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William P. Buchanan Papers

Collection Summary

Title:	William P. Buchanan Papers
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Size:	4.25 linear feet (5 boxes)
Acquisition:	Donated by William P. Buchanan, 2013
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Restrictions:	Box 5 is restricted

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Content Note

This collection contains correspondence and related material pertaining to longtime Sedgwick County Manager William P. Buchanan's career in local government. Pertinent topics include law enforcement, economic development, finance, education, land use, solid waste management, health care, the privatizing of county services, partnerships with Wichita city government, and transportation needs.

Biography

William Paul Buchanan was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, on February 5, 1945. He attended Waynesburg College in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, graduating with a B.A. in History in 1967. The following year Buchanan earned an MPA from Kent State University and began his career in public administration as Executive Director for Greene County, Pennsylvania. In 1971 he became the Village Manager of Liberty, New York, and in 1975 assumed the role of City Manager in Franklin, Pennsylvania, before taking on the same role in Jackson, Michigan, in 1985.

In March 1991 Buchanan became County Manager for Sedgwick County, Kansas, a position he held until retiring in June 2015. Notable achievements of his time in office include the construction and opening of Exploration Place and INTRUST Bank Arena, updated detention facilities for juvenile and adult jail inmates, improved health care for the indigent and working poor, and the creation of workforce training initiatives. Buchanan also served as the 2006-2007 President of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). He is married with three children and lives in Wichita.

Series Listing

Series 1	Box 1 FF 1- Box 2 FF 24, Box 5	Correspondence with the Board of County Commissioners. This series contains letters and memoranda on government, public safety, finance, law enforcement, economics, public works, and other topics, 1992-2009. Most items are from Buchanan to the Board of County Commissioners. A chronological listing and summary of each letter or memo precedes the correspondence itself (e.g. an inventory of the 1992-1997 material will be followed by those letters and memos within this date range); a few items are listed and filed out of order. Note: Some correspondence to the Board is listed in inventories contained in Series 2; these items are therefore filed accordingly.
Series 2	Box 2 FF 25- Box 4, Box 5	Correspondence with Others. This series contains letters and memoranda on government, public safety, finance, law enforcement, economics, public works, and other topics, 1992-2009. Most items are from Buchanan to members of city government, local elected officials, private citizens and community leaders in Sedgwick County, and others. A chronological listing and summary of each letter or memo precedes the correspondence itself (e.g. an inventory of the 1992-1999 material will be followed by those letters and memos within this date range); a few items are listed and filed out of order.

Box and Folder Listing

Series 1 – Correspondence

Box 1	FF 1	Inventory of correspondence dated July 1992-December 1997
Box 1	FF 2	Correspondence, July-December 1992
Box 1	FF 3	Correspondence, January-December 1993
Box 1	FF 4	Correspondence, January-April 1994
Box 1	FF 5	Correspondence, May-August 1994
Box 1	FF 6	Correspondence, August-December 1994
Box 1	FF 7	Correspondence, January-March 1995

Box 1	FF 8	Correspondence, March-June 1995
Box 1	FF 9	Correspondence, June-September 1995
Box 1	FF 10	Correspondence, October-December 1995
Box 1	FF 11	Correspondence, January-April 1996
Box 1	FF 12	Correspondence, May-August 1996
Box 1	FF 13	Correspondence, September-December 1996
Box 1	FF 14	Correspondence, January-April 1997
Box 1	FF 15	Correspondence, May-August 1997
Box 1	FF 16	Correspondence, September-December 1997
Box 2	FF 1	Inventory of correspondence dated January 1998-August 2008
Box 2	FF 2	Correspondence, January-April 1998
Box 2	FF 3	Correspondence, May-August 1998
Box 2	FF 4	Correspondence, September-December 1998
Box 2	FF 5	Correspondence, January-April 1999
Box 2	FF 6	Correspondence, May-August 1999
Box 2	FF 7	Correspondence, September-December 1999
Box 2	FF 8	Correspondence, January-June 2000
Box 2	FF 9	Correspondence, July-December 2000
Box 2	FF 10	Correspondence, January-May 2001
Box 2	FF 11	Correspondence, May-August 2001
Box 2	FF 12	Correspondence, September-December 2001
Box 2	FF 13	Correspondence, January-April 2002
Box 2	FF 14	Correspondence, May-August 2002
Box 2	FF 15	Correspondence, September-December 2002
Box 2	FF 16	Correspondence, January-April 2003
Box 2	FF 17	Correspondence, May-August 2003
Box 2	FF 18	Correspondence, September-December 2003
Box 2	FF 19	Correspondence, January-June 2004
Box 2	FF 20	Correspondence, July-December 2004
Box 2	FF 21	Correspondence, January-December 2005
Box 2	FF 22	Correspondence, January-December 2006
Box 2	FF 23	Correspondence, January-December 2007

Box 2	FF 24	Correspondence, January-December 2008
Box 5	FF 1	Restricted material

Series 2 – Correspondence with Others

Box 2	FF 25	Inventory of correspondence dated July 1992-December 1999
Box 2	FF 26	Correspondence, July-December 1992
Box 2	FF 27	Correspondence, January-June 1993
Box 2	FF 28	Correspondence, July-December 1993
Box 2	FF 29	Correspondence, January-June 1994
Box 2	FF 30	Correspondence, July-December 1994
Box 3	FF 1	Correspondence, January-April 1995
Box 3	FF 2	Correspondence, May-August 1995
Box 3	FF 3	Correspondence, September-December 1995
Box 3	FF 4	Correspondence, January-April 1996
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Box 3	FF 14	Correspondence, May-August 1999
Box 3	FF 15	Correspondence, September-December 1999
Box 3	FF 16	Inventory of correspondence dated January 2000-December 2009
Box 3	FF 17	Correspondence, January-June 2000
Box 3	FF 18	Correspondence, July-December 2000
Box 3	FF 19	Correspondence, January-April 2001
Box 3	FF 20	Correspondence, May-August 2001
Box 3	FF 21	Correspondence, September-December 2001
Box 3	FF 22	Correspondence, January-April 2002

Box 3	FF 23	Correspondence, May-August 2002
Box 3	FF 24	Correspondence, September-December 2002
Box 3	FF 25	Correspondence, January-April 2003
Box 3	FF 26	Correspondence, May-August 2003
Box 4	FF 1	Correspondence, September-December 2003
Box 4	FF 2	Correspondence, January-June 2004
Box 4	FF 3	Correspondence, July-December 2004
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Box 4	FF 6	Correspondence, January-June 2006
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Box 4	FF 8	Correspondence, January-December 2007
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