

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 31, 1996**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 31, 1996, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Melody C. Miller; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Paul W. Hancock; Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Stephen Plummer, County Counselor; Ms. Becky Allen Bouska, Director, Budget Department; Mr. Phil Rippee, Risk Manager, Office of Risk Management; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Bureau of Community Development; Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Administrative Officer, Department of Housing and Economic Development; Mr. Gary E. Curmode, Fire Chief, Fire Department; Mr. Lyman Reese, Major, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service; Mr. John Coslett, Director, Emergency Management; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Bureau of Comprehensive Community Care; Mr. Scott McBride, Director, Geographical Information System (GIS) Department; Mr. Larry D. Jecha, MD, MPH, Director/Health Officer; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Susan E. Crockett-Spoon, County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

**Ms. Tuy Le Tran**, Sedgwick County Board of Health

**Ms Betty Shropshire**, Eunice Stirling Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Mr. Bob Bruner of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

### **FLAG SALUTE**



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**Chairman Winters** said, "Now, we'll consider the minutes of the meeting of November 22. What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of November 22, 1995

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Abstain
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**Ms. Becky Allen Bouska**, Director, Finance Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You've previously received the certification of funds for the expenditures on today's regular and sewer district agendas. I am available for questions if there are any."

**Commissioner Gwin** laughed and said, "She talks almost as fast as those guys at the end of the car commercials."

**Ms. Bouska** said, "Yeah, but I can't get out as fast."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Seeing no questions. Thank you Becky for certification."

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Next item please."

### AWARD PRESENTATION

**A. AWARD PRESENTATION TO REBECCA I. TARRANCE, COURT TRUSTEE OPERATIONS, WINNER OF THE 1996 EMPLOYEES SAFETY SLOGAN CONTEST WITH THE SLOGAN "DON'T GET HURT; BE ALERT."**

**Mr. Phil Rippee**, Risk Manager, Office of Risk Management, said, "As a continual effort to promote safety awareness each year, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted an annual safety slogan for Sedgwick County Employees. To select the slogan each year, we conduct a safety slogan contest to solicit employee participation. The winner for 1996 is Rebecca Tarrance of Court Trustee Operations. Rebecca is with us this morning and we'd like to present to her a certificate. This is Sedgwick County Kansas Employees Safety Slogan Contest. Congratulations to Rebecca I. Tarrance, for the winning entry "Don't Get Hurt; Be Alert." We would also like to give her an American Red Cross first aid kit. The safety members that are assisting me with this, I'll recognize them in a minute, we would also like to present her with a kitchen fire extinguisher this year. This has been an added prize. We also have a smoke alarm.

"I would like to unveil the Safety Slogan at this time. The slogan this year is "Don't Get Hurt; Be Alert."

**Ms. Rebecca L. Tarrance** said, "Good morning Commissioners, Mr. Buchanan, family and friends. A very unexpected pleasure to be here. I did this, I did it for fun. I never dreamed in a million years that I would win anything, but if it helps just one person, that's what it's all about. Thank you."

**Mr. Rippee** said, "I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Safety

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Committee members, Diana Mansouri is our Safety Training Coordinator, and she is teaching a defensive driving course, so she's out on the road today. Kevin Nash, from the Bureau of Public Services is here; Bill Auchterlonie, with Emergency Medical Services; Mike Muller, Bureau of Human Resources and Curtis Wilson, with the Fire Department. We have another member, from Central Motor Pool, who is absent, Barbara Mort.

"We would like to thank the Commissioners, Elected Officials, the County Manager, and Directors and Department Heads for their continual support in promoting safety awareness in Sedgwick County and within their Bureaus and Departments. Thank you very much."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Phil. It's a good job and we appreciate all the effort that all the employees who work on this committee put into it. Safety is something that you just have to begin to think safety, so it is very important that we do projects like this and I am pleased, as we all are, to see the response from employees. Thanks very much for all your work. Madam Clerk, next item please."

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**B. RESOLUTIONS (3) APPOINTING ELSIE E. STEELBERG, M.D. (COMMISSIONER GWIN'S APPOINTMENT), CARRIE JONES (COMMISSIONER MILLER'S APPOINTMENT) AND TUY LE TRAN (BOCC AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

**Mr. Stephen Plummer**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have in front of you a series of Resolutions making appointments. They are to appoint Elsie Steelberg, Carrie Jones, and Tuy Le Tran, to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Board of Health. It is my recommendation that you adopt those Resolutions and make those appointments."

### **MOTION**

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Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolutions.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Now are some of those folks here that need to be sworn in? If they would come forward please, the Clerk will swear you in."

**Ms. Susan Crockett-Spoon**, County Clerk, said, "I will read the slogan and if you will say I will so help me God at the end. Okay?"

***"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Wichita-Sedgwick County Board of Health, so help me God."***

**Ms. Tuy Le Tran** responded, "I will."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "Is Ms. Jones here?"

**Chairman Winters** asked, "Is Ms. Jones here?"

**Commissioner Miller** replied, "Ms. Jones is not here."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay. We appreciate it when citizens volunteer to give some time to the County to be on Boards and Advisory Boards so welcome and

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thank you for serving."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "I do have a brief remark to make. This is an at-large position that all of us, all of the Commissioners basically appointed, Ms. Tran, and I appreciate the support of all the other Commissioners on this appointment. I happen to feel that Ms. Tran's voice will definitely be one that is a needed voice on the Board of Health and I know that you are a busy lady and I do appreciate you taking time out of your schedule to serve on this Board and I am sure that it will be rewarding for both the Board members and, hopefully, for you. Thank you again."

**Ms. Tran** said, "Thank you, so much, to all the Commissioners. I didn't expect to be here today. I am so proud to be here today and to have a voice to represent for all the Vietnamese and all the Asian people and we would like to have opportunity to bring all our problems and needs for help for all for the future. Thank you so much to all of the Commissioners today for giving me this opportunity. I don't know how to say it, but I am very, very proud to be here and like I say, I am really shaking because I didn't expect to be here."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Thank you. Thank you so much."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Next item please."

**PROCLAMATION**

**C. PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY, 1996 AS "AMERICAN**

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**HISTORY MONTH."**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the month of February is the birth month of two of our greatest Presidents -- President Washington and President Lincoln; and

**WHEREAS**, Daughters of the American Revolution designate February as the American History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, our history is important for each citizen of our Country;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February, 1996, as

"American History Month"

and call upon the residents of Sedgwick County to reflect upon the history of the United States of America.

**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin            Aye



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Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. We have Eunice Shropshire here this morning, I believe, to accept the Proclamation. Is she in the audience? Yes, come on up to the podium please. If you'd like to just say a couple of words, we'd like that."

**Ms. Betty Shropshire**, said, "I'm from the Eunice Stirling Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. Thank you for making this Proclamation."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much for being here. Next item please."

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### **D. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - OAKLAWN/SUNVIEW AREA HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT.**

**Ms. Irene Hart**, Director, Bureau of Community Development, said, "Sedgwick County received \$300,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the purpose of providing housing rehabilitation in the Oaklawn/Sunview area. We plan to do between 22 and 25 homes. Our grant design did not include administrative costs, because we felt that we could absorb the administrative costs and administer the program as we have numerous other grants and reserve as much as possible for the actual rehab dollars. Trying to get as much bang for the buck that we possibly could."

"We found the administration to be burdensome and found that we simply could not absorb it into our current program design. This program has more paperwork than any other than I have ever dealt with. For example, each one of those 22 to 25 homes has to be set up as a separate project. In that project file, they need to

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have copies of the checks paid to any material provider, documentation of the labor expended on rehabilitating that particular house, all needs to be in a file so when the State folks come down, it will all be there in front of them.

"Therefore, we are proposing to move \$10,000 of the \$12,000 we had allocated to inspections. We have found we'll only need about \$2,000 of that. Move that \$10,000 to administration, sending most of it to our prime subcontractor and retaining a small amount of it in-house.

"The reason we are having a public hearing is that we are required to have a public hearing if we're requesting a line item change of more than 10%. So \$10,000 is more than 10% of zero, so we do need to have a public hearing to see if there is any public comment in regards to this budget change. It will not affect the amount of dollars going to direct services to the housing rehab. It moves funds from inspections to administration. I would be happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Gwin, did you have any questions?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "She answered it in her presentation."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay. Any other questions from Commissioners?"

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "I do have one, Mr. Chairman, if you please. Irene, we budgeted \$12,000 for inspections and only need \$2,000, did something happen from last budget cycle to this year that allowed us to do that?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "When we designed the program we just plugged in an amount for inspections, not knowing what all was going to be required. We found that Code Enforcement has been working with us very well. We didn't need to hire someone. Code Enforcement has helped us in that area. The \$2,000 is going to the required permits and fees, but they have been able to be of assistance otherwise."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Seeing no other questions, then we will open the public hearing. If there is anyone here in the audience that would like to speak to this item, item D. Is there anyone here who would like to speak to item D on our agenda today? If not, we'll close the public hearing and limit comment to the bench and staff. Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, " Yes. Irene, this \$10,000 that is going to be transferred from the Inspection category to the Administration category. What primarily will it be used for now that it wasn't budgeted for originally."

**Ms. Hart** said, "To pay for staff time to assemble and copy all the documentation required at Mennonite Housing, who is our prime subcontractor. We'll retain some of it for training and other expenses in-house, I think about \$1,000."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Okay, so you're saying that it is primarily going to go to Mennonite Housing's assistance, but it wasn't budgeted prior to, but they can use it now, is that what you're saying?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "They need to use it. They need, in effect, to almost have a part time person to assemble all the documentation required to do this project. We had no idea that this amount of detail would be required for this program. The Home program doesn't require this amount of documentation."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Okay, thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Any other questions? Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Irene, how long is this grant? What's the term of the grant?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "It's an 18 month grant."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "At the end of the grant, is there a time for an evaluation, if you will, for us to write back and say what we think worked, what didn't work. I mean, do they ask those kinds of questions?"

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**Ms. Hart** said, "This is the first time we have received one of these, so I am not extremely familiar with it. I didn't see an opportunity to do that, but that doesn't mean we couldn't do it."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Yeah, well my point being that since the paperwork has become so cumbersome, since each home, as you said, has to be handled individually, it can't be handled as a subdivision, I would think that someone ought to point out that does in fact demand more money go into administration instead of permits and fees which I think people would rather see it there. So I would suggest, even if they don't ask, that we might comment at the end of the period that maybe they would revisit their criteria here and see if there is an easier way to do it without it being so cumbersome for those people who administer the grant. I would rather see the money, and I think all of us would, go to the repair or to the fees or those kinds of things rather than to someone having to shuffle paper."

**Ms. Hart** said, "Sure. I think what they're doing is applying a blanket policy to our program design. I believe that other jurisdictions may bid out each home individually. Instead, we're using Mennonite Housing as the prime contractor and they are either bidding it out to subs or doing it in-house, but that doesn't mean that they'll change their rules just for us."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "No, I wouldn't expect so, but I don't think it would hurt to suggest that there might be an easier way to do it, particularly when you have an entire area in which you're working."

**Ms. Hart** said, "Right."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Are there any other questions Commissioners?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the budget amendment and subsequent modification to Mennonite Housing and Rehabilitation contract

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subject to State approval.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Hancock?"

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Irene, one thing. Over the last few years, Sedgwick County, through the efforts and support of Commissioner Schroeder, have really worked in the Oaklawn/Sunview area and there is a lot of effort there through a number of programs, everything from this, to subsidizing bus routes to Wichita and DARE program and it goes on and on. And certainly the area is worth our attention and effort. I know that I am having folks, I live very close to the area, I have folks that live in the area that I am acquainted with.

"I think it is very important that even though Mennonite Housing is our 'prime contractor' on this, I think it should be understood by the people there that Sedgwick County is paying attention to the area, is trying to make improvements and it is not Mennonite Housing who is promoting these programs and working diligently, you are, Commissioner Schroeder is. He doesn't say anything, but I'm going to, I'm not bashful, but Sedgwick County really needs some...."

**Ms. Hart** said, "More visibility?"

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "In the area, yes. I feel that, from a number of

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comments from friends in the area, they are always surprised at some of the things that we are doing. I want to continue doing some things down there. Those folks need some attention from time to time and that's what we're about, doing these kinds of things."

**Ms. Hart** said, "Yes sir, we'll take care of that. I will also add that I've been working with the Oaklawn community for about two years now and I'm really sensing a turning of the corner, a change of direction. A feeling of a real sense of community and taking control of the community instead of just letting things happen to them. I think we're making progress. It's not going to be an overnight success, but things are moving in a positive manner and I'm real pleased with it."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "It's been there as long as I've been around and it really has had, over the years, a tradition of community, and as you say, that's gotten weak and it is in the process of rebuilding, but it hasn't been a source of problems over the years, just recently and I think we're stepping in at the right time to try to improve the community a lot. There is a need for the housing and the community should prosper if we pay attention. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Next item please."

### **DEFERRED ITEM**

#### **E. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX EXEMPTION TO PRECISION PROFILING, INC.**

**Mr. Louanna Honeycutt Burress**, Administrative Officer, Department of Housing and Economic Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Back in 1978, Precision Profiling located at 1733 Southwest Boulevard out in the County. They began operation with only two employees. This morning, one of those two employees, Mr. Curtis Kempton is with us."

"Precision Profiling is a manufacturer of aircraft parts and serves as a supplier for

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local aircraft manufacturers. Customers include Boeing, Cessna, Beech, and Learjet. This company not only is a supplier of parts for these companies, it also, in turn, looks to other local businesses for goods and services. In fact, 95% of its purchases are from local suppliers and vendors. Being a good corporate citizen, Precision Profiling takes advantage of training programs offered locally and supports institutions and activities within the community.

"When Precision Profiling began its expansion in 1995, employment was up to 33 and by the end of the year employed 36 workers. Now before the expansion, they were utilizing three separate buildings on their property. As a part of this expansion, the company purchased a building of over 32,000 square feet and was able to consolidate all of the activity within a single building and to also double the amount of useful space that they had. It also purchased several pieces of manufacturing equipment and I have given you a list of that equipment with a cost benefit analysis.

"This morning I recommend that you approve a ten year declining tax exemption for the building. That would be 100% for the first five years and then decline by 20% a year over the remaining five years. At the end of the ten years, it would go the tax role at 100%. I also recommend that you approve a five year 100% tax exemption on the equipment. At the end of this time, the equipment would be placed on the tax role.

"I would also note that the appropriate notices of public hearing have been made and appeared in the daily newspaper, The Daily Reporter, and we notified the affected school district. At this time I recommend that you conduct the public hearing and then adopt the resolution on the exemptions. If you have questions, I will attempt to answer them. Mr. Kempton is here, and Ed Dunn, their Accountant, as well."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Louanna. Seeing no questions from the bench, at this time I will open up public hearing and if there are any citizens from the public hearing who would like to address this action. If there any citizen here who would like to speak on our item E on today's agenda? Seeing none, we'll close the public hearing and limit the discussion to bench and staff. Louanna, I think you did a good job of explaining the operation of Mr. Kempton's business, so

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I don't see any lights flashing right now. I do see Mr. Kempton, his attorney and his builder are here in the audience today.

"I think you are right that this County is very pleased with the large significant manufacturing concerns that are here, the big companies, but we all realize that part of the real backbone of any economy is small business and I think this is just another one of those success stories of hearing about a small business who in 1978 started out with two people and today has thirty-six employees with good jobs and is anticipating an expansion and hiring more people. I think this is the real kind of backbone of our economy and we've got lots of companies out there.

"So I am certainly supportive of this recommendation and am glad that another local company has chosen to stay in this area. I am sure everybody has options about where they can do expansions and I think we're always pleased in the Wichita-Sedgwick County area when home town people decide to stay home and do their business. Commissioners are there any other questions or comments? I am sure Mr. Kempton or his attorney would be glad to answer any questions that Louanna hasn't explained."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye



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Chairman Thomas G. Winters                      Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much Louanna and thank you gentlemen for being here. Good luck in the future with your new expansion. I am going to call a ten minute recess now, we're having audio trouble with the television broadcast and so we're going to go off the air for a few minutes as we try to correct our audio problem.

"Back to order and hopefully our audio problems have been solved. Commissioners, I would like to take an off-agenda."

**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to take an off agenda item.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "This is the last day of January and it is our responsibility as County Commission to accept the 1995 annual reports from the townships. Mr. Plummer, I'm going to ask you to say a few words. I believe the Clerk has the township reports here and if you would accept those and if you might just say a few words about what our next step is in this process."

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**Mr. Plummer** said, "Yes, Commissioners. There's been a lot of information and some misinformation in the press and media and other places about the role of townships in the County and what is going on in the townships. Today we are accepting their annual reports and I am told we have 18 of the 27 reports and the other 9 will be in by five o'clock this afternoon. I want to take a minute, in addition to accepting those reports, which I will, to clear up some misinformation that has been in the media in recent weeks.

"First of all, for as long as anybody here can remember, we have reviewed township reports at this point in January. In doing that, the Board of County Commissioners and everyone else involved has followed the law as we understood that law to be. We have accepted the reports every year, we have filed them and nothing has ever been said about that procedure. Then we began to get some complaints that some township officials were being overpaid and because of that and because of the persistence of the complaints, we looked into that to see if there was in fact a problem. In addition to that, the Attorney General issued an opinion, indicating that township officials could not pay themselves a salary.

"There were certain positions that township officials could not hold and because of that opinion and because of the complaints, we began to look into this situation. What I want to do is point out today for those that are not aware of what we found when we looked into it.

"The first thing we found is, even though there were complaints, we did not find any indication of criminal activity by any township Board members or Trustees or employees or anybody else. Secondly, contrary to what some of the media have reported, we did not find any evidence that a significant amount of funds had been diverted at the expense of basic township functions. What we did find is that perhaps there was some money, honestly spent, but perhaps not in strict compliance with State law. So the gist of these complaints was that perhaps, and I emphasize perhaps, some money honestly spent on township services but perhaps the money was not spent in complete compliance with State law.

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"So, the long and short is that we did not find any crimes, we didn't find any diversion of funds at the expense of central township functions. What we did find was money that I believe was honestly spent but perhaps not following the letter of State law. So having found that, the next thing we did, and this was mainly Mr. Buchanan's people who did an excellent job on this, we put together a plan to deal with what I still think is a fairly minor problem. That plan is as follows.

"First, we drew up some legislation, and presented that, and it is my understanding that legislation passed one house of the legislature and is well on its way to the second house. That legislation was intended to change the compensation structure and put the burden more on the township Board to pay their people a reasonable salary without going through elaborate computations. So that was step number one in our plan and that is well on the way to being enacted by legislature.

"Secondly, Mr. Buchanan's people put together some target numbers, as best we could, to indicate what we thought, in our judgement, township people in the different townships should be paying themselves. Now that we have accepted these reports, we will apply these target numbers to the reports we have and see how many, if any, and I emphasize the if any, are not within those target numbers. If we find any township reports that are not within those target numbers we will then call the auditing board from that township in and have them resolve those questions for us. I fully believe, and I think everybody in the County believes, that any questions that come up can be resolved by talking to the local township auditing board. I don't think we'll find any huge discrepancies that cannot be explained by a consultation with the auditing board and a minor correction in the expenditures paid township officials.

"In the unlikely event it is not resolved at that level, next, the decision the Commissioners will have to make, is whether or not we recommend a criminal or civil action to recover the money that is overspent. At that point it will be incumbent upon us to decide if we now have evidence that a crime was committed, and I have no faith that we'll find any crimes committed. The second decision then

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will be do we file a civil action against any township official for overpaying a township employee and of course we can't do that until we've reviewed township reports, applied these target figures, talked to the auditing boards. The long and the short of it is that we have a rather extensive process in place to review these reports and we will do that and then decide if we talk to the District Attorney about a criminal action or file a civil action against bonding companies to recover this money back.

"So the first step today is to accept the reports which we now have, the second step will be to apply the target figures to these reports, the third step will be, in the unlikely event there are questions about any report, we'll call the auditing boards in, and then last of all we'll make a decision of any criminal or civil action that might be taken to recover any overpayments that may have been made in spite of all the precautions that we've now put in place to make sure that doesn't happen.

"If there are any questions about our procedure, I'll sure be happy to answer those, but that, in a nut shell, is what we've done. It's taken us a long time to do it. The Manager's people should be commended, especially Jeannette Partridge for doing all this. For giving us a review procedure that I think will eliminate any problems that may have existed in the past. I want to be real sure the public understands, we found no criminal misconduct. We found no diversion of funds taking away from basic township functions. We found maybe some irregularities where State law was not strictly complied with, but those were honest mistakes, in my opinion, and I think the same will be true when we look at those reports for this year."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much Mr. Plummer. Commissioner Schroeder."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Mr. Chairman, if you please. Steve, you mentioned some target numbers."

**Mr. Plummer** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "I'm not aware of those numbers, can you elaborate on what those are?"

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**Mr. Plummer** said, "I have here the report that the Manager's staff members did. As you can see, it is fairly elaborate. I can't sit here right now and say that bottom number is such and such."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Do we have a copy of that?"

**Mr. Plummer** said, "Yes, I believe you do."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay, I'll look at that. The other one is the issue of civil action. I've talked to the other Commissioners about this, have we decided yet on who would be responsible for that civil action if need be?"

**Mr. Plummer** said, "State law is a little bit unclear on this. What it says on this is, the County Attorney is responsible for any criminal or civil actions. The District Attorney and I have had an understanding for quite some time that she will do criminal work and I will do civil work and never the 'twain shall mix. It is my understanding that most likely, if a civil action had to be done it would be through my office. That is not etched in stone by any means."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "The only reason I ask that question is because I know all the Commissioners have really been concerned about this issue and we've made kind of a team effort to help these people understand the law, get them together with the legislature to allow changes to be made and corrections to be made to the statutes which allow these people to simply do their jobs as they see fit and I would sure hate to see us, and I know that somebody has to do this, but I'd sure hate to see us be a team member and some of these people call us for advice, they call you for advice, they call David Spears for advice, then suddenly we turn around and we're the bad guy and have to file a civil action the next day after they get help from us on one project or item and then the next day we turn around and send them a letter that says we're filing suit."

"That's my concern. I think these people would feel like they have been left out in the cold and they are obviously concerned about this. Some of them are simply scared to death about the results of this and I would hate to see us destroy that

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relationship we've worked so hard to build in the last year or so to help them in this process, but I guess if we don't have any choice, then we're obligated to do it, but I would still, in this instance, like to talk to the District Attorney's office to see if they could assist us in the process if need be. Hopefully, we won't have anything to do. I do have concerns, and I just wanted to let the Commissioners and the staff know that."

**Mr. Plummer** said, "I can shed some light on that Commissioner Schroeder. Every township is required to post a bond to hold that office. I have two real firm beliefs about what will happen here. First of all, I think any overpayments, if there are any, are going to be very small, and secondly, I have every belief, if there is one, that all we have to do is talk to the bonding company and something can be worked out. The bonding companies don't want litigation and neither do we.

"I really think, if there's a problem, there is going to be voluntary payment. I can't believe any township official out there is doing anything more than just trying to grade the roads and do the things they are asked to do at minimal compensation. If there is no repayment problem, I have every reason to believe it will be voluntarily repaid by either the person involved or by the bonding company. I can't imagine we would ever have to sue somebody to get that money back."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "My concern is, some of those people were paying themselves enough to make it worth their while to do the job that needed to be done. How far back will they have to go? If you're talking thousands of dollars times ten years of service or eight years of service to a community, some of those people could be headed for a financial problem, I would think."

**Mr. Plummer** said, "First of all, again Commissioner, we didn't know what the law was until we got the Attorney General's opinion and neither did anybody else. We have accepted township reports for years and it is beyond my comprehension that we can accept them and then a year later go back and say well gee, those weren't

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right. We have to apply the law as we now understand it to reports that are now in existence. I don't think it is profitable for us to go back and retroactively apply this Attorney General's opinion and say this is what you should have been paid in prior years. That there is that problem and there is a statute of limitations problem in going back very far."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay."

**Mr. Plummer** said, "I would not recommend we go back and open old township reports ever."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay, I'm glad to hear that because I think you're right that they probably didn't understand what was absolutely required of them, nor did we until we got into this and it is an awful mess and our goal here is not to hurt or condemn people. Our goal here is to correct it so that everybody is in compliance with the law, am I right?"

**Mr. Plummer** said, "Absolutely."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Alright. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you Mr. Plummer."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Mr. Schroeder. Commissioner Hancock."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I feel it is important for me to comment on this particular situation. In my district I have a township that the problem kind of originated from, Salem township. There's been a lot of problems associated with this over the last couple of years. I had the occasion, last week, to talk to Ms. Joan Stork and through her tenacity and her patience and devotion to the subject, literally she brought this to light. It is my understanding now that this particular opinion is being applied State wide. There are counties all over the State that are now reviewing how townships are compensated and of course legislation is being worked on in Topeka.

"I know for the last couple of years, Joan, who I should say has been a friend for

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a number of years, and we speak to each other over the phone and we're very candid with each other, so to speak. You might say we yell at each other on occasion. She's been on this a long time and about two years ago I asked for information from the Clerk's Office about compensation for township employees. Believe me, the Clerk responded with good information and I asked for more and they gave me more on about three occasions.

"This problem has been so elusive, the answer also has been so elusive that it is very difficult for anyone to understand, even Attorney General's opinions in the past applied to what we know about township budgets today. It was still difficult to understand what the nature of the problem was and the magnitude of it.

"Finally, we were issued an opinion here in the fall of 1995 and it somewhat cleared up, at least in our eyes, for us what the law was really trying to tell us in the view of the Attorney General's Office and begin to take some action.

"I think it is important to understand that townships have a long history and a long tradition of how they've been compensated and the nature of it, is such that, it has evolved over the years, no one has questioned it too much and even when the reports have been turned in and reviewed over the years, it is generally assumed that what they were doing, based upon what we knew of the law at the time, was correct. Ms. Stork and I, in talking last week, she wanted us to go ahead and pursue some kind of civil action to receive some of the money back from the township officials. I am just going to go on record. I am not inclined to do that unless we find that there was direct knowledge that this was wrong, that this was somehow criminal.

"I know I have a letter that is dated the 26th of January of this year from the District Attorney's Office and Doug Roth clearly states that he has no intention of prosecuting any of these cases, because he says their office believes there has been no criminal intent and I have to agree with that. Salem Township is the township where I reside, I live out there, and these are my township officials and my neighbors who have complained and who have sought some kind of recognition that the compensation process was wrong. So to my township and my neighbors, I would like to say it is probably a pretty good time for us to recognize



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accomplishments of the community and especially Ms. Stork, she's worked very hard. It's also a time that we begin to heal and we begin to talk to one another and work together in resolving some of the township problems.

"So, I am asking those folks out there to recognize that something good has happened here. There really isn't any need to try to go any further than what we already have and I think probably the best thing we can do is solve the problem instead of trying to place blame and keep the animosity and sometimes even the hatred that has existed because of this problem in my community in tact. So I am asking folks out there to work with the County Commission, work with the township officials and let's solve the problem and go forward from here. I can really guarantee that if we recognize that we really feel there was some intent by township official to be dishonest and take money when they're not supposed to, we're going to act on it.

"I have no indication of that right now, but I can assure you we will. We will also be fair across the board. We will not, while it's been suggested that we should, target Salem Township. It is important for the citizens to know out there that if we target any township they will all be targeted and we'll work with that in mind. Everyone is going to get a fair hearing and a fair review and everyone the same treatment. Anyway, thank you Mr. Chairman and Steve thank you for preparing what looks to be a pretty good process."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Mr. Hancock and thank you Mr. Plummer. I think you outlined what we're going to do from here very well. Appreciate those comments."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Do we have to take action on this?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "I would like to have a Motion that we receive these reports."

### **MOTION**

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Commissioner Gwin moved to receive the annual township reports.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Next item please.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**F. PRESENTATION REGARDING FIRST RESPONDER AGREEMENT.**

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We entered into an agreement with the City of Wichita some time ago and Fire Chief Gary Curmode will tell you when that was. We've been working on the First Responder Agreement for about a year or so. Finally entered into the agreement and changed the way in which we do business. It is, for us who hung around fire services, this is a method by which to provide services to residents of the community regardless of where they live and who serves them as a fire department. Another way of stating it, it is a way to provide fire service or suppression services to people in this community as if there were only one department rather than two separate departments.

"That is a radical departure from how services have been delivered in the past. We thought, since we have been operating under this new provision for a couple of months, that it would be helpful to all of us to understand what the advantages and disadvantages are of this new method and to see if we need to adjust or fix in

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some other way, take a look at that agreement. So I have asked Chief Curmode to present to you some of the details and some of the statistics regarding how this has worked."

**Chief Gary Curmode**, Sedgwick County Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The enhanced first responder agreement, we've had an agreement with the City for several years and we've tried to improve on this. In 1994, both Mr. Buchanan, the County Manager, and Mr. Charches, the City Manager, gave both Fire Chiefs at that time, Chief Nichols and Chief Garcia to have a directive to make this program better, eliminate duplication, increase efficiency, the bottom line, get better service at minimal cost to the tax payers and we've pursued that idea. It was completed in November of 1995, actually completed in November of 1994, it took us a year or two, to get everything including the CAD system to be able to assist us in this endeavor. I may compliment 911 dispatcher.

"I know Becky Stewart has been instrumental in making this system better, fine tuning it as the needs arise. So basically what we tried to do here, as Mr. Buchanan stated, before we had an increased system of response to both City and County, but with some boundary lines. So what we tried to do is, what can we do to make this more efficient and that is a seamless system. One without any seams, no boundaries, invisible and give the quickest response not distance. Because when you respond from the City into the County with the numerous high density populations, traffic patterns and so forth, stop lights and so on it takes a lot longer to respond. And in turn, coming from the outside in you can respond a lot quicker.

"So as the crow flies is not always the quickest for the citizen that needs that help. So what I would like to do, we agree on 14 points in that agreement to improve the system. Those were done and put into operation. Again, as I stated, we're fine tuning this on a daily, if not an every other day basis and since January 1st, which I'll show you some statistics, the system is working. And I think it is a benefit to 911, dispatch, and again the progressive leadership of both managers and Commission bodies.

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"What I'd like to show you first, to give you a little bit of background of what we tried to eliminate in duplication, cost saving measures between both departments. Right now, again, the agreement I'm talking about today, is the Enhanced First Responder Agreement, and I'll go more into detail as we go along. We have joint EMT or Emergency Medical Technician training. We have joint drill cycles, and this is where we train together both in City application and fire application areas. This is very important because we do respond together in certain areas of town more often than others. Starting in March of 1996, we're going to have for the first time joint promotional testing, also assessment centers, this way we can evaluate officer potential on both sides and do it at a minimal cost due to a one time effort.

"This again eliminates duplication. We have joint agility and hiring tests, very important. Again, this allows us to spend our time elsewhere in the system as needed. We have joint recruit training. We don't hire a lot of people in the County, we don't have much turnover which is excellent. When we do, if the City has a recruit class taking part, we will put that recruit in their class at no expense to the County. We also share instructors at no expense to the City or the County. We have a joint training instructor exchange. When we do training and drill cycles together, team teach it, both the City and County drill instructors. It is working out very well between both departments. Since last March we had an enhanced investigators agreement. If they have a large fire in the City that is of suspicious origin, they can request our resources.

"We can send in three or four investigators for two or three days to assist them on a major search at that time for the culprit. If it is in the County, we can request the same. If we have two major arson fires with the same situation it may not occur, but we do have that talking relationship and the agreement to do that verbally. I never even usually hear about it until later, it is usually done on a private line status between the investigators themselves. So it is working very well. Probably one thing that came into play that we didn't even expect, as you know there was a City water main broke several months ago in Wichita.

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"I get a phone call from the City Fire Chief at 5:30 in the morning and said we have problems, no water, the system is going down, what can we do? We put our heads together and by 7:00 we had our largest water tender, which I'll show you a picture of shortly, that apparatus which brings water to the scene. We put it in a downtown City Fire station to get that support for building structure fires. We also added a clause that on any structure fire in the City boundaries we would respond with two tenders in on that structure and then later that day, by the time they had that main fixed, it was on line that evening, again we went back to normal operations. So this was kind of an enhancement to the enhancement. We're working real close on the emergency water plan for both the City and the County, particularly the City.

### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

"What I'd like to show you is just some apparatus pictures here to give you an idea so when I talk about the terminology both you and the citizens understand what we're talking about. We have one aerial platform, this is a 100 foot device that is used in what we call a defensive fire where we protect exposure buildings that are not fire from catching on fire at large fires. The City has two of them. Together we have three. To buy another one is a half million dollars. That's expensive for either side, but if we work together, we don't need to buy that fourth one at this time. That saves additional funds. It is used in rescue. It also carries water and hose to be able to pump from it or provide a rescue potential.

"As I mentioned earlier, we provided a tender in the downtown area. Some of our tenders, we have them at six of our seven stations. We also have a mutual agreement with the other 12 to 13 fire departments in the County on theirs, also McConnell. This is a tender that brings primarily, it can bring two people. We have fixed it so can drive with one person so they can shuttle water back and forth between fire situations, this one carries 2,500 gallons of water. The City has one of these."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "How many do we have?"

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**Chief Curmode** said, "We have six at stations and one reserve. The City has one and they've been very good about sharing that with us and in areas that they do not have hydrants, we will also give the same response to them. This is what we call a mobile air truck. The City has two of these, we have one. This provides lighting at night on the top here, you see some light fixtures. It also has replacement of air for our breathing supply for our fire fighters at the scene. We also use it in the City or County and vice versa, they've theirs in the County also and it is a very good system. It is something we couldn't do without.

"This is the fire engine. This is the latest model. The City has just recently had three of four come in. You have purchased three for us in the last year and a half. We really appreciate this. They have a closed cab, they can carry up to four fire fighters. We also use them for rehabilitation on the scene and in weather such as this, we can get the fire out, we can our people inside and keep them warm out of the weather. Also when it is extremely hot. It carries about 500 gallons of water and again, these can produce anywhere from 1,250 to 1,500 gallons per minute water flow at a fire.

"This is called a squad. A squad carries two people. They are a quick attack vehicle. A lot of them will have mainly 200 gallons of water. We carry air packs on it. It is a front line machine for us in grass fire fighting in the big ditch or any of our wheat field fires. It is a quick attack. It can beat our engine or tender into an area one to two minutes. It is also used basically the same way in the City. If they pull in on a house fire, they put their air packs on, their protective gear, they pull the line from the engine company to make the fire attack on the structure.

"As I mentioned, we started this new agreement November 15. Overwhelmingly at that time we had to make some adjustments with CAD and we have been doing this. So we feel that effective January 1, there is still some small tinkering to take place here, and we can do that, but I think the system is working.

"The bottom line is, when I need help, I don't care what's on that fire truck, what patch is on that shirt, I want help now, and we're doing that. Since January 1 of '96 to January 22 of 1996, the County has gone into the City 77 times.

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"The City has gone into the County 76 times. Before that, there were some inequities to it and that's what we've fine tuned in the past two months and so I want to show you those figures for a five year basis.

"What I've illustrated here, this is the total number of alarms the Wichita Fire Department has made, the shaded area is the number of alarms that have come into the County, which is about 4.8% of their alarms. In the County, this is the number of alarms totally that we have made and it is almost 20% of our alarm total has gone into the City. But again, the winner here is the citizen that needs that help. Again, it is the quickest response time, it's not the distance. As we look over mutual load response since 1995, you can see here the City Fire Department is in green, Sedgwick County Fire District number One is in pink or a light red. It is about a two to a two and a half difference on the alarm load.

"Normally, on the structure fires, when the City responds out to the County, they'll respond two engines for every one of ours. When we respond into the City, we're responding one engine and different resources depending where our Chief is and individual request by CAD or personal request by the chief officers. So pretty much, alarm load kept going up over the years and the proportions pretty well differ. With the adjustments to the CAD system January 1, here is again the difference. Again, 77 times into the City and 76 into the County. We have projected this on a year, and again, this is a projection for a year, but it still shows it is equitable.

"So number one, it is fair between both departments, but probably most important of all, the citizens are the winners again. We had a situation in the Forest Hill area near Central and Webb Road that a gentleman was in cardiac arrest. That means non-breathing, no pulse.

"The EMS arrived first, we arrived second which the previous system wouldn't have allowed us to come in there at that time. We were second in and we had what we call a field save. That means the gentleman got a pulse back and started breathing at the scene, he went to the hospital, five days later he was allowed to go home.

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"This may have occurred anyway, but we can't play Monday morning quarterback. The positive thing is that we were able to assist EMS with the quickest response time into the City. The citizen didn't care whether it was the City or County, they just wanted help and we tried to provide that.

"What I've shown in this first map that I'd like to show to you. This is a map of the entire County. The red dots are City fire stations. There are 17 of them strategically placed in the City. The yellow dots are County fire stations again strategically placed. We also have volunteer departments in Mulvane, Derby, Clearwater, Viola, Cheney, Mount Hope in the northwest part of the County, Colwich, Bentley, Valley Center, and this is basically the fire protection for the entire County. We have a very good mutual aid response with all the volunteers in the County and the professional Chiefs of the volunteer departments. They are very excellent to work with.

"What I would like to show at this time is to go into a second map and show the actual responses. In this picture again, the red dots and I apologize for them being so small but I was trying to show and delineate the number of alarms into the City and into the County. Red, again, is fire stations, in this case both the City and the County are red, any response the County Fire Department made into the City on a First Responder alarm are addressed in green. Any alarm the City Department responded into the County are addressed in yellow. Both of the alarms again are nearby the City of Wichita agreements but we do have occasions to have large structures that are different places. As you notice out here, there was an alarm clear out by the County line. This was a 10-48, with people trapped, there was one fatality. In that system, we sent the closest units, regardless of jurisdiction."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Chief, for the public, a 10-48 is a what?"

**Chief Curmode** said, "A 10-48 is an auto accident with either a vehicle, car, truck, it could be a train, a 10-48 with a car."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. I appreciate that clarification."

**Chief Curmode** said, "So, we sent a City Battalion Chief, because he was the closest to this location. Our Division Chief was on this side of town so you send



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the nearest Chief Officer to be in charge of a major extrication issue. These two alarms that came in as structure fires, this one is in the Cheney Fire District. That was disregarded shortly after, so the City never did leave the City limits, but I did want to show that they would respond there if it would have been in Sedgwick County Fire District #1, they were not. This one was also one that they would have responded to up here Garden Plaine, but again, in this case, they did not because the first engine from our station got there, the fire was under control, they disregarded the City equipment.

“We had another auto accident with people trapped up here with a fatality. It is kind of interesting at this time. We had a house fire in Oaklawn, the City had a fire on the west side of Wichita near Seneca and McCormick, the Division Chief was down here in Oaklawn, along with myself. So, we had three Chief Officers and a second line assignment there at the fire. The City Battalion went into the northeast corner of the section. That left no people as Chief Officers in the City, but the agreement said you go. I am in Oaklawn, I go down to Douglas and Washington to the center core area, and I stayed there for approximately an hour, hour and a half, to respond to any type of calls. I put my Deputy Chiefs on call and we covered the City and County in lieu until those three chiefs could get back in service.

“So again, that's called cooperation and teamwork and it makes the system work. You don't have to call any people back and pay overtime. If they are exempt, you still don't have to call them back because we have people that cover the area so I think the system is working very well.

"What we have here is the City of Eastborough. There was five alarms into the City of Eastborough at this time. And again, these alarms, the closest jurisdiction, regardless of what type of apparatus comes in. The City is closest with their first four fire stations. If you look at this area, these aren't all fires. A lot of those are medical. Some of the alarms into the interior core of the City is a Chief Officer, it could be our mobile air unit for request to assist the City. It could also be our Safety Officer.

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"Again, that is done on request now. Before then it was done by the CAD system. If any County units respond into the City, our Safety Officer automatically goes. If it is a City alarm only, we only go if they need our assistance in that respect.

"What I might say here, with this high alarm load, what we have here, it looks like it could be an indication for another fire station because it is a high alarm load for medicals and it is starting to grow in that area. This is something that was talked about between the two Chiefs a couple of years ago, never acted on, that our station on 4343 N. Woodlawn, Station 37, we have a bay available for another fire truck and to save a quarter million to a half million tax payer dollars we'd be glad to utilize one bay for City apparatus. No charge, I'm still going to have to have utilities, I'm still going to have to have my building and we can make it more effective again. The bottom line is, our directives were to make it the most efficient system possible and this is what we've tried to do and minimize expenditure of dollars and I think that's one way that it can be done in that area.

"We have a large alarm load in this area, but again, our station here on the very edge of the County line can come into Cessna and Forest Hills and they're the first engine at that intersection and anything within the next half mile they'll tie for second or third. So that is something we've tried to do. This station out here and this station here will also respond into a section of the outside perimeter of Wichita on a large fire which I'll illustrate here in a minute and show how that works. If there are any questions as we go through this, feel free to ask them.

"Okay, what we are illustrating in this picture, we're going to show you where our apparatus are at. I have two different types of marking devices. Those illustrate an engine, a squad, or a tender, depending on what of request it is-- the same way with the City. I am going to show you a type of fire that occurred in Goddard High School in December before we started keeping statistics to show you the actual response for the City and County units and then show how fills can occur as soon as one department asks for it to make sure all citizens get coverage.

"We'll assume the same fire occurred today at Goddard High School, we had a fire on the roof in one of their air conditioning/heating units. We will send two engines from station 35, the closest station, will respond in here with two units. Station 16

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responds with what they call a Quint."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Now that's a City station?"

**Chief Curmode** said, "Yes, it is a City Station from Wichita and it will respond with one unit. They will come out here. The next unit will come in with a quint from Station 16, about 1600 N. Tyler. We'll also extend one engine from a Station up near Colwich. Now, if our Division Chief is in the south part of the County here, he will respond. If he is out here, in these areas, we'll respond either a City Chief will come from this area, drive through town and come to this area and then we will cover his part of town while he is gone and if it looks like a long duration fire, he'll probably need help and so our Division Chief will still come at this point. City Station 4, downtown area, will come on out here because they have potential to do high tower ventilation concept and they have a special team with a lot of ventilation fans so they make any type of building fire in City or County and that gives us some additional resources to minimize our dollar loss. We'll also have a County Safety Officer at the scene.

"And on a second alarm, if we have a fire that is continuing to build, we will have as additional unit come from station 33, from our County station 34 will come over. Additional equipment will be requested from the City and at this point they would probably come over.

"Now what happens to this space that now does not have fire protection? We call this the fill concept. It just has to be requested from a Chief Officer, station 32 would come over and fill at our station, we would rotate and this station has a couple of options, they will be glad to fill here for the City and we rotate an engine around here to fill. We can do that, sometimes the City does their own internal fill so as the fire occurs they shift equipment across the City. That is very good effective use of resources. That shows you a fire in the County and how resources from the City leave the City jurisdiction but there is still fire protection.

"What I want to show you is a fire similar in the City and show what happen here, and this is going to show you a fire near Central and 119th, we'll assume Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church is on fire. On those type of structures, we send a lot more apparatus because of the high life hazard. Same situation, the fire is in the

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western part of the City. Station 17 at Maple and Maize Road will go, they'll be first in on that fire. The second one will be station 16. Station 33, from the County, will come in. Station 35 will come in on initial response. They will also send, again station 4, with their ventilation equipment. So now we have resources. This is all in the City, but it's on the western edge, and it is in the western part of the City, we're sharing resources. What happens to the fire protection where the stations left? The downtown station is within two to three miles of two stations so they have coverage or they can fill. These two stations that are vacant, we can do several things. If the City requests, we can send an engine in to fill here or we can request the station at 53rd and I-135 come into this location. Thirty-four or one of their stations will probably tend to fill in this site and they'll probably use their apparatus to fill in their stations because they have more resources. So again that shows that both City and County are responding now into a City situation.

"The last one I want to show you is a City fire only. I am going to simulate using St. Francis Hospital. It is a high rise structure, which means it is taller than your tallest ladder, meaning it is four stories or higher. We consider high rise for terminology so we know how to respond to them. They are a high life standard because the invalid and the sick people that are in the hospital building.

"In this situation, it is hard to move all these because they'll all be in the center of town, so I'll try to illustrate it. With the Initial alarm, they'll send station one with three apparatus; station two with two different vehicles coming and station five. You've got this one coming first, station two will be coming up here, one of the Chiefs will be coming. It is a high rise and a working fire, all their City Battalion Chiefs make that. Station five will make it from Hillside and Second with a squad. Station 10 from 17th and Grove.

"Now, it is hard to see these holes because it is so condense, but on a first alarm assignment we've had a fire there in the chemical laboratory before. So what we can do when we see this occurring, they are very busy, sometimes they don't have the time to request the assistance for fills. We send out units, we will not bring them in either part way to the County or put them on alert to come into it so if requested as they move to a second alarm fire, one is station 3, with us at 32nd and North Broadway will come in. It depletes their fire protection so a lot of times we'll just come in part way so we'll still give services to our people. If they need us on a fill we can do it and still cover our areas and we have adequate protection.

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"So those are three different examples how City-County cooperation in the Enhanced Responder Agreement has worked. I guess the bottom line is, it didn't cost us a dime. A bit more gas back and forth, but we can handle that. It made it so efficiently and it took away the seam and now we have basically one department, so to speak, for the citizens, even though we have two separate jurisdictions. I am available for any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay thank you very much Chief. Commissioner Schroeder."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Mr. Chairman, if you please. I appreciate the presentation today. You and I had a chance to talk yesterday evening a little bit about this and I'm impressed with how the system works and I am really impressed with the fact that you're able to move your companies and your people and equipment around so there are no areas left unprotected in the City or the County regardless of what kind of fire you fight or where you fight it.

That impresses me that you and your staff and the City staff has spent this last 12 months, two years or whatever putting together a system, that like you said, acts as one, once you assist one another. I have had no complaints about this system and I think in 1987 is when we first started out mutual aid agreement with the City of Wichita and since that time I have never heard anyone complain.

"Obviously the system works well and I wanted to ask you today, you've been on both sides of the street, you worked for the City of Wichita Fire Department, you work for this Fire Department now as our Chief for the last year of so. What do you think, seeing it from both sides. To you is it a good working situation as both a City Fire Department personnel and as somebody in our fire department?"

**Chief Curmode** said, "Commissioner, we meet on probably a weekly basis to discuss issues. We don't always agree, but we usually reach a consensus and that is good because that consensus decision is usually best for the citizen. I see that if we continue this type of agreement, it is only going to get better because before we had that seam, if you will, around the City and County. You crossed it only in a mutual aid request. Now we are giving it regardless of jurisdiction, which decreases the response time to that person in need and it is exciting, especially when we have a gentleman saved like we did. I am sure there is numerous cases

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and that was one of the first ones that happened and the same thing is going to happen when the City saves a resident in the County. That person is going to be very thankful for that."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "You, as a City Fire Fighter, you saw the system working well, and on the County side you see the system working well too. You have a unique perspective here and that's why I'm asking. There is not many people in your position."

**Chief Curmode** said, "I agree with you totally. I saw it working from the inside-out and now the outside-in and being very objective, it's working and I wish we had this years ago."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "That's great. I also wanted to say, I recall back in '87 when this was started that fire station construction would be based upon mutual aid/first responder agreement. A lot of what we do today for tax payers, is try to save them money. Not only protect them in a better fashion and a quicker response, but save them money when it comes to bricks and mortar.

"And that is, when we build a fire station we simply don't place a fire station out in the County because it is more convenient for just the County, nor does the City place a fire station in the City because it is just more convenience for them. You place it so it protects everybody within the County and I like that system and it makes sense. There is no sense in having two fire stations three miles apart, one in the City and one in the County and we've avoided that duplication because of people like you working the system, improving it every year and I want you to keep doing that, I think it's a wonderful system and if there is anything more you need from us, as a Commission please don't hesitate to ask us because I think it is great that we provide that service for everybody who lives in this County."

**Chief Curmode** said, "Commissioner, if I may. Last week there was the issue that the Commission made on policy decisions in the Riverview area by Park City and it was stated by the Metropolitan Planning Commission that the nearest City station was still about 8 to 8½ minutes away. Under the Enhanced Responder Agreement there is still fire protection in 4 to 4½ minutes and that is what this agreement is all

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about. You move where you want to, basically stay in that area, you have the fire protection, you have the law enforcement protection, it is a partnership here."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "And I appreciate that. Mr. Chairman, just one more thing before I turn it back over to you. I think the public needs to realize looking at that map and the locations of the stations, that we have a lot of small community fire departments and fire districts out and about in the County and it is not that those people aren't protected it's just that they have other fire stations in and around.

"For example, Cheney and Derby and those places, Mulvane, have their own station so if you don't see a lot of dots around some of those sparsely populated areas its because those small communities do have their own fire departments. Is that correct?"

**Chief Curmode** said, "Yes, that's correct. And the Chiefs of all those departments, meet on a quarterly basis and the next one is in February in Valley Center and Chief Tormey is hosting that one. We talk about these problem areas of fire protection. If they need help they request mutual aid. And those are things we are trying to make better between departments because we're all in it together."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Very good. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you Gary."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Chief Curmode, first of all, I think we probably be...you wouldn't be making a presentation today if you didn't have such good knowledge of Wichita Fire and I appreciate the fact that you know where their stations are, you know how that system works and now you're on our side of the street, if you will, learning ours. I also don't believe that we'd be discussing this today if it weren't for the cooperative attitude of both the Managers, both of the Chiefs, and the fire fighters who understand it makes no difference where a person resides. I guess one of the most commonly asked questions I get and we may take a minute since you have the public in front of you if you will, I get

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asked a question about why when there is a first aid call do the Fire Department and EMS both respond. Can you take a minute to answer that question, because that's one I get a lot."

**Chief Curmode** said, "I'll try to answer that. We have 24 fire stations in the City and the County that aidable stations, counting the City and County Fire Departments. I believe EMS has 11 different posts. Basically, we have 35 locations in the County that can give that first responder care to the citizen EMS and us work in a partnership and basically if they arrive first if it is an alarm or call that needs basic life support and they don't need our assistance, they'll turn us around to be available for another call. If it requires what we call ALS, Advanced Life Support, they'll use us to assist them in CPR, in things that are not definitive care. So those are relationships.

"What we try to do is, with 35 locations, the quickest responder in gives that immediate first aid care because it is precious when it comes to the time, a 4 to 6 minute window for cardiac arrest. It takes so much effort to get there and EMS can't be there first every time and neither can the fire department but hopefully one of us can and be in that certain window to save that person, and that's why we do it. We honor, if the volunteer department, if Valley Center or Colwich, we had an alarm there today, they arrived first, you can disregard. If we arrive first they have the choice of coming on in and transferring patient care or they have the same, they'll accept our disregard and go back into service. Again, to protect that local area. So I think that's the system why we send both. It is for the quickest response. It's to get the quickest care for that individual and I think, as public servants, that is part of my obligation to give the best care I can to the citizens."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you. I appreciate that. What if anything do you see the next step? Is there a next step in this relationship or do you think this will serve us for years and years to come?"



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**Chief Curmode** said, "I think we've made adjustments to this in the first of the year, and we can still fine tune it and make it better to the existing program and I think it will only get better. Anything past that will be basically a policy and procedure and I'll direct that question to Mr. Buchanan, if I may."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay. Do you see a next step Bill or are we going to let this run for a while and see how we get along?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I think what we need to do is to make this work as well as it can work and continue to look at constant improvements. Continue to tweak the system, if you will, and then we can start thinking about location if there are going to be additional fire houses, how that will look, where that will be, whether we need to have two separate departments. In affect, we have two separate departments being funded by two separate groups.

"I would remind us that the fire department is not one of those general County services that everybody in the County pays for. Only the fire district, only those people being served by the fire district pay for that so there are two separate taxing basis. And see, in the terms of purchasing equipment and how we buy equipment what needs to be done. It can be cranked up another level but this is probably the most difficult one, providing services no matter where you are by what makes sense."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And thirdly, Chief, you showed one of the new fire engines with the enclosed cab so that everybody can ride inside. How many years will it take for us to convert all of ours to that?"

**Chief Curmode** said, "We have a vehicle replacement program. We will need to purchase another three engines over the next five to six years. We try to, we have a 15 year front line apparatus program. That means the new engines that you just saw, they'll be in the first line out for 15 years, the next 5 years they act as reserve apparatus and they will give support so we won't retire them probably for about 20 years baring an ice storm or someone runs into us or something like that. That's what we look at for our cost effectiveness of our vehicle replacement program."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you for everything you do for

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us, we appreciate it. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Chief Curmode, it's very obvious that your dual perspective serves not only we, Sedgwick County, as an organization, but also the total population of Sedgwick County very well and I just simply wanted to commend you on that. There were two graphs that I was looking at that I'd like to get a response to.

"The first one basically showed or it could have been just some statistics, but it showed that 4% of the City basically spends some time in the County and 20% of the County spends some time in the City and this may go hand in hand, but how do you explain the closeness of numbers of responses that both entities are making, you know 'out side' of the jurisdiction even though there isn't a jurisdiction and it's supposed to be a seamless boundary. So they might go hand in hand, can you explain that."

**Chief Curmode** said, "Commissioner Miller, what that means, what that does to us is basically we have tried to, the first five years showed the graph that we had a number of alarms and that was under the old agreement. We were trying to make it equitable, but again, that was the number two concern. Number one was bottom line for the service of the citizens. That was paramount. Why that occurred was because we have had normal operational changes on a day to day basis with the 911 system to adjust that so it work most efficiently. This is what you're referring to, approximately 4.8%, this area right here, is the number or percentage of City alarms into the County, where it is approximately 20.8% from the County into the City.

"Now, what we want to work is in the past it has been x-y coordinates, and what that means is actual mileage and when you go from the City interior out to the exterior of the City limits or the County, with stop lights, traffic, slower speeds, and numerous traffic congestion, it takes you longer. We adjusted it for the quicker

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response time, that was very difficult for 911. They've been very good about working diligently to do it and they monitor that with us on a daily basis. This area needs to be corrected. Maybe we're responding too far into the City so we can move it back a few blocks because they can get in quicker. In an area, to show you, between 29th and Broadway, that Farmers Market, if that caught on fire today, the first engine again is station 3, which is 32nd and Broadway.

"The second would be our station at 53rd and Broadway. I believe station 7 at St. Paul and 13th, or a City station from Main and Murdock. What that means is the system is working because we're in second. Normally you send three apparatus in to a structure fire and a truck company. Well, if we can be in third because it is the quickest time then it's working and that is what is the best for that store owner and the people that are inside the store."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "In essence, it is no happenstance that those percentages are so close. It is the system that you are putting in place."

**Chief Curmode** said, "That's the whole reason. I was amazed, I thought there would be more, like at 75-25 or  $66\frac{2}{3}$  and  $33\frac{1}{3}$ , something a little closer. I was amazed at that. Now we showed you what a year basis would be, I think it would be fairly accurate to say it would be within 5 or 6% of that, because that's three weeks history. That medicals still come in, fires still come in, but this week, with extremely cold weather, we're probably going to have more fires than normal and more medicals than normal because of extreme temperatures. So I look at it to be very accurate come a year from now in a 5 or 6% area."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Excellent, keep up the good work."

**Chief Curmode** said, "Than you Commissioner."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Commissioner Miller. Chief, I just have one quick question and then we can turn the overhead back off. How do the fire fighters in the field react to part of this program. By that I mean that if you mentioned a time of sending a City Battalion Captain out into the field and if there is a County crew there, how do the fire fighters react with that crossing over to the command leader on the scene or new fire fighters on the scene?"

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**Chief Curmode** said, "Commissioner, anytime you have change, particularly in fire service it's hard to change, and that is a change that our people have done real well. You know when you don't know someone, you're skeptical of their leadership abilities, their skill level, that's why we do cross training together, that's why we do EMT in a classroom setting together. The more you interrelate with each other, we go to their station and work out as far as with training equipment. They'll come to ours for familiarization. Some of them are now, we'll send one unit in to have a quick lunch with the City or the City will come out to the County to break these barriers down because when you know someone you can get to work a lot quicker because you know their skill level."

"There is that fire fighter mentality that, hey you're taking some of my alarms I used to go to, and I think everyone hates to give up something but we look and take away the horse blinders if you will and say what's the best for the citizen and it is the quickest response. That is the underlying thing we have to listen to. It's not what's good for Gary Curmode maybe isn't good for the rest of the County, I have to make those decisions and they may be undesirable for my personal wants. But when you look at what policy directives are and what the citizen's needs are, that's the overriding factor and that's why I try to make the decision that way."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, thank you very much Chief. Commissioners you've heard the report, it appears that we don't necessarily need to take a specific action. Mr. Manager, do we need to receive and file? Does the Chief need some kind of direction from us or can you tell by the tone of the conversation that we think it looks like a good system?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I think that's true and there is no action except to receive and file. This issue is a departure from what has happened in the past. It is a major public policy decision. It was, in my opinion, important for us to discuss it in public and see where we are, how we're doing, because that is always an important question that needs to be asked. I think, in this case, it is doing exactly what we intended it to do."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, thank you very much."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Thanks Chief and thank you Mary for your assistance. Next item please."

**G. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PREFERRED MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE A FULL LINE OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADULT LOCAL DETENTION FACILITY.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I'm not Lyman Reese, thank goodness. Oh, there he is. We are still in a process of looking at that contract and need some more time before we bring it to you, so if we could just have this delayed with no specific time, we're still working on negotiating some of the finer points. Service is being provided, we're being covered, the system is working, we just don't have a final agreement for you."

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to delay this indefinitely.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Next item please."

**H. AGREEMENT WITH BARTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BCCC) FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) TO PROVIDE FIELD INTERNSHIPS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN BCCC'S TRAINING PROGRAM.**

**Mr. Tom Pollan**, Director, EMS, said, "I'm presenting a document of another cooperative partnership agreement that this Commission has chosen to enter in the past and I would like to resubmit a proposal for 1996 in an agreement form with Barton County Community College for approximately 15 students, who are MICT's, who will be doing their internship with us. With that, I'd ask that you allow us to continue this quality partnership with Barton County Community College."

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much Tom. Next item please."

**I. GRANT AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND HOUSING PROVIDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUNDS.**

**Mr. John Coslett**, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "What we have before us this morning, as you are well aware, the County entered into or made grant application for hazard mitigation with regards to the areas that have been targeted for a flood buy-out program. The program has been approved by FEMA and the paperwork you have in front of you this morning is the agreement to be signed for the 25% provided by the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. So in order for us to proceed, this agreement needs to be signed and sent back."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much John. Commissioners, you've heard the discussion, do you have questions or what's the will of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Grant Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Winters seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman. John, the amount that we're talking about today is just a portion of the total monies that will come in and be available."

**Mr. Coslett** said, "Yes Commissioner. The part we are talking about today is \$523,167, that is 25% of the total grant which is \$2,061,900 some odd dollars."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Just for an update sake, Mr. Coslett. Approximately how many families will actually utilize this buy out?"

**Mr. Coslett** said, "Well, when the grant application was sent in I think we were looking at 33 families and 38 pieces of property and again, I mentioned when I was up here before, it is strictly a voluntary thing. Some of those people could chose, at the last minute to change their mind, but we'll have X number of dollars for the grant and if some drop out and we have others who decide they want to and they meet the qualifications of a target area then it can be adjusted some to take care of those. So we hope to make it beneficial to the most people possible."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Understanding that all of the funds may not be used, does it revert back after a years time or..."

**Mr. Coslett** said, "I'm sorry, I can't tell you, but I think that's probably the case. I think that in dealing with the people in the State, and I spent the day up there



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yesterday working on this, I think they are going to work with us and try to get the very best and get the most people involved."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Any other questions? We have a Motion is there any other discussion? Call the vote please."

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much John. Next item please."

**J. REVISIONS TO CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING FISCAL YEAR 1996 SENIOR CARE ACT AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING.**

**Mr. Doug Russell**, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item before you is a mid-year amendment to the Senior Care Act which is in its fourth year of operation across the State. The Sedgwick/Harvey/Butler County area has the largest program and there was some leftover funding from last year. Those people, who last year had used over 95% of their funds were eligible to apply, so we applied. The bottom line on the thing is that we are wanting to initiate a more flexible set of services using some vendor designs supplementing our current contracts to target the most frail, which are those people who we have identified through our nursing home preassessment screening.

"The other piece of it is simply to help everyone else we can because there are still more people than money. It is basically a marvelous State program. Clients pay at least 20% of cost, which counts as part of our local share. The tri-county,

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through mill levy programs and other grants, has picked up the balance of our one dollar match and this program, we're asking for \$30,000 in state additional money, which the time you add in client fees and other matches is a total increase in the program size of \$45,747. So, I would ask that you approve the application to KDOA and I would be happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Doug. Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Good morning Doug, how are you? With the request of the \$30,491, this is in addition to a service that is already in place."

**Mr. Russell** said, "That's correct. We currently have a contract, state funded portion of \$313,000. So this is beyond that."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Okay, thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, thank you. Other questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the revisions and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye

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Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder      Aye  
Chairman Thomas G. Winters          Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much Doug."

**Mr. Russell** said, "Thank you Commissioner."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item please."

**K. BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE.**

**1. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM, INC. TO DEVELOP A CRISIS RESOLUTION SERVICE.**

**Ms. Shelly Duncan**, Director, Clinical Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a service that we've been working on for some time. It will serve both adults and children and we would ask for approval of this contract."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Could you just give, for the public's sake, a brief synopsis or over view?"

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Sure. This will be a service that the Mental Health Consortium of Kansas is doing a contract with us to provide crisis resolution services to serve approximately 157 individuals, who we're trying to divert from going into hospitalization using medicaid."

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**Commissioner Miller** said, "So it is a diversion program primarily."

**Ms. Duncan** said, "To divert from hospitalization."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Ultimately it does save some monies."

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Correct."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "And that's a definite positive. Okay, thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Alright thank you. Commissioners, any other questions? We have a Motion, is there any other discussion on the Motion? If not, call the vote."

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Next item

**2. AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS, INC. TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS.**

**Ms. Duncan** said, "This is just a straight affiliation agreement with Mental Health Association."

**Chairman Winters** said, "We've had this association before?"

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Correct, we've had the affiliation with them for some time now and they provide services actually to children and families, as well as adults with

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severe and persistent mental illness."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And this is a continuation of that contract?"

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Right."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, is there any discussion?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item please."

- 3. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS, INC. TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL/SUPPORT GROUPS TO CHILDREN GROWING UP IN HOMES WHERE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE IS A PROBLEM.**

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**Ms. Duncan** said, "This is basically support of their existing Pathways Program."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Is this a new program for us or a continuation?"

**Ms. Duncan** said, "This is a continuation."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Alright, Commissioners are there any questions about this program? Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Shelly, you said that it's basically in support of Pathways, so this is not the only funding that comes to Pathways, just a portion of it."

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Correct. It is identified to serve children who are severely emotionally disturbed or at risk."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Specifically targeting into that group."

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Correct."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Thank you. No further questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item please."

**4. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS, INC. TO PROVIDE CHILDREN'S COMPEER SERVICES TO TWENTY CLIENTS.**

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Again, this is a continuation of a contract and this particular program again works with children who have a serious emotional disturbance."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And again, this is a continuing contract?"

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Correct."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, any questions? What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, "We have a Motion and a second, is there any

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discussion?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "I do have a comment. Shelly, with the Compeer program providing services to this group of individuals, what would be an example of a service that would be provided by Compeer because I think it is definitely specialized."

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Correct. Compeer basically matches an adult friend, if you will, with a child who has a severe emotional disturbance and as a volunteer the adult commits approximately an hour a week to spend with this child or adolescent in some sort of a recreational setting."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Okay, so it's not; well, we could say mentoring or it is definitely relationship related, and it's a positive. Thank you."

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Correct."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Any other questions? What's the will of the Board?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I think we have a Motion."

**Chairman Winters** said, "We do? Alright, thank you. If there is no other discussion, call the vote."

### VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye



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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Next item please."

**5. CONTRACT WITH MID AMERICA PARENTS TO PROVIDE INTENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY SERVICES TO FAMILIES WITH SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN.**

**Ms. Duncan** said, "This also is a continuation of a contract for parent advocacy services. However, this particular parent advocacy group has just become incorporated. They were involved before with another entity. They have broken away and become their own organization."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, so it's kind of the same program only with a slightly different group?"

**Ms. Duncan** said, "It's actually about the same group, most of the staff are the same."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, very good. Commissioners, any questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

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**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item please."

**6. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MMK INC. FOR SPACE AT 2916 EAST CENTRAL TO HOUSE THE CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM.**

**Ms. Duncan** said, "This is the newest addition to the Children's program within COM Care. This will be a day treatment program, partial hospital program, utilizing a therapeutic classroom setting."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay. Commissioners any discussion or questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Lease Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Next item. Shelly's done at last."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Shelly's done, but before you leave I do have a kind of comment. Could you, and maybe Debbie Donaldson could help us with this, give us the total amount that we spend, we, Sedgwick County, actually fund in the area of children's services, because it's obvious that we are definitely committed and vested and we do provide an array of services in this arena."

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Correct. The budget for children's services is approximately a little less than \$2,000,000."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Okay."

**Ms. Duncan** said, "And we provide services throughout the community and with a number of different affiliates who we contract or subcontract with."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "And that was what we were renewing or continuing this morning, the majority of them were."

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Correct."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Excellent. Thank you."

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Excellent. Thank you. Thank you Commissioner. Now we're ready to shift gears, next item please."

### **L. PRESENTATION OF A REPORT REGARDING A GIS PLAN TO SUPPORT TRANSITION MAPPING ACTIVITIES.**

**Mr. Scott McBride**, Director, Geographic Information System (GIS), greeted the Commissioners and said, "For the benefit of our viewers, I would like to give just about a three minute background of what this is to kind of put it in context and

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show some slides of what we have. This map, which you see, has been available at the Clerk's Office for some time, it has a great deal of detail in here. These maps have been put together using records, deeds, subdivision plats, and other instruments that are recorded and what-not to put these maps together. They are a product that have been available to the public. Many people, many agencies, both publicly and privately have come to rely upon these. This is a product that is very much to be proud of. These have been produced historically in the Clerk's Office. They've been drawn by hand manually, a very time and labor intensive sort of a process.

“Recently, the Clerk has been looking at putting these and generating these by computer. In that context, she's made a great deal of progress in producing these by computer in a software package called Auto CAD. At the same time, the Appraiser's Office, as a result of reappraisal, has been involved in doing some mapping for evaluation purposes under the direction of reappraisal. We have been trying to increase the accuracy of these maps for their purposes and in doing so they, some years ago, engaged in a process to increase the accuracy of these maps for their purposes. In the process and in the evolution of this there have been many changes, but what's happened is they embarked on creation of a GIS, a Geographic Information System. Just conceptually what the Geographic Information System is, is it combines maps in a computer with technology with information that is available in computer spread sheets, data bases and the like kind of thing. What does that allow us to do?

"Earlier, you heard a presentation from Fire Chief Curmode about possibly placing a new fire station. He talked a lot about response times. Those are the kinds of things that a static map that is drawn by hand, you can't do a what if scenario, you can't analyze numerically what those relationships among those things are. One of the things that a Geographic System will allow you to be able to do is say what are those response times. We'll work out a what if scenario. If we put in a subdivision with 600 houses in here, what impact would that have on the delivery of services and those kinds of things. The GIS offered a lot of enhancements, a lot of benefits that would not only be of use to the Appraiser's Office, but would be

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of use to the County in general.

"So as part of this project, the Appraiser and the staff of the mapping department in the Appraiser's Office embarked upon getting this GIS together with contributions from the Clerk, from planning and other departments. They started to create these maps, first by maintaining some accuracy and establish a good relationship between where these boundaries are in legal terms, in numbers, in meets and boundaries within the survey, where they are physically on the ground. They started with aerial photography and this is today, what we have available in the County in terms of aerial photography. Eighty-nine, we have paper copies of aerial photography, in ninety-four, a contract flew the City of Wichita metropolitan area, and you see in this outline form right here these areas were flown and they produced digital maps.

"Maps which were in the computer, which though you could produce them on a display terminal or print them out if you like. Ninety-five, Sedgwick County engaged with that same contractor to fly those areas where there was a lot of development and growth, where there had been a lot of change since the last maps that we had. So you have available to us in digital form, aerial photos that are contained within that metropolitan area of Sedgwick County and also the areas in dark blue that you see a bunch of high growth and high development.

"Starting with those photographs, the Appraiser's Office engaged in putting those parcel boundaries, the descriptions that you have on top of those and entering that information into the computer so that it is in a form that you can actually use. They started that very long process, at one time there were three shifts engaged in that process, very laborious, taking those photos, drawing the boundaries on, putting on the dimensions that were needed. They then took those drawings and put them into a computer form. They digitized them. They'll take a little computer device and put it up on a display panel and it will enter that information into the computer so it is useful. This has been underway.

"The status that is in right now, this entire County has been drawn. We've gone

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through that very laborious process. We are within 18 sections of digitizing all of that information, putting it into the computer so that it is available for use. So you see the very dark spots are the ones that remain to be done. I anticipate probably before the end of February that process will be completed. What you have at this point, in the genesis and the creation of the GIS Department a very auspicious event, you have the potential that you didn't have before of getting spacial accuracy that wasn't available before on computers and combining it with the details and the information that came off those deeds and plats and subdivision and so right now we have those boundaries captured in the computer.

"Well what about the rest of the details? The street names, the numbers identifying with dimensions what those lots are, the lot numbers, the easements, the right of ways, what about the features that were on those maps that I originally showed you. Those aren't in there yet. We are under part of this GIS start up. We engaged, the County engaged in a contract with a company out of Kansas City and the first phase of this process of adding what we call annotation, the features, the lot lines, those kinds of things, the dimensions. We're under contract right now and that process of adding those features is under way.

"Right here, this pink rectangle, contains approximately 90,000 parcels. We are under contract for them to do it. We chose the heart of the City because the density, that's the harder work, there's more detail, we'll get more for our money having them do that hard stuff than we would if we started in other places in the County. This is also contiguous, it makes a nice rectangle.

"The dark red writing here are maps that have been sent to the contractor. They have been completed by the contractor and they have been returned by the contractor. The one in the kind of orangish color, we prepared those maps, registered them to the aerial photos and sent them up there. They are somewhere up in the process in that pipeline of being completed. When this process is completed in this rectangle, we anticipate in-house continuing this process of adding on features to the computer form into the GIS system. In-house we will engage doing the rest of the County and we expect that work will be initiated

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probably sometime in March of this year. We are making an estimate right now that it will probably take about 18 months.

"Now one thing that is important to understand, what I call, phase two, phase one and phase two, this does not include all of the details and all of the information that was displayed on those original maps that are in cases down in the Clerk's Office that the people have come to expect. Those features, particularly right-of-ways and easements, were not necessary for purposes of this contract that we originally set out for evaluation purposes. Those features are very useful and very beneficial to public works, to public and private enterprises they are very much worth having.

"Unfortunately, those were not in the original design. As we have gone down the road we've learned more about what we should have done, could have done. Those are things that it's desirable to have in there and that is what I would call phase three of this annotation process. Would be to embark on adding the easements, adding the right of ways, to the entire County and getting that concluded.

"Now the report that I presented to you is basically one that says how are we going to make the transition, how are we going to continue to support the needs that are there, continue to support the services that have been available, people have become accustomed to, those that are required by statute or just simply by institutional practices. What is it that needs to get done and how are we going to do that in the transition to the GIS Department in this consolidation. This represents one phase of getting that complete map in there and put together for purposes of the GIS, but we have, when it is complete, we will have the best of both worlds.

"We will have the spacial accuracy that we desire that is useful to most of our purposes, we will also have all the features, all of the details, all of the items that are desirable that we would need to have up to what we currently have. There are other layers that other departments may want to add to it later, such as flood plains or we talked about response time for EMS. There is other information that we may

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be adding to this base so you can use it for other purposes. We have basically two prongs to this approach to dealing with the problem, one is the plan that I just presented, going County wide, adding the first layer of annotation, coming back and adding the easements and right of ways and the rest of the details.

"The other prong would be taking the maps that are currently produced by hand and are available. When they need to be updated now, if there are minor changes they will just, with pen and ink, make minor changes. When you have subdivisions or you have accumulated a number of changes there comes to be a point where they need to be redrawn. At that point, we, rather than redrawing them by hand, we will produce those to the standards that we are talking about equal to phase three. We will get the spacial accuracy that we have with the digitizing process. We will add all of the features that are desirable, including easements and right-of-ways. That will be kind of a hit and miss process, that will probably coincide a lot with those high development, high growth areas, which you see in dark blue.

"So we will be adding that in areas where there is a lot of interest, a lot of growth, a lot of development. When you need to redraw those maps, we will add all of the features. At some point, these two will converge and overlap. As we start in on this other prong of adding that second layer of annotation, we will start overlapping in these areas and those two projects when completed will come up to that layer.

"What you have before you is a report on how we are going to accomplish that, how we are going to support those maps. I would like to recommend that the Commissioners receive that report and file. I'd be happy to answer any questions that anybody might have."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, thank you Scott. Do any Commissioners have any questions of Scott at this time? Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I guess just a general or generic question, Scott. We asked for this presentation because we were concerned with some of the Clerk's concerns about these maps and how this was going to work. Would people still be



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able to get the kinds of information from her office that she is able to get them now and I would like your response to that question. I know it's in the information you gave us, but do you believe you can address the concerns that the Clerk has expressed regarding her service to the public."

**Mr. McBride** said, "I believe so, and I would like to emphasize the question that you brought up. We anticipate providing every map, every service that is currently available. There is no plan to discontinue support for any of those unless replaced by something that is better. So before you is a proposal to meet that and as we have discovered in this world that things change continually, we are very flexible. If there are other needs that come up as priorities change and what-not, we can revisit it, the proposal that I've put forward. I will continue to meet with the GIS Advisory Committee, which consists of the Clerk, the Appraiser, Director of Information Services and the Director of the Bureau of Public Works to get their feedback so that we can correct this course in any way that is necessary. But we absolutely will continue to provide every map that is currently available."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Scott. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Schroeder, did that answer your question?"

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Any other questions Commissioners?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

### **VOTE**

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Absent at Vote
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, very much. Next item please."

### **M. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.**

**Mr. Larry Jecha**, Director/Health Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you is the monthly report for December for the Sedgwick County Health Department. I'll highlight just a few of those. World AIDS Day - we were involved in not only the education area, but we also provided 92 free HIV tests. Additional staff were recruited to draw blood and help provide counseling. We had one positive result from that day. It was a good turnout. We had good results.

"During the year, we've confirmed there were 30 new cases of tuberculosis. That is the same that we had in '94. The main difference is our higher numbers are mostly from the homeless community and individuals with drug and alcohol compromised capabilities. From this, these type of individuals task our people even more in making sure they do have the proper drug therapy. Hopefully, this is a high level, we saw tuberculosis going up and doubling each year and plateaued it looks like we're at about 30 cases. We hope to see this starting to go down a bit, but we'll see. Less federal funds will probably be put into this area in the future so we'll keep you informed of what's going on with tuberculosis in the community.

"Staff members invested a lot of time in training for a new computer system during the month of December. We are finally up on line and hopefully stay that way with the new computer system. It's a big learning curve and I think the staff has accepted it well. It's always a change when you have a new system and I think they're finding out this system is much better than the old system. They've really been good troops about it and I appreciate it.

"Our Immunization Task Force, which is a joint community task force is planning for activities for the next year and this year, I think, they can be proud of the

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accomplishments and immunizations in the community. With Operation Immunize they did a community wide assessment of what we need to do to improve immunizations. We've implemented some of those, like increased hours and hopefully next year we can implement a few more of those. We're going to be getting on with a local ad campaign with the Ronald McDonald House in the next year and they will also participate in Operation Immunize and those sorts of things, so we're looking forward to another good year.

"During December, agreements were negotiated with three providers for our new Kansas Breast and Cervical Center Initiative and this new program is designed to dovetail with the Susan B. Komen Foundation efforts. Now, women under age 50 will be handled with Susan B. Komen as before. Those over 50 will be with a new program. There won't be that much difference except age. The programs will be very similar, the only difference really is the name of the program. Looking forward to this service being in our community.

"Environmental Health, deleting the 29th and Meade "Superfund" is still on hold. As you know it has to be in the Federal Register and then 30 days of public response time because of the federal shut down, it hasn't made it there yet. I'll keep you informed as that goes on.

"KDHE has completed the review of the Brook's Landfill Sampling Analysis Plan that we submitted. We are in compliance and we should receive official notification from them this month. The one area of concern was with the wells that showed minor contamination. It's all contained and we're working with consultants and KDHE on the next step to do on those in that small area.

"After conducting public hearings and receiving written comments, the KDHE denied the appeal of Kansas Trash and Recycling for reinstating their air permit.

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So that incinerator at 625 E. Gilbert will no longer be used for incineration.

"Each year, as you know, we have a migrating crow population. There are always a lot of complaints. We did have a meeting in December with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the City of Wichita Park Department to discuss the problem. Wildlife and Parks is going to take a more active role in education elements of the people and the Environmental Health staff will still work to "re-locate" the crow populations as we can with the manpower that we have to non-populated areas. This year, I asked our staff if the complaints seemed to be down, I think it is because we've had a warmer year than usual until now. That is a perennial problem.

"During the month of December, we kicked off our Community Health Assessment Process (CHAP) in conjunction with WSU and KU Medical School. You may have seen, we've had a lot of town meetings and meetings out in the County, doing this for anyone listening in, we do have a City-Line now. The Eagle provided us a City-Line we call in to 436-1200 and it is called CHAP. Anyone can call that and right now you can use number one and you can leave comments, number four you can get an overview of the CHAP program, and we're going to get two and three in the next few days. Keep calling into that and get more information if anyone wants to know about or has health concerns in the community they can leave them on that line for us. Appreciate it. With that, I'll open up for comments."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, very much, Dr. Jecha. Commissioners, are there any comments or questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

### **VOTE**

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much Doctor. Next item please."

**N. CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES (DESIGN) WITH BOOKER ASSOCIATES, INC. OF KANSAS FOR EIGHT BRIDGES. DISTRICTS #3 AND #4.**

**Mr. David Spears**, P.E., Director, Bureau of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item N is an agreement with Booker Associates of Kansas to design eight bridges this year. Six of them will be constructed next year and the other two will be funded, 80%, with federal funds and are at least three years away from construction. The two federally funded bridges are on 53rd Street North over the big Arkansas River and the little Arkansas River.

"For the record, all eight bridges are in the Capital Improvement Program and are designated as B-276, 278, 280, 282, 285, 288, 269, and 270. These bridge locations are shown in red on the map. We will design another 17 bridges in house. These bridge locations are shown in green on the map.

"The total contract with Booker Associates is \$503,400 which includes surveying, hydrology, geology, and design. Except for the Federally funded bridges the agreement stipulates a deadline of November 1, 1996, for completion of final plans. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you David."

**MOTION**

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Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, "We have a Motion and a second. Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "David, with the federally funded bridges, what's their deadline?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "Those take longer because they have to all be reviewed by KDOT and there are other projects ahead of those, so they'll have to review other projects ahead of them in line."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Is there a deadline?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "There is no deadline on those, because we're at the mercy of KDOT on those and we can't tell the consultant that they have to finish them at a certain time because they will be waiting on KDOT. We will monitor that."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Certainly. Now, what's the, in terms of the CIP, what's the tentative date that both of those large bridges are to be built on 53rd across the large Arkansas and the small."

**Mr. Spears** said, "I'd say you're probably at least three to five years away."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Three to five years out. Okay, thank you."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Mr. Chairman, if you please. Dave, is that one dot in my district?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "Yes, sir."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Great."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, are there any other questions of David as he presents his bridge program for 1997 - really, designed in '96 and some of them are built in '97. Is there any other discussion? Call the vote please."

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much David."

**Mr. Spears** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item please."

**O. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JANUARY 25, 1996 REGULAR MEETING.**

**Mr. Darren Muci**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you the minutes from the January 25th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are three items for consideration this morning."

**(1) UNIFORMS CONTRACT - FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

"Item one is a uniform contract extension for the Fire Department. You will note that we are recommending the one year contract renewal with Industrial Uniform for an estimated amount of \$28,200 in purchases for the 1996 fiscal year."

**(2) UNIFORMS CONTRACT - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

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**FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

"Item two is a uniform contract renewal for Emergency Medical Services. We would recommend a one year contract renewal with Baysinger Police Supply for uniforms estimated at \$40,000 for the 1996 fiscal year.

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**(3) ELECTRICAL MODIFICATIONS 12TH FLOOR - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**  
**FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

"Item three, electrical modifications for the 12th Floor for Emergency Communications and the Bureau of Central Services, it is moved to reject the only bid received as it was for more than the project that was allocated and re-bid at a later date.

"I would recommend that you approve the recommendations are presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, "We have a Motion and a second. Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Darren, I noticed a difference in a change that we spend in '95 for uniforms opposed to what we're having to spend in '96, is there any explanation for that kind of growth?"

**Mr. Muci** said, "Commissioner, I'm sorry I do not have a good answer for you at



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this particular time. I believe it is based upon projected growth and the uniforms that we have, or the components of the uniforms. I believe it is expected that there will be additional purchases. Trousers, shirts, et cetera, the basic uniforms that are needed. But I will work with those departments and get an answer for you."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay, I didn't know if it was our departments or whether it was just the suppliers?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "About the Fire Department?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "It was about both, I mean one and two, the Fire Department spent \$19,000 for uniforms last year and \$28,000 this year, and EMS spent \$23,000 last year and we have a bid in front of us for \$40,000. I am not aware that those departments, either one, is growing that much, it just must be the suppliers?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I don't have an explanation for EMS but we'll get you that one. For the Fire Department, we have approved the extra board concept which would provide seasonal employees to wear shorts during the season when grass fires are prevalent and we would have more people having access to uniforms and equipment. That would be an explanation for that one."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay, thank you. Thanks Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Schroeder."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Mr. Chairman, if you please. Mr. Manager have we not also expanded our types of uniforms. Like in the Fire Department we have allowed them to go to shorts, so my guess is that you're going to have trousers and shorts so that could make some difference would be my guess."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Right, that would. I don't know why EMS is going up except we have hired a few more people for some partial coverage for Derby."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Could it have been that we bought an extreme amount or a large bulk of clothing at one time and now those are wearing out, is

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my guess."

**Mr. Muci** said, "That's possible."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Are you comfortable voting on this and getting your answer later or..."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I would suppose because I think the Bid Board probably asked the same questions or considered it and, yeah, I'll go ahead and vote on it."

**Chairman Winters** said, "We'll go ahead on the Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts, but Darren, if you could provide the Commissioners with some back up on these two items, I'd really appreciate that."

**Mr. Muci** said, "I'll do that."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Any other discussion?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "If not Mr. Chairman, I approve we accept the recommendations..."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I think we've already got one, I'm sorry. Commissioner Hancock made the Motion and Commissioner Schroeder seconded it."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Again?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "We have a Motion, I shouldn't have called for another Motion, it was my fault. Any other discussion about the uniforms?"

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Since Dave and I didn't get any bridges, can we get uniforms?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "Call the vote please."

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**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**P. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**1. Right-of-Way Easements.**

The following tracts of land have been granted by Easement for Right-of-Way at no cost to the County. These Easements were requested by the Director, Bureau of Public Services, prior to the approval of Platting Exemptions.

- a. Road Number 827-C, Owners: George L. Clark, Manager, C & C Land Development, LLC, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, more specifically located on the east side of 47th Street East (Oliver) and south of 109th Street North. Grant Township. District #4.
- b. Road Number 827-C, Owners: George L. Clark, Manager, C & C Land Development, LLC, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, more specifically located on the east side of 47th Street East (Oliver) and south of 109th Street North. Grant Township. District #4.

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- c. Road Number 827-C, Owners: George L. Clark, Manager, C & C Land Development, LLC, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, more specifically located on the east side of 47th Street East (Oliver) and south of 109th Street North. Grant Township. District #4.
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- e. Road Number 779-R, Owners: Gregory A. Gegen and Victoria K. Gegen, located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 27 South, Range 4 West, more specifically located on the west side of 327th St. West and north of 21st St. North. Grand River Township. District #3.

### **2. Right-of-Way Instruments.**

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 608-19; 45th Street North between Maize Road and 119th Street West. CIP #R-215. District #4.
- b. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 817-G through N½ J; Meridian from the north city limits of Wichita to the south city limits of Valley Center. CIP #R-169. District #4.

### **3. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

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<b><u>Contract Number</u></b>	<b><u>Rent Subsidy</u></b>	<b><u>District Number</u></b>	<b><u>Landlord</u></b>
V96007	\$145.00	4	Brentwood Apartments
V96008	\$323.00	2	Sarah Lane Apartments
V96006	\$179.00	1	Mt. Hope Community Development

4. **The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are being amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to a change in the income level of the participating client.**

<b><u>Contract Number</u></b>	<b><u>Old Amount</u></b>	<b><u>New Amount</u></b>
V95029	\$425.00	\$425.00
C871015	\$196.00	\$185.00
V94012	\$446.00	\$486.00
C94010	\$290.00	\$190.00
V95031	\$163.00	\$251.00
C96002	\$297.00	\$300.00
V95065	\$129.00	\$425.00
V94100	\$202.00	\$417.00

5. **Agreement with City of Augusta to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**

6. **Application for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.**

<b><u>Applicant Name</u></b>	<b><u>d/b/a</u></b>
Bernard J. Berning	Pizza Villa

7. **Order dated January 17, 1996 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

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**8. Plats.**

Approved by the Bureau of Public Services. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 1995 and prior years are paid for the following plats:

**Calvary Baptist Church Addition  
Isham Addition**

**9. Consideration of the Check Register of January 26, 1996.**

**10. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
960050	Finance General Commuty Development	Transfer
960051	District Court Judges	Transfer
960052	1996 Capital Projects Fund	SupplementalAppropriation
960053	Road and Bridge Sales Tax	Transfer
960054	Road and Bridge Sales Tax	SupplementalAppropriation
960055	Forensic Science Center	Appropriation Reduction
960057	1995 Capital Projects Fund	Appropriation Reduction
960058	PBC Bond Issue 1995 Series A	SupplementalAppropriation
960059	PBC Bond Issue 1995 Series A	Transfer
960060	Mental Health	Transfer

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "You have the consent agenda before you and I recommend you approve it."

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Q. OTHER**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, is there any other business to come before this Board?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Yes, there is Mr. Chairman."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Miller moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess

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into Executive Session for 30 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and for personnel matters of non-elected personnel and return no sooner than 12:15.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Let the record show that we are back in session and no binding action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Plummer, do you have anything to add?"

**Mr. Steve Plummer**, County Counselor, said, "As you all know, one of the things Sedgwick County gets involved in is medical care. We do that in the context of mental health cases, we get into that context with inmates. I have in front of me a claim by Via Christi in the amount of \$898,591.31. That is a claim for medical treatment rendered to patients hospitalized under mental petitions or alcohol petitions or mental health petitions.

"Due to the good work of Debbie Donaldson, she has negotiated that claim down to the amount of \$250,000 payable in two equal installments. It is my recommendation that you accept the compromise of that \$898,000 claim in the



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amount of \$250,000 and authorize the payment of that claim."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to accept the compromise of the \$898,591.31 claim in the amount of \$250,000 and authorize payment of that claim.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Anything else Mr. Plummer?"

**Mr. Plummer** said, "That's all."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Does anyone else have any business to come before this Board? Thank you. We are adjourned."

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Chairman  
Third District

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**MELODY C. MILLER**, Chairman Pro Tem  
Fourth District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Commissioner  
First District

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**PAUL W. HANCOCK**, Commissioner  
Second District

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**MARK F. SCHROEDER**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Susan E. Crockett-Spoon**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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