

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 27, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 27, 1999 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Bill Hancock; with the following present: Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Economic Development Specialist, Department of Housing and Economic Development; Ms. Karen Leslie, Administrative Officer, Information Services; Dr. Corrie L. May, Coroner- Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Captain Bob Henshaw, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Human Services; Ms. Tonya Junod, Coordinator, S.I.D.S. of Kansas; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department; Ms. Anita Nance, Interim Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Mark R. Borst, P.E., Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Rabbi Pincus Aloof, of the Ahavath Achim Hebrew Congregation.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner Gwin was absent.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, January 6, 1999.**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of January 6, 1999.

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioners, you have received a copy of the Minutes, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 1999.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item please."

APPOINTMENT

A. APPOINTMENT.

- 1. RESIGNATION OF JAMES D. MINER FROM THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD (MAPC).**

Mr. Richard A. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this resignation has been tendered and it is requested that you accept it."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you Mr. Euson."

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item please."

2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING BERNARD A. HENTZEN (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE MAPC.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we have prepared a Resolution which would appoint Mr. Hentzen to the vacancy just created. This is for a term to expire on August 31, 1999. The Resolution is in proper form and ask that you accept it."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay. Thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Mr. Hentzen is here and if you would like to come forward, we'll get you sworn in."

Ms. Linda Leggett, County Clerk's Office, said, "If you'll raise your right hand and after I finish say I do swear.

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Metropolitan Area Planning Commission Advisory Board, so help me God."

Mr. Bernard Hentzen said, "I do."

Chairman Hancock said, "We want 20 minutes from you right now in a comment. Just kidding. Bud, I want to thank you for taking the time to serve on the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. It is certainly an important responsibility. I know the Board of County Commissioners, for those of you who don't know, right closely with the Commission in many things that we do."

Mr. Hentzen said, "First of all, I thank the Commissioners for this appointment. I'll do a good job, or I'll try to do a good job. There are some important things coming up, as you know, transfer stations, sewer plants, the siting of them, the Northwest Expressway, and a million other things that we do have to consider. I'll try to do you a good job."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item please."

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NEW BUSINESS

B. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE #161.

Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Economic Development Specialist, Department of Housing and Economic Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I stand before you this morning to present the annual report of Foreign-Trade Zone #161, otherwise known as the Sedgwick County Foreign-Trade Zone. The federal government requires that grantees of all foreign-trade zones in the United States submit a report annually, detailing activities that has occurred in that project over the preceding year. The federal fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30, and that is what this report will cover. It will cover the 1998 federal fiscal year.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

“Over the past year, I’m happy to tell you that our zones project pretty well held its own. It did a little bit better than that. Most people are aware that inland ports do not see the activity in international trade that ports on the coast see, so if you have any activity whatsoever, particularly if you are not one of the few major hub cities with an inland port, you do not see as much activity as you would on the coast.

“This morning, what I want to do is to give you a brief summary of what our project experience during 1998 and then, because most people aren’t aware there is a port in Sedgwick County, and those that do know there is a port, certainly, many do not know there is a foreign-trade zone right here. So for the benefit of the public, I would like to give a brief overview of the federal foreign trade zones project and then concentrate on the foreign-trade zone project in Sedgwick County.

“The year we are looking at is 1998. 1989 was the year we activated. During 1998, we continued to create public awareness of our foreign-trade zones project through partnerships with organizations that are involved in international trade. Primarily, that is the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing and the Kansas World Trade Center. Back in 1989, when we received our grant of authority, the purpose of doing the whole thing was to assist businesses. It was done simply as an economic development tool. Many businesses in our part of the state felt that they were not playing on a level playing field, not just with businesses internationally, but also domestic businesses that already had access to foreign-trade zones. The County stepped forward to provide this very important benefits to businesses that are involved in international trade and we did concentrate on that in 1998.

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“We took on a new partner last year, that was the Salina Airport Authority. That community, over the years, has wanted to provide access to a foreign-trade zone. However, Salina doesn’t have a port and all foreign-trade zones are located either at or adjacent to a customs port of entry. We worked with the Salina Airport Authority and came to a mutual agreement that, probably, the most expedient thing we could do to help them would simply be to expand our project north to Salina. This is permitted by federal regulations. You can extend a project, either 60 miles, or an hour and a half drive from the edge of the port. I actually got in the car one day, with a port director, and we drove to Salina to confirm that it was an hour and a half drive. We made it in considerably less time than that.

“As I said, people have no idea what foreign-trade zones are. What are foreign-trade zones? Foreign-trade zones are locations that actually exist within the United States but, for duty purposes, are considered outside customs territory. All foreign-trade zones have one thing in common. They are located either at or adjacent to a port, a customs port of entry. Clearly, that is a port you can see by the ship and the waterways. It is a deep water port on the coast. This is where most activity occurs. However, all ports are not the same. You can see that this is also a port, it is an inland port. If you are aware of our geography at all, you wouldn’t know that this was Mid-Continent Airport. Sedgwick County has a customs port of entry, at Mid-Continent Airport.

“The one thing we know about foreign-trade zones is that, no matter where they’re located within the United States, you can do anything within these zones that you could outside the United States. Clearly, this is an oriental city and anything that could be done there, for the most part, can be done in foreign-trade zones in the United States.

“Why do we have foreign-trade zones? Well, the program was developed in 1934, during the Depression, to help create jobs and investments in the United States. It was a very forward-looking project. Zones create jobs. For every 100 jobs that are created within a foreign-trade zone, a direct job, another 167 jobs are created outside the zone. In other words, they are spin-offs. Just as when we recommend a tax exemption for a company that is creating businesses, we know that if that business creates 20 jobs within itself, that there may be 30 or more jobs outside that will be created because of that investment. Over the years, there have been 190,000 direct jobs created in foreign-trade zones. The spin-off effect of that was over half a million additional jobs in the United States outside the zones.

“The zones program started out very small in 1934. By 1970, there were only 10 foreign-trade zones throughout the United States. But by 1995, that had increased to 209 foreign-trade zones, and there have been more since then.

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“Zones, in 1995, had been used by 2,600 firms. These were not all large firms. Many were small firms. They just figured out that the program could benefit them and so they took advantage of it. Ninety percent of firms that use foreign-trade zones are actually based in the United States. Many of them are able to stay in the United States because of the foreign-trade zones program. But 75% of all goods that are admitted to foreign-trade zones are actually domestic goods, they’re not imported goods. We think of imported goods when we think of foreign-trade zones, but most of the goods that flow through zones in the United States are actually domestic. However, we have considerable exports from the zones. This is what we like to see. Annually, exports from foreign-trade zones exceed \$12,000,000,000. It is a big economic impact.

“What are the benefits? I’m going to go through this very quickly, because you can read it as it comes up and I don’t want to go into too much detail this morning, but I’ll be happy to visit or answer questions that anybody has. It allows you to buy products at world prices. You can also store duty-free products in foreign-trade zones, reduce insurance on cargo because you don’t have to insure the duty that would be paid if you put it in a foreign-trade zone, reduce tariffs. The bottom of the screen shows that there are many things that can be done in foreign-trade zones. You can store, test, display, destroy, and if you re-export out of a zone, it hasn’t actually entered customs territory, you don’t pay any duty at all. This is a big benefit.

“This is the Sedgwick County Foreign-Trade Zone. If you’ve had an opportunity to drive along South Hoover Road, if you’ve gone by the Garvey Industrial Park, you’ll see the sign. It was Foreign-Trade Zone #161. That is the Sedgwick County Foreign-Trade Zone. We had the whole industrial park designated a foreign-trade zone. However, because the project is very small at this point, we’ve only had a portion of the park activated, and it is building five.

“We received our grant of authority in 1989. That photograph, which you just briefly saw, appeared in a publication that the Chamber of Commerce had printed. I think it is titled, ‘Coming Home-Going Global.’ That picture was of the manager of the foreign-trade zone with some products that was stored.

“Not all businesses can take advantage of a general purpose foreign-trade zone, such as we have out at the Garvey Industrial Park, so the feds had made allowances to allow for sub-zones. Sub-zones are foreign-trade zones that are restricted to a single plant site. The Sedgwick County Foreign-Trade Zone has two of these. Here’s the first one. It was activated in 1994. It is Abbott Labs, which is a pharmaceutical firm in McPherson. The second one, if you’ve ever gone up the Turnpike, you might recognize the El Dorado Refinery. That’s our second one.

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“We’ll tell you a little bit about what’s ahead, during 1999, for our project. We will continue our partnership with Salina. We anticipate, next month, being able to file an application to actually expand our zone project to Salina. In the spring, we will be holding a seminar. The purpose of the seminar is to educate the public and businesses on the benefits of foreign-trade zones. We will continue assistance to businesses. After all, this is the whole purpose of the project. We will continue the development of partnerships. Currently, we partner with the Kansas World Trade Center. We also partner with the Kansas Department of Commerce. Those two agencies helped us develop a mailing list for our brochure. That is another accomplishment of 1998. We put together a new brochure, updated it, and through the assistance of other agencies that are involved in international trade, we were able to make available and to distribute the brochure. We have that available for anyone and any business that might want one.

“One challenge that we’ve had for a number of years, and in 1999 we’re going to be working to overcome the handicap, and that is we need to develop the capability to unload containers and load containers onto rail cars. There is only one place in the State of Kansas that can do that, at this time, and that is in Kansas City. We need to have that capability here and we will be working on that over the coming years.

“If anybody would like more information about our project, I can send out a brochure. We can do cost benefit analysis to see if it makes sense for them to utilize the foreign-trade zone. They can call the Division of Community Development at 383-8270. That concludes my report. I would answer questions. I would, at this time, like to thank Irene Hart, the Director of Community Development and Sharon Schnieder, who is with the Chamber, for giving me assistance with the presentation.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Louanna. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Louanna, I know we’ve just started, but at this time, have we actually created any new jobs yet that we can talk about?”

Ms. Burress said, “In Sedgwick County, as a direct result of the foreign-trade zone, probably no more than a couple. That would be within the zone itself, if we’re talking about that. The company that operates the zone has to have personnel to do the work. But there are businesses that have used the zone and, for example, the pharmaceutical firm. Even though they are a sub-zone, they use the general purpose zone. They have ingredients and product that they use in their pharmaceuticals sitting in the foreign-trade zone. Because when you receive goods from overseas, you may expect to get it next week but it may be next month or six months. You never know for sure. So what Abbott Laboratories does, is they have product admitted to our general purpose zone. It just sits there, duty free, until they need it and then they can get it in a matter of hours.

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“What I consider an interesting benefit to Abbott Labs and Abbott is, I believe, the second largest employer in McPherson. They have almost 600 employees at this time. The inverted tariff, which I didn’t mention, is another significant benefit and what that does is that allows you to bring components into a foreign-trade zone to put into another product. You can manufacture, or in the case of pharmaceuticals, they bring these ingredients in from overseas and they make pharmaceutical. When GAT was implemented, pharmaceuticals were exempted from duty. So that is good. You don’t need the foreign-trade zone. Well, actually that is not true, if you’re going to manufacture pharmaceuticals in the United States. So, what Abbott and other pharmaceutical companies do is, they bring the ingredients into a foreign-trade zone and, while it is in the zone, you don’t have to pay duty, okay. The duty on the ingredients would run anywhere from, like, two to twenty percent. The company then makes the pharmaceutical, they mix all the stuff together. Well, when you send it into the domestic market, you have a choice of paying duty on the ingredients or on the finished product. Since there is no duty on a finished pharmaceutical, they really save there, because they bring the ingredients in, which would otherwise have a duty, make a pharmaceutical, enter it in the customers territory, and they don’t have to pay duty at all. This does allow companies to do business in the United States that otherwise would be somewhere else.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner Sciortino. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. On the Salina Airport Authority, I thought we took action on that last year and you indicated the application will be filed in the spring of ‘99.”

Ms. Burress said, “Probably next month. It was just a matter of the Airport Authority working with the consultant who is actually drafting the application. They have to get certain information. It has to be put together, and they’re just now getting that done.”

Commissioner Winters said, “So that hasn’t been because of any of our delay, then.”

Ms. Burress said, “Oh no, absolutely not.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Any other questions or comments? Louanna, thank you for the presentation. I know we have Action to take, but I know the foreign-trade zone has kind of been your baby since 1989.”

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Ms. Burress said, "Since before it was born."

Chairman Hancock said, "I had the privilege of, when I came on, the Board and other Commissioners before me had worked on it and put it in order and you had, too. It is another opportunity for businesses here in Sedgwick County. I know, every year, more and more businesses take this opportunity to use the foreign-trade zone. Even better, is the expansion of our sub-zones. Is there a limit to the number of sub-zones a foreign-trade zone can implement?"

Ms. Burress said, "No. For example, the largest foreign-trade zone project in the United States is in Detroit, Michigan. Clearly, that is because of all the automobile manufacturers. Every automobile that is manufactured in the United States is manufactured in a foreign-trade zone. As long as you can prove or present to the federal government that there is a public benefit in creating these special purpose sub-zones or a foreign-trade zone, you can do it."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay. Thank you, again. Sharon, thank you for coming today. Commissioners, I'd entertain a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve submission of the Annual Report to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board and authorize the Chairman to sign a transmittal letter.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Thank you, again, Louanna. Next item please."

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C. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION TO STOP THE WESTERN RESOURCES ELECTRIC RATES DISPARITY.

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The old phrase 'enough is enough' certainly fits the topic that I'm discussing this morning. Western Resources operates KPL (Kansas Power and Light) and KGE (Kansas Gas and Electric) as an integrated company for the benefit of all its customers. However, its customers here in Sedgwick County must pay higher rates for electricity. It is time to level the playing field. Pun intended. I have placed this Resolution on our agenda that, if approved, will urge the KCC to end this rates disparity. It also asks them to require a plan for the elimination of higher rates be made as a requirement of the proposed merger that Western Resources is seeking.

"I'd like to share some examples of what is happening here in Sedgwick County presently. A \$100 home electric bill for a KGE customer right here in Sedgwick County in Wichita, in Derby, only costs \$58 for a KPL customer. A \$500 commercial bill for a KGE customer only costs \$258 for a KPL customer. A \$10,000 bill for one of our manufacturers served by KGE only costs \$7,150 for a KPL customer. Now, the reason I'm bringing this Resolution to the Board at this time is because Sedgwick County might just become conspicuous by its silence on this matter. Some might get the idea that we don't have a problem with this. It is my belief that our County must speak in a loud, unified voice in order for us to be heard in Topeka. By the County joining with Wichita and other cities, such as Belle Aire, Maize, and Sedgwick, with the Wichita Chamber of Commerce, with companies such as Raytheon and Boeing, USD 259 and others, I am confident that the KCC and our legislatures will hear and understand, clearly, that we will not tolerate this rate disparity any longer."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Hancock seconded the Motion.

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Winters."

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Commissioner Winters said, "I'm going to be supportive of this and I want to thank Commissioner Sciortino for really bringing something that was, kind of, on our front burner right up to the front. I appreciate you making sure we do that, because we do need to join on and join the list of the City of Wichita, the Chamber and all of those others on this issue. I know this, and I don't mean to confuse the issue at all, but there was an article in the paper, just last week, that I found interesting about a proposed legislative action that Representative Douglas Johnson, from here in Wichita, is going to talk about, which I think is extremely interesting. It is talking about KGE and Western Resources taking Wolf Creek Power, during high peak times, and shipping it someplace else. I think that is as much of concern to me as anything. If we've been paying this premium for Wolf Creek Power since the Wolf Creek Power Plant was created and we're the ones that are paying the freight, I think in times of crunch time, we ought to be the first ones to draw on that power, instead of the last ones. I don't think I'm going to muddy up this Resolution today with this addition, but I think we need to keep a close watch on Representative Johnson's bill, that he passes, concerning the Wolf Creek Power.

"Again, I'm going to be supportive of this Resolution today, but I think there is a lot more to this issue than, really, we see at first glance. When you start talking about retail wheeling, then I think we're in kind of another issue. Clearly, our citizens and our businesses are at a disadvantage and I hope our voice will join the others. I appreciate Ben bringing this to the table. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I have to agree. I think we've been somewhat remiss and it is nice to see that new eyes and new minds, when they join us, are thinking and have some things ready to go. Appreciate Ben taking the time to do this. I know last summer we spent some days here on the third floor of the Courthouse in the dark. We agreed with our power provider to turn off some of our lights so that there would be enough to go around. With that in mind, there needs to be some parity in rates and needs to be some guarantees, as Commissioner Winters has said, that we are going to get what we pay for when we pay for that premium. I hope the City Council, the Mayor especially, those at the Chamber, I hope we do have success this year in working out a better idea for Wichita and the Sedgwick County area. It is important. It is hard to estimate the numbers of dollars that leave the area because of the parity that we're having to deal with. Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yes, I just have one additional comment. I plan on speaking with Representative Johnson this week. I’m leaving right now, after the meeting, going to Topeka and carrying this groundswell of discontent to our legislatures. My concern over that article that he talked about could be a bill that passed that says ‘okay, we’ll keep your rate disparity and guarantee you’re not going to have any brown outs’ and I’ll not be held hostage to that. I think we have to have rate parity and I think they should serve the KGE customers right here in the state that it is being generated from before they ship it out to another state. I would refuse to be held hostage to any kind of a bill that would pass, guaranteeing us no brown outs but making us forced to maintain this rate disparity.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Absolutely. Commissioners, any other comments?”

Commissioner Winters said, “I just have one other quick comment and this isn’t on this resolution necessarily, but just to let people know that Commissioners are active in Topeka. Commissioner Sciortino is on his way. Commissioner Gwin is there today. She is testifying this morning on legislation that effects Sedgwick County. I think that lends to the fact that I think we all plan to be pretty involved in Topeka this year. Thank you.

Chairman Hancock said, “Absolutely. Any other questions or comments? If not, I’d entertain a motion. I guess we have a motion. Is there any further discussion? If not, Clerk call the vote please.”

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Sciortino, appreciate it. Next item please.”

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D. AGREEMENT WITH QUIVIRA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK FEBRUARY 6, 1999 TO HOLD AN ESKIMO RUN.

Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a standard form agreement with the Boy Scouts for the annual Eskimo Run at Sedgwick County Park. The dates have been coordinated with the park superintendent. This is subject to payment of the use fees and the certificate of insurance being received, naming the Board of County Commissioners as additional insureds. We would recommend your approval.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you Jerry. Commissioners, discussion? If not, the Chair would entertain a motion.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, “I just have one comment. They’ll run this in any event, no matter what the weather?”

Mr. Harrison said, “Even if it is warm.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Okay. Next item please.”

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E. APPLICATIONS (SIX) FOR 1999 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS.

Mr. Harrison said, "It is that time of year, again, when we have the opportunity to review programs performed by Sedgwick County and to prepare those that are exemplary for submission to the National Association of Counties Achievement Award Program. We have six awards that we're requesting to be submitted. We have, as in past years, representatives from each of these organizations here to present you with a very brief presentation, in a couple of minutes, on what their program is about so you will know what we're submitting for consideration. I'd like to start with Public Relations."

! PUBLIC RELATIONS: COUNTY ON CAMERA Y2K INTERVIEW WITH KEN KEEN

Chairman Hancock said, "Good morning, Fred."

Mr. Fred Irvin said, "Good morning. Thanks, Jerry. Chairman Hancock, Commissioners, County on Camera is an interview segment that originates at the end of the Commission meeting. This particular segment that we submitted was with Ken Keen, the Director of Information Services on Y2K. Ken did such a wonderful job on that, the first Wednesday in December, that I thought that I would submit this. I would do the paperwork and put this in."

"You know, Y2K, P.R. practitioners will tell you that it is not just about technology, but it is also about communication. Ken Keen, in the words of Commissioner Sciortino on that particular interview, did an excellent job in presenting Y2K in plain old Kansas 'Kitchen English.' He really did break it down extremely well. He even had him miked with a labiovelar and he used the board here to make some of his points. I thought it was just worth it to submit this. Ken did such an excellent job. Also to show that Sedgwick County is extremely proactive, probably ahead of the curve in where we are in positioning ourself to be prepare for Y2K. That's the County on Camera segment, Y2K with Ken Keen. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them."

Chairman Hancock said, "Don't see any questions, Fred, thank you."

Mr. Harrison said, "Next we'd like to hear from COMCARE."

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**! COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE): REINVENTING
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY FINANCING**

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Human Services, said, This particular proposal is being submitted by COMCARE's Developmental Disability Organization. This is focusing on the change in funding. What had happened previously, as many of you are aware, funding was through grants. There was limited accountability and it seemed that, historically, things continued to happen over and over again. With the new finance plan, which was supported by the providers in the community, we really tied these dollars to individuals and their families, in terms of receiving the services, which increased accountability and also allowed individuals and their families to really have a choice, instead of being tied to an agency. If they in fact felt they could receive better services in another area, they in fact could go to the other provider and do that, because the dollars are really tied to them. That's what the CDDO will be presenting."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Debbie. Any questions? Thank you, Debbie, appreciate it."

Mr. Harrison said, "Next we have the Purchasing Department."

**! PURCHASING: AUTOMATIC CREATION AND ISSUANCE OF KANSAS
SALES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES**

Mr. Darren Muci said, "Simply this application was a result of an effort to work with our State's Department of Revenue and Taxation. We discovered, about five years ago, that in many cases we were failing to adhere to one of the State's statutes regarding the acquisition of a sales tax exemption certificate. Our vendors were also failing in this regard. This showcases our ability to work slowly, carefully, and methodically with our State representatives and our State departments to identify the best method and new methods of adhering to the State statute. Our Information Services Department was just absolutely wonderful to work with. We took a look our in-house developed purchasing system and devised a method of very quickly, carefully, and effectively issuing the sales tax exemption certificates as we create and issue a purchase order. We had two staff members in our department that were quite involved and that was Linda Rangel, Administrative Specialist, and Ken Keen, Assistant Director. We were really proud of their involvement and we've seen tremendous savings, in time, as we worked through this process. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Darren. Commissioners, any questions or comments? Thank you, Darren."

Mr. Harrison said, "The next submission is Information Services."

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**! INFORMATION SERVICES: INTERACTIVE GOVERNMENT -
CITIZENS, GOVERNMENT AND THE INTERNET**

Ms. Karen Leslie, Administrative Officer, Information Services, said, “Our submission is on our on-line website for Sedgwick County. We felt that it was very unique, in that it provides 24 hour government to the citizens of Sedgwick County, and other citizens throughout the United States and potentially the world, as it is a global site. We feel that this is a very worthy project because it allows our citizens and other to be interactive. They can put their complaints, their concerns, their compliments on the site and those are registered and we can take action on them and it allows you immediate feed-back as to the projects that are going on in Sedgwick County. If you have any questions, I’d be available to answer them.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any questions? Thank you, Karen.”

Mr. Harrison said, “The next submittal is the Department of Corrections.”

! CORRECTIONS: JUVENILE FIELD SERVICES CASE MANAGEMENT

Mr. Mark Masterson, Corrections Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Last January, the County and Department of Corrections assumed responsibility from the State of Kansas for case management of juvenile offenders. This is a state responsibility that had previously been performed by the Department of Social Rehabilitation Services and as part of the Juvenile Justice Reform went over to the Juvenile Justice Agency. They contracted down to a local community.

“Between January and March, we were challenged with establishing an entire division to assume responsibility for 580 juvenile offenders and their families, come up with the policies and procedures, services, protocol, the entire program. This was accomplished, and the manner in which we went about analyzing the needs, the costs, and the services, and advocating with you and advocating with the state, was certainly unique across the state and resulted in a reduction in case loads from 72 to 33, which is the best service level. It improves services in our community, which is supervision of juvenile offenders in the community. Our work resulted in the state adopting adequate funding to implement this standard across the state. That’s why I nominated it.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Mark. Commissioners, any questions of Mark? Thanks.”

Mr. Harrison said, “Our final submission is from the Sheriff’s Department.”

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! SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: INTERAGENCY COMMUNITY POLICING THROUGH MOBILE COMPUTERS

Captain Bob Henshaw, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The program that was nominated from our Department is a direct result of our belief in the philosophy of community policing. The Sheriff requested that we find some way to increase the service to the citizens of Sedgwick County, while maintaining financial responsibility and not expanding the department with more people.

"Through research, it was discovered that one of the primary problems that we had, in getting the officers back out to the community so they could adhere to the community policing philosophy, was the time they spend on the radio, contacting spider, running record checks, and writing reports.

"Through research, we discovered a grant in conjunction with 18 other agencies within Sedgwick County, a committee was formed with representatives from those other agencies, Information Services, 911 dispatchers, to apply for, and we did receive a federal grant to put mobile data computers into the patrol cars. The amount of savings of the officer's time and the time it takes to prepare reports on the cases that they are sent to and the time it takes to check names and car tags through the dispatchers, which results in savings of time for the officers which allows them to spend more time in the community and working with the concept of problem oriented policing. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to try to answer them."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any questions? Thank you, appreciate it."

Mr. Harrison said, "Those are the nominations we are desiring to submit to the National Association of Counties Achievement Award Program. We would request you approve the Applications and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Applications and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioners, any further discussion on this? I appreciate everyone taking the time to come in and talk about the projects. Wonderful projects, this year, as usual. I never cease to be amazed at the number of times that our department heads and employees, people that work here, come up with these ideas. About the time I think we've run out of them, a whole new class shows up. Appreciate it. Thank you, very much. I have a Motion and second. Is there any further discussion? If not, Clerk call the vote please."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Jerry. Next item please."

F. REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.

- 1. AGREEMENTS (2) WITH ERIK K. MITCHELL, M.D. AND DONALD V. POJMAN, M.D. TO PROVIDE CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES.**

Dr. Corrie L. May, Coroner-Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you may recall, we came before the Board in the first part of December asking for your approval to appoint two Deputy Coroners to provide interim pathology services, while we continue our search for a Deputy Coroner. Having completed that, we're now asking you to approve a contract for services for these two individuals, Dr. Erik Mitchell and Dr. Donald Pojman, who serve as the Coroner and Deputy Coroner of Shawnee County. They are identical to the contracts for Doctors Gould and Thomas. Be happy to answer any questions that you have. If not, I would ask that you approve the Agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Dr. May. Commissioners, any questions on the Contracts? If not, the Chair would entertain a motion."

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Next item please."

2. GRANT APPLICATION TO CJ FOUNDATION FOR SIDS FOR FUNDING TO COVER REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE 1999 NATIONAL SIDS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA APRIL 9-11.

Dr. May said, "It is my distinct pleasure to introduce to you today Ms. Tonya Junod, who is our S.I.D.S. Coordinator. She is going to talk to you a little bit about that program and about a grant application."

Ms. Tonya Junod, S.I.D.S. of Kansas Coordinator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "S.I.D.S. is a state-wide program that is based in the Forensic Science Center. Our goals are to strengthen families effected by sudden death of an infant through support services, community education, and prevention strategies."

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“Progress, since I’ve been in this position is that I’ve contacted every hospital and every county health department in the state. I’m getting really great responses. They’re asking for more information and I’m beginning to create a referral system. We’ll also be approaching the state for continuation of our second year grant. Today, I am requesting approval to submit a grant application to the CJ Foundation in New Jersey, to fund attendance of the 1999 National SIDS Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia in April. If there are no questions, I’d ask that you approve this grant.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you. Commissioners, questions? If not, the Chair would entertain a motion.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Application.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you and good luck. Thank you, very much.”

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G. AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & HOUSING REGARDING MICRO-LOAN LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN GRANT FUNDS.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In October of last year, the Board of County Commissioners approved an Application to the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing for a \$50,000 micro-loan program grant. We received a letter in December saying that we've been approved for the \$50,000 grant. We went to a work-shop a couple of weeks ago and they gave us a ten page document, a grant agreement that needed to be signed. Since this is a new Commission, different than the one that approved the application last October, we needed to bring it back to you for your consideration.

"The Grant Agreement itself, all ten pages of it, summarizes federal community development block grant regulations, the State Department of Commerce and Housing regulations. It tells us how we draw down the funds, the kinds of legal requirements, the records we need to keep, financial management requirements, just the details on how we manage the program.

"To remind you of the nature of the program itself, it is a revolving loan fund to very small businesses, five employees or less. We submitted the Application partnership with S.C.K.E.D.D., South Central Kansas Economic Development District, which is a local organization that has extensive experience in micro-loan lending and loan servicing and they've received a national award recently on loan servicing and providing technical assistance to small businesses to help make sure they succeed. We're also developing partnerships with other financial institutions to add to this micro-loan pool. So it is not off the ground yet, but we're getting started. First, we need to have a grant agreement signed. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Irene. Commissioners, any questions for Irene? Irene, tell us a little bit about what is the maximum amount of the loan? I've been asked just recently in anticipation of this item on the agenda and I don't know if you know that answer or not."

Ms. Hart said, "I don't know it off the top of my head. I'm thinking \$10,000. They're small loans, we only have a pool of \$50,000 at this point. I would advise that it is around \$10,000 or less. It is also available in Sedgwick County, outside the City of Wichita. The City of Wichita has other federal funding that is used for these purposes but we've never had the money for Sedgwick County, outside the City, before. So this is a new program for us."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay. Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Irene, do those applications, once they're submitted, come to us for final approval or how does that work, as far as an application being made?"

Ms. Hart said, "We'll administer the program through S.C.K.E.D.D., South Central Kansas Economic Development District. They have a micro-loan committee that we sit on, so we'll be working with a regular loan committee and working, through that organization, to process those."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So it is the committee then that would make the approval and we wouldn't have to look at it individually?"

Ms. Hart said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any further questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Irene. Next item please."

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H. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH CARO CONSTRUCTION FOR REMODELING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICES. CIP #OR-118.

Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would ask that you approve this Amendment this morning in the amount of \$7,500. This will complete the remodeling project of the District Attorney's Offices we've been working on for several years. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Ken. Commissioners, questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Amendment.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Ken. Next item please."

I. AFFIDAVIT OF BILL HANCOCK AS SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO SIGN APPLICATIONS, REPORTS, PLANS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

Ms. Anita Nance, Interim Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yearly, the Kansas Department on Aging has issued a policy that the area agencies on aging in the state must submit reliable evidence of who in the organizations governing body has authorized to sign documents on behalf of the organization. Today, I recommend you approve the signature authority and the signing of this affidavit."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Anita. Commissioners, questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Affidavit and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Anita. Next item please."

J. PROPOSAL TO KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR A REMODELING PROJECT AT THE JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY.

Mr. Masterson said, "The juvenile detention facility is eligible to receive a grant award from the State Juvenile Detention Facilities Fund, in the amount of \$18,803.42. We've developed a remodeling project, to add an interview room in the intake area for professionals visiting detained youth to complete evaluations. The plan complies with state requirements and these funds will cover project costs. Any leftover funds will be applied to our existing capitol project on our HVAC replacement. Be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Mark. Commissioners, questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve submission of the Proposal to the State.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Mark. Next item please."

K. FOURTH QUARTER RECLASSIFICATIONS.

- 1. SENIOR ACCOUNTANT, RANGE 22, KANSAS COLISEUM, TO DEPARTMENTAL CONTROLLER, RANGE 23**
- 2. PATIENT BILLING REPRESENTATIVE (TWO), RANGE 16, COMCARE, TO PRODUCT SUPPORT ANALYST I, RANGE 19**
- 3. PRODUCT SUPPORT ANALYST I, RANGE 19, COMCARE, TO LAN ADMINISTRATOR, RANGE 20**
- 4. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, RANGE 21, COMCARE, TO SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, RANGE 23**
- 5. LABORATORY TECHNICIAN, RANGE 17, CORONER, TO FORENSIC CHEMIST, RANGE 21**
- 6. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER I, RANGE 17, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS OFFICER, RANGE 20**

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7. **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, RANGE 21, INFORMATION SERVICES, TO SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, RANGE 23**
8. **PROGRAMMER, RANGE 20, INFORMATION SERVICES, TO INTERNET ANALYST, RANGE 23**
9. **PRINCIPAL DATA CONTROL CLERK, RANGE 15, INFORMATION SERVICES, TO PRODUCTION CONTROL PROGRAMMER, RANGE 19**
10. **SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR, RANGE 10, PUBLIC RELATIONS, TO OFFICE SPECIALIST, RANGE 15**
11. **CAD TECHNICIAN, RANGE 19, PUBLIC WORKS, TO CAD MANAGER/LAN ADMINISTRATOR, RANGE 21**
12. **SECURITY OFFICER (THREE), PUBLIC WORKS, RANGE 13, TO SECURITY OFFICER, RANGE 14**
13. **CHIEF DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, RANGE 21, REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO RANGE 24**
14. **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (TWO), RANGE 18, REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST, RANGE 19**

Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item before you includes a look at 14 job classification categories. We looked at 38 during the quarter. Recommend that 18 people be moved into these 14 classes. We denied 5 and 15 were postponed for more information. The bottom line on the thing is somewhere between growth, which involves things like COMCARE taking on new business, new ways of doing business, the Coliseum is booming, and technology, which is people working smarter, is what accounts for these. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Doug. I know we have received these reclasses some time ago. Have the new Commissioners received copies of these?"

Mr. Russell said, "Yes."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Very good. Are there questions? If not, the Chair would entertain a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the reclassifications.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Doug. Next item please."

L. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Commissioners, Dr. Magruder is not here. I suggest we postpone."

Chairman Hancock said, "We'll just defer it, for right now, and come back at the end of the meeting one more time. Next item please."

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M. BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AT INTERSECTIONS ALONG SECTION LINE ROADS WITHIN OR ABUTTING ATTICA TOWNSHIP, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. David Spears, Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Mr. Borst usually presents these items, he must have been detained. These are standard items. We get requests from townships to do engineering studies on the intersections within the townships. These are not controversial. After we do the studies, we submit our findings to the township and they either concur or not with our findings. In this case, they did concur. There is Mr. Borst, now. I’ll go ahead and present the first one. So in the first item, we have established traffic control devices at intersections along section line roads within or abutting Attica Township and this provides for the enforcement thereof. I’d recommend you adopt the Resolution.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, David. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, the Chair would entertain a motion.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, “Next item please.”

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2. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AT INTERSECTIONS OF SECTION LINE ROADS WITHIN OR ABUTTING PAYNE TOWNSHIP, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. DISTRICT #1.

Mr. Mark R. Borst, P.E., Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "That was my twin there filling in for me real quick. Got caught out there in the entryway. The second resolution item, M-2, is a Resolution to establish traffic control devices along section line roads in Payne Township. The Payne Township Board did request several changes to intersections within the township and this will replace an existing resolution for the township. I also mention in the Attica Township Resolution that you passed, we have added a section to these resolutions to cover local mid-mile roads that intersect section line roads somewhere between section corners. What this will do, will make all these mid-mile roads stop at the section line road. That will meet the driver's expectancy of a section line road being the major road and it will take out any question of whether we have to apply a right-hand rule to it. Townships have been in concurrence with this and I would recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Mark. Commissioners, questions about this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item please."

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3. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AT INTERSECTIONS OF SECTION LINE ROADS WITHIN OR ABUTTING UNION TOWNSHIP, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Borst said, "Commissioners, Item M-3 is a Resolution similar to the first two but with Union Township. The Township Board had requested changes to five intersections. We did incorporate those changes and we also added the mid-mile intersection section to this Resolution. The Board has concurred with those and I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, quesitons on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Mark. Next item please."

4. CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES (DESIGN) WITH PB BOOKER ASSOCIATES, INC. OF KANSAS FOR FIVE BRIDGES. 1999 DESIGN, 2000 CONSTRUCTION. CIP NUMBERS B-320, B-321, B-323, B-329, B-330. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Spears said, "Item M-4 is an Agreement with PB Booker Associates of Kansas to design five bridges this year. All five bridges will be constructed next year, along with nine other bridges to be designed by our staff."

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“You can see on the drawing, the five in red are the ones that Booker will design and we will design the green square locations. This is the smallest map we had. It barely fits. That gives you a general idea of the vicinity of the bridges.

“For the record, the bridges are in the Capital Improvement Program and are designated as B-320, located on 85th Street North between 263rd and 279th Streets West; B-321, located on 69th Street North, between 215th and 231st Streets West; B-323, located on 231st Street West, between 77th and 85th Streets North; B-329 located on 13th Street North, between 151st and 167th Streets West; and B-330, also located on 13th Street North, between 151st and 167th Streets West.

“The total contract with PB Booker Associates is \$297,600, which includes surveying, hydrology, geology, right-of-way documents, and design. This Agreement stipulates a deadline of November 1, 1999, for the completion of final plans. I recommend that you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, David. Commissioners, any questions on this item? If not, the Chair would entertain a motion.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Chairman Hancock said, “Let’s take the time to say that Steve Bachenberg is here from PB Booker. Welcome, we’re glad you came by, in case we had any questions on the item. Once again, we’re going to do some more bridges. Appreciate your work on those, Steve. Thank you, very much. We have a Motion and second, further discussion? If not, Clerk call the vote please.”

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, David. Next item please."

**N. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JANUARY 21, 1999
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Muci said, "You have Minutes from the January 21 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are just two items for consideration today."

**(1) GRADING, STORM SEWER, PAVEMENT MARKING & SEEDING - PUBLIC
WORKS
FUNDING: GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

"Item one, grading, storm sewer, and pavement marking and seeding for the Public Works, Project 616-E. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Central Paving, in the amount of \$2,176,855.55."

**(2) TAX FORECLOSURE TITLE SEARCH & ABSTRACTING SERVICES -DIVISION
OF FINANCE
FUNDING: DIVISION OF FINANCE**

"Item two, tax foreclosure title search and abstracting services for the Division of Finance. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Columbian Title. That amount is \$14,700."

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

**(3) DEMOLITION AND SITE RESTORATION OF 4 HOMES - LEGAL
FUNDING: LEGAL**

"There is just one item that does not require action at this particular time. That is demolition and site restoration of four homes for the County Counselor. Bids are being reviewed. I'd be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Darren. Commissioners, any questions for Darren? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Darren. Next item please."

CONSENT AGENDA

O. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. 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.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V95143	\$188.00	\$197.00
C94094	\$206.00	\$273.00
V95119	\$198.00	\$107.00

- 2. Set for public hearing on February 10, 1999, a petition for the alteration of boundaries of the Sedgwick County Fire District Number One and authorize the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing in the official County newspaper not less than seven days prior to said public hearing.**

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- 3. Addendum Two to the Building Lease with The 434 North Market Company Building, L.C.**
- 4. Order dated January 20, 1999 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 5. Check Register of January 22, 1999.**
- 6. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, I would request you approve the Consent Agenda. Please note thought that on item two, the date is incorrect. It needs to read February 17, rather than February 10. The public hearing will be on February 17. With that change, I would recommend you approve the Consent Agenda."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Mister Manager. Do I hear a Motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item please. Is there other business?"

Commissioner Winters said, "We don't have a Sewer or Fire District Meeting do we? I'm prepared to make a Motion that we go into Executive Session. Do we want to move on Item L, the Community Health? Do we want to defer that for one week?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to defer Item L for one week.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

P. OTHER

Commissioner Winters said, “Mr. Chairman, I’m prepared to move that we go into Executive Session, but I just want to double-check the time frame. Mr. Euson, do you know how long we’ll need to be in there?”

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, “I prepared the motion for 40 minutes, anticipating some items that now I understand would not be necessary to discuss. I would say, I’m going to guess at 15 minutes, 15 or 20 minutes.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I’ll just say 20 minutes then.”

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to legal advice, and personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of real property for public purposes, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Absent
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. We are in Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. and returned at 11:07 a.m.

Chairman Hancock said, "We are back in session. Let the record reflect that no binding action was taken while in Executive Session. Mr. Manager, Mr. Euson, anything else? Okay, we're adjourned. Thank you."

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Regular Meeting, January 27, 1999

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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APPROVED:

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