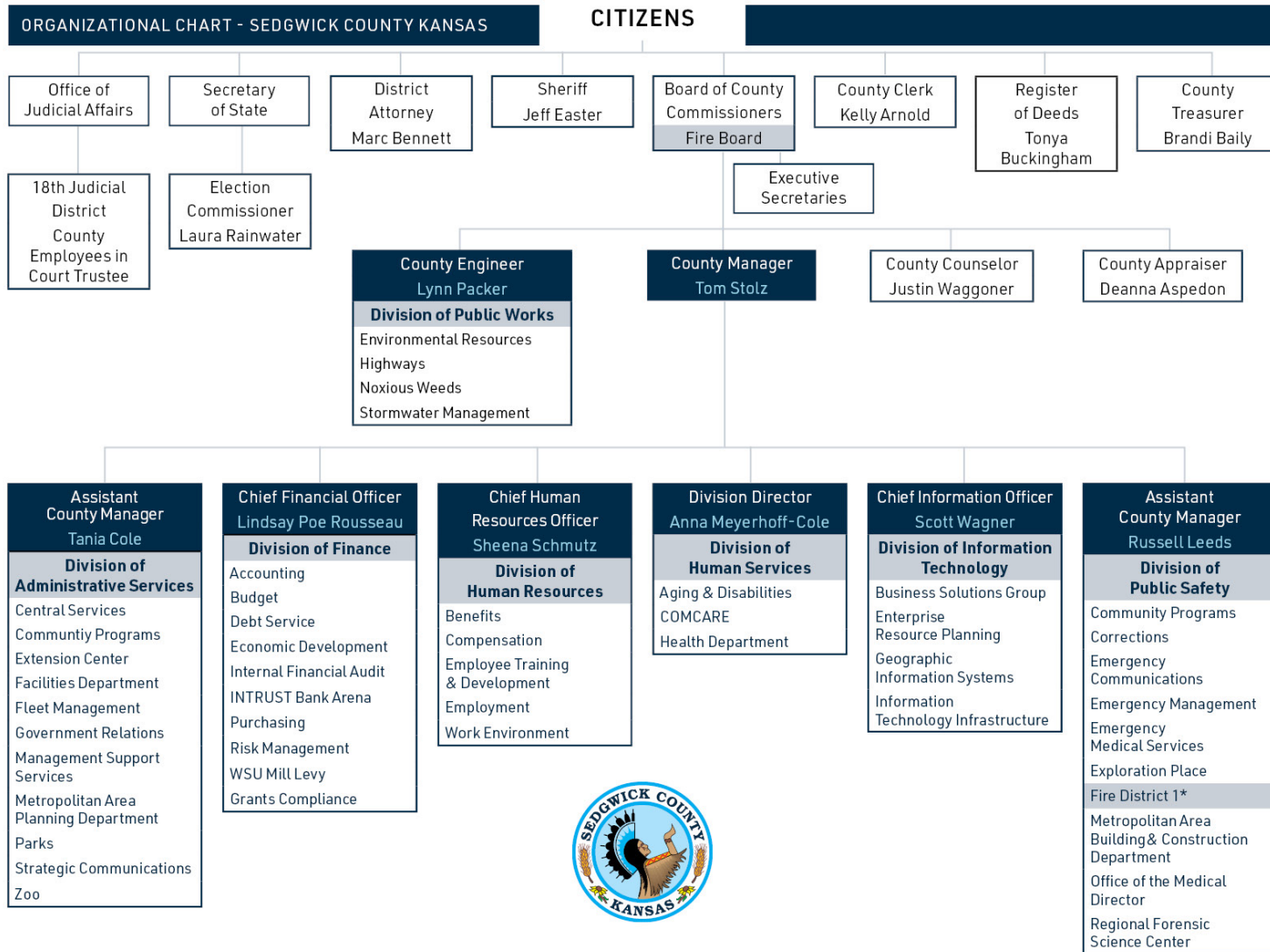


Sedgwick County Update

Tom Stolz, County Manager





*Fire Chief reports directly to Fire Board. Daily operations are managed by Assistant County Manager - Public Safety.

Roles of County Government

- **Direct Conduit for State of Kansas**
- **Provides Direct County Services**
- **Administrative Functions**
- **Ancillary Functions**



2026 Adopted Budget

Sedgwick County	Fire District 1
\$591,264,680	\$31,184,850
Total: \$622,449,530	

Property tax rates are **27.567** (reduced from **28.701**) mills for Sedgwick County and **16.754** (reduced from **17.000**) mills for Fire District 1



Budget Schedule

- **Feb. 16, 2026:** 2027 BoCC Budget Retreat
- **April 2026:** Budget reviews with County Manager
- **April 20-June 7, 2026:** Online Budget Simulator
- **May 6-15, 2026:** Budget hearings with BoCC
- **July 15, 2026:** Presentation of Manager's Recommended Budget, RNR Hearing
- **July 29, 2026:** Public Budget Hearing @ 6 p.m.
- **Aug. 26, 2026:** Public Budget Hearing @ 9 a.m.,
RNR Resolution & 2027 Budget Adoption



Budget Process

- **Goals**

- 4% Valuation Capture
- Reduce Mill Levy
- Focus on Core Services

- **Resident Engagement**

- Online Budget Simulator
- Presentations at Citizens Advisory Boards
- Online Public Comment
- In-person Budget Hearings



Capital Projects

- **Active**

- COMCARE Crisis Center
- Relocate Election Office
- State Mental Health Hospital in SC Region
- Juvenile Services Building
- Main Courthouse Courtrooms/Annex
- Regional Forensic Science Center Expansion/Remodel

- **Potential**

- Emergency Preparedness Center
- COMCARE Complex
- Health Department Space Merge to KU Medical Center



Good News vs. Challenges

Good News

Bond Ratings

Debt Balances

Mill Levy Comparison

Staffing Numbers

County Growth and Development

Challenges

Cost of Criminal Justice System

Behavioral health/Addictions

Cost of Doing Business

Property Tax Pressures

Pressure of State Mandated Services & its involuntary reliance on Property Taxes

Asset maintenance (Zoo and Arena)

County Growth and Development/Land Use



Shared Services with City of Wichita

- Metropolitan Area Building & Construction Department (COW & SC)
- Metropolitan Area Planning Department (COW & SC)
- Sheriff & Police
- Flood Control – Big Ditch
- Joint Emergency Management & Crisis Communications (USD 259, COW & SC)
- ICT-1 / Mobile Crisis (COW & SC)
- Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition – Opioid Settlement (COW & SC)
- Joint Park Master Plan (COW & SC)
- Mutual & Auto Aid Fire Support



Shared Services with USD 259

- **COMCARE**

- Mental Health Intervention Teams
- Zero Reasons Why
- Continuum of youth mental health services
- Early intervention first episode psychosis
- 24/7 crisis response
- Services for justice-involved youth
- Help for children aging out of foster care
- Continued care for students after psychiatric hospitalization

- **Health**

- Guidance to school leadership re: health-related issues
- Case tracking and outbreak management in schools
- School-based vaccination clinics
- Health education delivery
- Direct student care for Children's Dental Clinic
- Connects students/families to public health via outreach



Shared Services with USD 259 cont.

- **Development Disability**

- connection to IDD services via transition fairs
- Project SEARCH
- provide early ID, transition planning and workforce readiness for students with development disabilities

- **Juvenile Corrections**

- Intake and Assessment
- Detention, Residential, Field Service

- **Elections**

- classroom presentations
- registration events
- voting demos

- **District Attorney**

- shadow program
- class visits to court
- class visit by DA attorneys
- Work with offenders and cinc



Shared Services with COW & USD 259

