

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 19, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, May 19, 1999 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Bill Hancock; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Economic Development Specialist, Department of Housing; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resource; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Nola Folston, District Attorney; Ms. Jan Kennedy, County Treasurer; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; and Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk

GUESTS

Mr. William J. Fields, 15925 Stratford, Wichita, Kansas;
Ms. Mary Beth Hughes Palm, Director, Regional Prevention Center;
Ms. Beth Oaks, Vice President, Community Planning and Resources, United Way of the Plains;
Dr. Corrie L. May, Coroner/ Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center;

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was lead by Reverend Don Steelberg from the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Ervin said, “Chairman, I ask that you adopt this Proclamation and authorize your signature.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Fred. At this time, Chairman would entertain a Motion on that regard.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Ervin said, “Chairman, here to accept this Proclamation is Tom Pollan, and I will also add just recently graduated, with honors, with his Masters from Wichita State.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Congratulations, Tom.”

Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I receive this for those who are on the front line everyday. Who start each day preparing themselves for some of the catastrophes we have seen in the recent months in this Community. They dedicate themselves to providing a competent and compassionate care to turn that catastases into a time of recovery for those they are serving. It is an honor and a privilege to service this community and its citizens as we work through each day, Thank you very much.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Tom.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Tom, could you have the other people in your department stand up so that we could acknowledge them? Thanks.”

Chairman Hancock said, "We have been in budget hearing the last couple of days and a of the budgets that we looked at for the year 2000 was Tom's. He went through a presentation on what they do and the response times and the number of calls. The things that these folks have to deal with as paramedics. It is quite impressive. We hope for the year 2000 we can do a good job for you as you do a good job for us. We appreciate you being around when we really need you. There is a clear reminder of that when the tornado went through our area a few weeks ago. Everyone did a wonderful job. I can't count the number of complements I got in regard to our emergency services and the EMS. We really appreciate everything you do. Thank you, very much. Next item, please."

RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS

B. RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS.

1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO LEROY MICHAEL, SHERIFF SERGEANT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are here this morning to present a retirement certificate. Chairman Hancock will present a retirement clock to someone who is certainly familiar to us here at the Courthouse. Leroy Michael with the Sheriff's Department will retire on June 1, 1999 after 27 ½ years of service. Leroy was hired on October 26, 1971 as a Detective and was promoted to a Sergeant on January 1, 1980. Leroy plans to spend time with his wife, Marla, his daughter Melanie, a student at Kansas University and his son Mark, who is in high school. Leroy will now have time to help his wife with her decorating business. He has always worked in the Sheriff's Office and describes his employment with Sedgwick County this way, 'I have enjoyed working for Sedgwick County and the many friends I have made in other departments within the County.' Leroy, I believe part of his family is here. Could you please stand? Leroy congratulations and our best wishes."

Chairman Hancock, "Leroy, on behalf of Sedgwick County and the Commissioners we want you to have this clock."

Mr. Leroy Michael, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, thank you, very much for this. I have enjoyed working for the Sheriff's Department and for Sedgwick County. It doesn't seem like that long when you look back. But during the time, it seems like a long time. I have made a lot of friends around the Courthouse, not just within the Sheriff's Department, but all the other departments within the County. Everybody seems to work well together and it is like one big family. Thank you very much."

Chairman Hancock said, "Next item, please."

2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO LENORA THOMAS, OFFICE SPECIALIST, CLERK'S OFFICE.

Ms. Templin said, "Retiree, Lenora Thomas, was not able to come. We will deliver her clock to her. Thank you."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Next item, please."

CITIZEN INQUIRY

C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE BROOKHAVEN SEWER PROJECT.

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just for information for the public, this is the time on the Agenda when we do take public comment. If citizens are interested in coming to the Commission to discuss items of concern, they need to send a letter to the Chairman of the Commission or to the Managers Office. We will allow five minutes to state your concerns. Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Good morning."

Mr. William J. Fields greeted the Commissioners and said, "I live at 15925 Stratford Road. I asked for a couple of minutes to address the Commission regarding the Brookhaven Sewer Project. This is a relatively small project. It consists of 18 residential lots. It is located on the far eastern boarder of Sedgwick County. On 159th Street and Central directly north of Central directly north of 159th Street. When the petition was circulated, 70% of the lots were in favor of the sewer project. This project appeared on the Commission's Agenda on December 17, 1997. It was approved by a vote of five to zero. At this time, I understand that the Engineering plans are all complete. There is . . . also I understand that the construction easements are, except for two, have been signed. Those expire December 1999. There are one or two residents that are on the pipeline that had been reluctant to sign the easements. However, I spoke to a County Representative on November 13, 1999 and he told me that his projection was that the invitation for bids would shortly go out. I understood that to be before the end of the year of 1998. And that the project would actually be completed by Spring of 1999.

“About three weeks ago I was walking around the neighborhood and visited with one of my neighbors who told me that she had recently talked to the same individual and he told her there had not been progress on the project in some time. And because of the reluctance of at least one land owner, that there would not be a condemnation because of the cost. So, it appeared to me that the project had basically had just stalled and it wasn’t going anywhere. That is why I tried to find out what to do to get the project moving.

“I did talk to the County yesterday and they told me that they had the easement agent out talking to these two folks to see if they would sign these two easements. What I am asking the Commission today for, I would like to see the project completed. It is needed. The reason that I can understand of any resistance is that, this is land that has developed more than thirty years. There are homes that are a few years old, and there are homes that are twenty-five to thirty years old. The newer residents, some of them do not want to incur the expense at this time, since they already have a system in place.

“I also know that some of the residents that have been here for a while are having significant problems. I feel like it is certainly needed. So, what I would ask the Commission to consider doing is, I would like the Commission to authorize the proceeding to condemnation, if that needs to be done. Special easements cannot be obtained, we are thinking in a relatively short period of time. We are talking about a year and a half since there has been an opportunity to have those done. The second thing that I ask. Perhaps this matter be put back on the Agenda in four to six weeks, or a written report come forth from the appropriate department on the status of the project. That is all I have this morning.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Mr. Fields. Commissioners, questions? I have one. The original project, was it put together by petition?”

Mr. Fields said, “I started the petition and got it circulated. Then it was approved back in December of 1997.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Okay, thank you. I was just curious. It is really not relevant to anything. Can you tell me what the percentage of signers was?”

Mr. Fields said, “Of the eighteen lots, I believe that we had thirteen of the lots signed. Of the remaining five lots, I think three were not in favor and one or two I just could not get a hold of. I think one I couldn’t get a hold of and the fifth one was kind of ambivalent about it.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you for coming by here today. Commissioner Winters, did you have a question about it?”

Commissioner Winters said, “I have a question for either David or Rich. Sir, I appreciate

you coming out here today I just have a question of our staff here. One of the reasons there is any reluctance to do any kind of combination is, that just ups the price of the whole project. Is that the biggest concern about condemnation or is there another concern?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioner and said, "I will try to answer that. Mr. Weber is here with details. I think he has some specific numbers, but yes it will increase the special easements for each home owner."

Commissioner Winters said, "So, in other words, if you can obtain a Right-A-Way without condemnation then everybody is going to pay a lesser price. If we have to hire an attorney and go through condemnation, then everybody in the district is really going to end up paying those legal fees. And paying more of a cost. It's that the theory?"

Mr. Richard Euson said, "That is correct. With condemnation you are looking at, at least the Court appointing three appraisers for the land. You are looking at about \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 a piece just for those. And at \$2,500.00 a piece that \$7,500.00. We are looking at just easements. It did seem a little out of scale to do that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. Well maybe you will keep us informed in four to six weeks. I am sure all of us will be interested. Thank you. That is all, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just a comment, too. That Rich and David, as you look at that issue, or continue to try to get the easements in a non-cost manner, there is a point at which we might want to quit trying to do that and have to proceed the other way. I know that Mr. Fields and a number of other individuals who have lived out there for a number of years have septic tank problems and are dealing with this. We have had the similar conditions in other neighborhoods where some septic systems are working and others are not. And so I understand the frustrations of those who continue to have problems with the project. So, why don't you all get together and give some recommendations to us on how you think we can get this project off dead center here and moving along, so that we can get some kind of decision here. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. At this time I would entertain a Motion to take an Off Agenda Item."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion on the Motion, the Vote was called.

VOTE

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Hancock said, “This is in regard to the allocation of the Conservation District for well plugging. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Chairman Hancock. Let me just give a little back ground first. Because of the Jesse Krouse situation in Mulvane, it came to bring to light the dangers of abandoned wells. They are certainly dangerous to small children, animals, as well as adults, they can brake their legs if they fall in. Things like that. There is another danger that abandoned wells pose. That is, they are a direct link source to ground water contamination. I don’t think that people realize the extent that the contamination can impose. Many of these wells are in the Rural area, but a great many more are in the Urban sector. Generally, they are small wells that are in the basement. That have dried up and they are no longer in use. And so, people just leave them, without plugging them properly. It is estimated that there is approximately 5,000. The reason that it is estimated is that theory didn’t keep track of these wells until the early 1970’s.

“What I would like to propose is using some County dollars that we have set aside to preserving the natural resources here in the County. To help people plug these wells that they know about that are out there. The funds would come from a fund that is set aside, Conservation Action Grant Fund (CAGF). This allocation fund was set aside for the purpose of having dollars available to match grants that are available from the State and Federal level to preserve our natural resources. Weather it is ground water, or wetlands, or whatever in the County.

“So, currently the State has a program that helps people. They match them, 60% to 40% to do these plugging. The fund is dried up and there won’t be any funds available until July 1. I

think that is a good thing. That tells me that people are finding out about the program. And that people are becoming aware of the dangers of unplugged wells, and are plugging them. I would like to propose that we use \$10,000.00 out of the Conservation Fund to supplement this program until funds become available from the State again. I am prepared to make a Motion, but I would like comments from the Board, and also, Susan Erlenwein. I am not quite sure what stage we want to do that.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Commissioner Gwin has a comment.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Is this to fill the gap between today and July 1, when the funds become available? Would you propose that this be used on the 60/40 split also?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay. Thank you.”

Chairman Hancock said, “I think that Susan is here for a comment.”

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Conservation District has been supplying money to the residence of Sedgwick County to help plug wells since 1975. As Commissioner McGinn mentioned, we have used all of the money allocated so far this year to plug wells. It is a 60/40 match.

“I am looking at having a workshop to help teach people how to plug their own well. So, we can even reimburse them for the material used. It is much less money that way. We can spread it around more evenly. So I am looking at workshops to happen in the near future to help residents. We would really appreciate the money to help get this out.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. I will certainly be supportive. This is a terrible way to get publicity, by a child falling in a well. It is a very important sensitive thing that needs to be addressed. Everybody’s awareness is heightened at this point, after last Thursday evenings event. I think this is a perfect time to re-emphasize that people need too, particularly those old abandoned wells taken care of. Commissioner McGinn, I think this is a wonderful project.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Susan, would you share a few things for the public? One, evidently you said there were a lot of calls coming in yesterday. I would like to just share some of the questions that people had, and also, for the public, to let them know how they

can contact who they need to and that kind of thing to plug the well.”

Ms. Erlinwein said, “People interested in plugging the well, it depends on the size of the well, the diameter and the depth. We are looking at \$100.00 to \$500.00 range, depending on the type of well. If it is a large hand-dug well, it may even be more. We have been receiving calls and people can get their name on a waiting list so when the money is available, we can contact them again. Our number is 729-0331. That is the Conservation District for Sedgwick County. So give us a call and we will see about getting you on the list to plug your well.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Susan. Thank you, Commissioners. I would like to entertain a Motion.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved that the sum of \$10,000.00 be allocated to facilitate the plugging of abandoned water wells in Sedgwick County.

Chairman Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion on the Motion, the Vote was called.

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Susan. You might note that the Conservation District got in the business of assisting citizens in plugging wells and they have given many well plugging schools for individuals over the years. It was primarily designed to protect the ground water. However, there is a good second reason, there is a safety concern for everyone. So, folks those who have abandoned wells, there is a proper method of doing it, there is an improper method of doing it. We prefer the proper method of doing it. Don’t hesitate to call the Conservation District and they will certainly assist you. Thank you, Carolyn. At this time, I would entertain a Motion for another Off Agenda Item.

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion on the Motion, the Vote was called.

VOTE

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Hancock said, “Randy Duncan is here on the tornado update.”

Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency management, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am pleased to bring you up to date on what has been happening so far, in terms of the disaster relief from the May 3 tornado. Many folks are interested to know the private voluntary agencies have been very active in assisting our citizens with disaster relief, including the American Red-Cross, the Salvation Army, Mennonite Disaster Services and others. Of course you all know the American Red-Cross, one of the things they do is, in addition to the Salvation Army, they serve meals to the folks in need of assistance.

“As of the close of business on the 17th, they serviced about 48,404 meals to disaster victims and disaster workers. As of the close of business on the 17th, we had 1,846 residence of the County register with the 1-800 FEMA tele-registration number for assistance. So far the disaster housing program has 801 requests for assistance of those, they have approved 391. They have spent a total of about \$450,000.00 helping folks in Haysville, Wichita, and Sedgwick County obtain housing.

“That can be further divided out, they have helped 313 people with temporary rental assistance, in the amount of a little over \$300,000.00. We have helped one person with transit accommodations, in the amount of \$70.00. We have helped 88 folks with minimal repairs in the amount of \$95,282.00. The Individual and Family Grant Program, which is a

one time grant directly to aid individuals who have lost things as a result of the disaster. So far we have approved over a half of a million dollars in funds for our local citizens. The disaster recovery centers which I will remind you, there are two of those open, one in Haysville and one in South Wichita. Together they've seen a total of 993 citizens who has come in person to sit down and register for assistance.

“The Small Business Administration has been helping both homeowners and business owners here within Sedgwick County with low interest loans. They have contributed a substantial amount in disaster assistance low interest loans. 338 home owners here in Sedgwick County, I should say, 338 people have filled the forms out. Of the 338, 36 loans have been approved in the amount of \$1,300,000.00. We have about 60 businesses who have applications back in. And, believe it or not, they have been a small part, \$10,900.00. All together, individual assistance so far the Federal Government has pumped just under two and a half million dollars into the Sedgwick County area as a result of our May 3rd tornado. Just wanted to make you all aware of the amount of assistance that is coming into the Community and the fact that folks are getting help out there. If they are not, the gateway to getting involved in this, into the disaster assistance is to call the FEMA 1-800 number. 1-800-462-9029. And that is the way to start. Commissioners, I would be happy to answer any questions at this time if you have any.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Randy. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Not a question, just a comment. You talked about assistance, and folks trying to help. I noticed that earlier this week we had a letter come across our desk from the employees of Wyondott County. They wanted a listing of Sedgwick County employees who had been affected so they could put their efforts towards some County colleagues across the State. So, first if anyone in Wyondott County ever has a chance to see this, I say thanks. Hopefully we will respond to them and let them know what we were able to accomplish. It is very enlightening to see how big peoples hearts can be when there is a need. So, I appreciate the updating and appreciate all the help the citizens have seen fit to give their neighbors.”

Mr. Duncan said, “Yes, it seems like in times of disaster, that is when folks perform at their best. Interesting that you should bring up the Wyondott County situation, not only have they offered to adopt some of our employees, I might mention the Emergency Management Coordinator, Mickey Davis, from Wyondott County came down and lent his assistance to our department for a few days. So, we were very grateful with that as well. If there are no further comments or questions Commissioners, thank you very much.”

Chairman Hancock said, “We do have more.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since you are here, I would just

like to respond to the Cowskin and the flooding problems. There was an article in this mornings paper. You and I had talked about this at the last event we had about four weeks ago or so concerning a new measuring device that is out in the Community. I guess that I wanted to share my concern that we move forward with that as soon as possible. I want sure, the article kind of indicated that this was an old archaic system that we were going to us, the yard stick or something. I think the other side of the coin is, they talked about \$40,000.00, but that is \$40,000.00 a ditch to do it electronically. We could be talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars or millions of dollars to set up the electronic system. So I clearly think that a gage system would be appropriate but, we just need to move forward on that and make sure that we start collecting some data so we have some valid information. Can you share anything about where we are in that process?"

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes. The Agreement and Principle is already in place. The National Whether Service is providing us with the so called 'staff gages' and despite the fact that they may not be very high tech, the important issue is that they are very accurate and their cost is right. In this particular case, since they're donating them to us at no charge, our commitment in this particular project and the City of Wichita's commitment is, our engineering staffs will perform the service of what is called 'shooting the level'. They will determine a known elevation to which to attach the staff gage. So that when we look at that reading, we can translate that into scientific data that we can use for the prediction and data basing of the river information. The other issue we need to come up with, which we will handle and deal with is, folks to go out and read those gages once they are in place. It is not as high tech as the data collection platforms, which are the \$40,000.00 piece of electronics. But, they work, and that is the important issue. I think that is relatively important to the homeowners out there. We are going to be able to start giving them something that we cant now. Which is an accurate and timely prediction of what the Cowskin will do based on the rain fall conditions."

Commissioner Winters said, "But that just takes a couple of weeks to secure those gages. Would you please let us know so that we can help follow up on that?"

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

NEW BUSINESS

D. PRESENTATION REGARDING COMMUNITIES THAT CARE SURVEY DATA FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Ms. Mary Beth Hughes Palm, Director, Regional Prevention Center, greeted the Commissioner sand said, "Our role is to provide innovative leadership in the field of the substance abuse prevention among youth.

“It is in that role that I come to you today to share some information with you about the Kansas Communities That Care schools survey. I’d like to first acknowledge Commissioner Winters and his leadership in a most arduous process last year of Judicial District 18 Juvenile Justice Authority Community Planning Team process. There is some other members of that team here today, Mark Masterson, Jeanette Partridge, and Beth Oaks and I hope that I haven’t left out anyone that may be here today. The Communities that Care Survey is an important piece to that planning process that went on last year. That is the reason for bringing an update to you. You have a blue folder in front of you that has several pieces of information in it. I will be showing you some overheads, and you have copies of that.

“There is a stapled handout on frequently asked questions about the survey. I realize that some are very, very knowledgeable of this survey and it’s role and implications for Sedgwick County. Some are not. And what I would like to do is just give a real quick introduction to the role of this survey and the implications of this survey. Part of the Community Planning Teams process was to take a look at not only the negative behaviors of our adolescence, in Sedgwick County, those could be things like, minor in possession, or larceny arrest, those kind of things. The negative behaviors. But, also to look at some of the root causes and some of the conditions within the community or the family, or the school, even the peer groups that put our children at risk for developing some of those problems. A key piece in that data collection and assessment process, and I would also say in the evaluation process to see how we are doing with this Communities That Care Survey.

“You may note that at the Federal level for funds, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention, The National Department of Education, there has been a significant movement in the field of prevention. To address what causes, actually it has gone even further than that, to use what are called science based approaches in solving these problems. Each one of these significant fundings sources have issued what are called Principles of Effectiveness. In addition, my point in mentioning that is, we have significant prevention technology these days that more than ever before, we have, we are on the right track. We are going to be able to significantly change the way we do business where the health and behavior of our children are concerned. The District 18 Community Planning Teams work is probably the first, to my knowledge, it is the first Comprehensive County Wide Plan to address not only prevention but the more serious problems of our youth.

“The first page. . . Fred is going to help me with Elmo here, you have this in your packet too. It is a form that shows across the top, five adolescent high risk behaviors. Down the left hand side are what are known as risk factors. I like to think of those as, those could be looked at as root causes in the community, or root predictors of adolescence high risk behavior and there are 19 of them.

“You will see they are in the different social areas in which our children interact. The community, the family, the school, and the individual and the peer. I offer those as an introduction so that when I refer to those conditions that put our children at risk, those are the conditions to which I am referring. Each one of these conditions or risk factors, has indicators. That is what we look for to measure, to see how serious our children are at risk, according to these risk factors.

“The Community Planning Team, identified five risk factors and narrowed it down to three to address. Family Management being one, you will see that under the family, early and persistent antisocial behavior and lack of commitment to school. Those are the three family and school conditions that the Community planning Team felt it was important to begin to address. Realizing that there are many other conditions in Sedgwick County that are very serious, but that with the resources it is better to just address the top priority of one. That is what we are talking about with conditions. What I would like to show you is a listing of schools in Sedgwick County that participate in the Community That Care Youth Survey. There are two main ways of collecting data for us to know about the conditions that put our children at risk. There is archival data. That is the kind of information about arrests, number of children in out of home placements and things like that. It is not as easy to use. It is not as up to date. It’s longer coming in. It does not address those conditions that protect our children from risk.

“The Kansas Communities That Care School Survey has been developed after years of very extensive research and all of that information is in that packet of frequently asked questions. Rather than go into that now, I would be glad to answer any questions on that. You will see, we have ten public school districts in Sedgwick County. There are many private and perocial schools. At this point, I don’t have information about which private and parochial schools have participated. I can get that. This a list, and according to the years, and one of the incredible things about this process is that we have five years of participation by some of the schools. You will notice that not all of the schools have participated all years. It is suggested that schools participate at least every other year. I think I have been in touch with Cheney and they are pursuing the information about the survey. Do you have any questions about the schools that are participating?”

Chairman Hancock said, “I don’t see any.”

Ms. Palm said, “Okay. What I would like to show you now ar some examples of the kinds of information that this survey can bring to us. One of the things that is important to know is, how old are the children when they first begin to use alcohol, when they first begin to use cigarettes, which are a gateway drug. When they first begin to use marijuana.

“You will see that there is a whole lot of information on one of these graphs on the ages. The left hand side is the ages. For example, at fourteen years old on some, the lowest age is twelve. Age of the first drink is twelve years old. That does not include religious use. That is very young.

“The implications that tell us where we need to be doing prevention, primary prevention. It’s important to begin prevention efforts before behavior stabilizes. What we are seeing here is the age at which our children are beginning to enter into these high risk behaviors. One of the reasons the student survey is so good is, because it is so confidential, children tend to answer very honestly. Household survey where parents and children answered questions at home. Parents, about thirty percent of the time, underestimate their children’s use and involvement in high risk behaviors. Children tend to be very honest when they are taking surveys like this. When their confidentiality is protected like this.

“Another important piece to look at, thirty day use. Here again, you will see, it is the percent of students that use, it is significantly high. One of the things I would like to point out though, the dilemma we have in Sedgwick County is that not all sixth, eighth, tenth and twelfth graders take this survey. Different schools, different grades take this differently at different times. The best possible way, what I wish we could do, is that all of children would take this survey consistently on an annually basis over a period of about five years so that we have some real accurate trend data to show. You will see that the numbers here are all over the map. One part of this that we took off for space is that, we will see that there is sixth, eighth, tenth and twelfth, ordinarily there is another column there, and it speaks to great average. One of the things that we have to be real careful with here is, if a whole lot of sixth graders take this survey, and not a lot of twelfth graders take it, we are going to look like we don’t have a very big problem at all. The great average is about, it looks like the region there. The state total of the Sedgwick region. The last set of column is Sedgwick County. Thirty day use is significant information. I just want to quickly show you is on binge drinking. Binge drinking is taking more than five drinks in a row. Our twelfth graders, up to thirty seven percent say they have often engaged in binge drinking. Adolescence don’t drink social as adults, they typically drink to get drunk.

“One of the other pieces of information I want to share with you is, when we look at community norms, what is it in the community that allows behavior to take place? I would offer to you that we have plenty of laws, and they are very good laws. I would also offer to you that sometimes laws are enforced only to the extent that the community will support law enforcement officials in enforcing those laws. With that one of the questions that is asked of kids is, how likely is it that they would get caught if they engaged in these different behaviors?

The answer is that no, they won't get caught. You will see that as many as forty eight percent of sixth graders and eighty nine percent of Seniors say that they would not get caught if they drank alcohol. I included the one on the handgun, 59.3% of Seniors say that they would not get caught if they carried a handgun in the neighborhood. I included that to keep in mind that this is a handgun, not a rifle. Rifles are more pertinent to our rural area and very common there. This survey included a very small part of USD 259, Wichita schools. This is significant of the indicators of, are the norms in the community such that our children would not be caught? Rather than what are the laws there.

“I told you that Family Management is one that the Community Planning Team wanted to look at. The data that came in for that is in archival data. I don't have a graph to show you on that, it's on the number of children in out of home placement and the number of children in foster care. Which are the indicators of poor family management. We will look at one in foster care. This is from S.R.S. (Social Rehabilitation Services). This the kind of data, simply offered to you as an example of the kind of archival data that we use in the data collection process for this model of Communities That Care. It is also important that we not only look at those conditions that put our children at risk, but, that we look at these conditions that protect our children. This next one is opportunities for conventional involvement in school. We know that if children have the opportunities to get involved in a pro-social way in the community, either in family, the school, or in a peer group, if they are taught the skills, how to be successful in that role, and then recognized for their involvement we have got some kids bonded pretty solidly to the values of the community. So these are some of the kinds of questions. I would be curious to see on some of these, how they play out when we have a significantly larger number of our school children involved.

“What I would like to say now is, I was thinking ‘what is the “so what” piece of this 1999 data?’ We have the 1999 now. From 1995 to 1999 what I would like to say is I don't think that we have anything definitive here, in what we see right there. What we have is, a tremendous energy, a community readiness of Sedgwick County communities to get on board with this now and to get their children involved. So that we can see where we are going and how we make a difference.

“One of the things the Regional Preventional Center intends to do this summer, you may remember that the County funds a portion of the prevention funding with its liquor tax money, and with that money what we are trying to do is offer some significant support to our outline school districts. I am pretty much convinced that the school districts will participate to the level which there is a payoff to them when they start to see benefits within their school districts. I think that it is important that, for the good of the whole County that each school district be successful in the way that they apply the information that they get. The important

piece to this may very well be at the district level. Districts will get a composite picture of what is going on in their district. They will also get building level data. If there are less than 20 students in any grade, they will not get information about that in order to protect the confidentiality of the kids.

“What I would like to ask is for your support of the County wide effort and continue to build the number of kids that participate in this. In any way that you could encourage outline schools to participate. If you would like, may be next fall, I would like the outline school districts that participate to share with you the kinds of things that are working in their school district to prevent adolescent high risk behaviors. I think that by doing that we would have a really good picture of what is working County wide for our kids. With that, do you have any questions?”

Commissioner Winters said, “I don’t have any questions, Mary Beth. Just a couple of quick comments. I appreciate you bringing this information. Commissioners, last year we worked as a Community Planning Team. On one of the things that we were attempting to do is to work with as many facts as we could accumulate. Data that is good data. Information that was good information. We did not have a lot of that and Mary Beth was the Chair of the Data Collection Committee so she really did a lot of work in the collection of this archival data. Along with the other members of her committee. I guess a couple of comments, I really do agree with you that there is a community readiness that has not been here before. I think there is momentum on this juvenile justice issues that we have not had before. I agree that this is really the first County wide plan that is out there. I think the second important part in that, I think that this one is going to have money behind it. The Board of County Commissioners has made a commitment already in spending a million dollars on prevention. I think that we are going to have some State funds available that we have never had before. I think that we really are on a different level that we have been on before.

“Mary Beth, for your information, the Commissioners heard me say this last week, Thursday and Friday I was in Great Bend for a State and County Commissioners Association Meeting. We spent over half a day, the County Commissioners, talking about early childhood development. I would have to say, from my experience, that’s one of the first times that has been on a priority list of County Commissioners, talking about early childhood development.

“I think that Commissioners all across the State are really becoming interested and concerned and working towards prevention. As a look of servesys, I’m sure if you look through this survey as I have, there will be things you like, things you don’t like. It is a measuring device that is out there and if we don’t have some kind of measuring device, we are just not able to tell what effect we are going to have. Again, it is a tool that I think is needed I wished I could have been involved in writing it from the beginning, but it has been in effect long enough now that it is the major tool we need to use. I certainly will be encouraging those who ask me if they should use it. I really believe that they should.

“ I guess that the last comment is that you all heard me visiting about the Community Planning Team last year. Mary Beth, after I was appointed the facilitator, Mary Beth was one of the people who started calling me. I didn't know Mary Beth at all and so, she kept calling me and kept calling me and so finally I said 'alright' you are on the team. That was one of the best decisions I made. There were many good people, I don't think there was anybody that didn't have an active participation. Mary Beth really did a lot of work on the Community Planning Team last year. I certainly appreciated her help and support. This is good information and it just goes into our data bank. I can assure you from listening to these Commissioners talk, prevention is clearly high on our priority list.”

Ms. Palm said, “What we will have to do Commissioner Winters, you are very gracious and what he meant to say was that I was in his face. There is a lot of analysis that need to be done on what we have. How many of each grade. What circumstances and what was going on in the school and those kind of things. We will have a lot more things to offer you down the road when we look at the true implications.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Mary Beth. I just have one question, will you be recommending to any of the school districts actions they can take as a result of survey information that you have?”

Ms. Palm said, “That could likely happen. The schools are doing a really good job with their Drug Free Schools money. They have a long history with their Drug Free Schools coordinators. One of the things we want to do though, is to help plug them into those programs that show evidence of success. The Department of Education has issued Principles of Effectiveness that indicate what they are. It is important to combine the right elements of this model, if you will. We certainly want to do that for the County schools. Our role is not to write anyone's plan. Our role is to support the success of the plans that a school or a County should want to do. This year the County will have a more significant role in our outline school district, if they would like us to have that role. To work with them on their data and the implementation.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Well thank you, Mary Beth for being here today. Very enlightening.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion on the Motion, the Vote was called.

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you again, Mary Beth. Next item, please.”

E. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDS TO BENEFIT HOMELESS CITIZENS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Ms. Beth Oaks, Vice President, Communit Planning and Resources, United Way of the Plains, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am here today to present an application that we would like your support on as we submit that to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD has issued thier annual notice of funding availability or NOVA. For the 1999 Continuous Care Homeless Assistance Program. This NOVA is available for supportive housing programs which include transitional housing, supportive services and safe havens. Shelter plus care and the Section Eight moderate rehabilitation single room occupancy program for homeless individuals. The amount of funding available to programs in Wichita, Sedgwick County depends on the number of geographical locations which submit applications under this NOVA. HUD will make these calculations after all applications have been submitted. Preliminary calculations for the Wichita, Sedgwick County area indicate that we may be eligible for \$1,014,000.00. All matching funds required by the projects included in this grant would be provided by the sponsoring agencies.

“The Homeless Task Force has been preparing this application for the Wichita, Sedgwick County area for over a year. Part of this NOVA application process requires a community process that prioritizes the project that are included in this proposal. A committee of community volunteers met both on May 3 and May 6, reviewing and ranking the submitted proposals. United Way of the Plains will submit the application to HUD on behalf of the sponsoring agencies. If HUD approves funding for any of the projects, the grant agreements will be between the agency and HUD an Sedwick County will have no fiscal or other responsibilities for project implementation or oversight. The application includes seven projects, four of which are renewal projects currently being funded, which are seeking renewal for the next three years. The seven applications in their rank order are Permanent Housing for Persons with a Disability, \$249,900.00 sponsoring agency: Interfaith Ministries. Least Transitional Housing, which is a renewal project, \$293,595.00, sponsoring agency:

United Methodist Urban Ministries. Safe Haven, \$288,984.00, sponsoring agency: Interfaith Ministries. Purchased Transitional Housing, \$161,300.00, sponsoring agency: United Methodist Urban Ministries. Bridges Program, \$25,505.00, sponsoring agency: Wichita Childrens Home. Employment Related Services, \$167,158.00: sponsoring agency: Apiscipate Social Services. Suportive Services for Homeless Persons with Mental Disabilities, \$137,875.00 sponsoring agency: Breakthrough Club. Total dollar amount requested, \$1,524,314.00.

“Our recommendation is that you support submission of the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistent application and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support. One item that I would like to add, support by this Commission does not obligate you to funding in any manner. I would be happy to address any questions that you might have.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Beth. I see no questions at this time. Chair would entertain a Motion.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to authorize the Chaiman to sign a letter of support.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion on the Motion, the Vote was called.

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, “Next item, please.”

F. AGREEMENT WITH NORMA JEAN FARLEY, M.D. TO PROVIDE PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY AS DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER/DEPUTY DISTRICT CORONER.

Dr. Corrie L. May, Coroner-Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As you are aware, Sedgwick County has been without the services of a Deputy Coroner for almost a year now with the departure of Dr. Johnson to enter private practice in Colorado. After a rather long and dificult search, I am pleased to be

here today to approve an agreement with Dr. Norma Jean Farley of San Antonio, Texas to serve as the next Deputy County Coroner until January 8, 2001. Dr. Farley was born in Chicago, previously submitted her curriculum for your review. She is now completing her residency in fellowship training in Bear County Forensic Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. Where I had the opportunity to serve three years as the Deputy Coroner there. I would be happy to answer any questions about the agreements. If there are no questions, I would ask that you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, “Next item please.”

G. TREASURER'S OFFICE.

1. AGREEMENT WITH EFFECTIVE SEARCH, INC. TO PROVIDE COMPUTER CONSULTING SERVICES.

Ms. Jan Kennedy, County Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you is a Consulting Agreement that I reached with a firm providing those services. This is for the Auto Tag Office. I made a mistake when I prepared the original Agenda, I had three different Agendas items, I am presenting this as information so that you know that we are doing open Government, nothing behind closed doors. Does anyone have any questions?”

Chairman Hancock, “Jan, there are three items and all of them are receive and file?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “No. Just the first one. I only have two items, but we could certainly come up with a third.”

Commissioner Winters said, “So, we are only talking about item G-1, right? Could you tell us what the amount of that is and where the funds are coming from?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “The fund would be from the Auto Fee fund.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Which means they are County funds?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “No.”

Commissioner Winters said, “They are State of Kansas funds?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “No. They arise from the fees that I collected in the Tag Office that are permitted by Legislation and so forth for the County Treasurer to pertain and use for the operation of the Tag Offices. We try to minimize the amount of County dollars that are used.”

Commissioner Winters said, “So they are not County Mill Levy dollars or Sales Tax Dollars?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “No.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And the amount of the Contract?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “It is uncertain because, if it ends up being completed in two or three weeks, it will just be a few hundred dollars. If it goes on for six or eight months, it could be sixty some thousand.”

Commissioner Winters said, “What is the maximum amount that it could be?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “sixty two four.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, other questions?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Just an advisement then. Because you have the legal authority to enter this Contract?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “And you are just letting us know?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “Officially, other than privately, yes. I think you deserve to know what is going on.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, “Next item please.”

2. CONSULTING SERVICES PROVIDED BY MANAGEMENT PARTNERS, INC. FOR A TAX ADMINISTRATION STEERING COMMITTEE PROJECT.

Ms. Kennedy said, “The next item is G-2. A consulting service provided by Management Partners Inc., for a Tax Administration Steering Committee Project. We call this a Tax Agency Improvement Project. This is an out growth of the tax system steering committee. We need some acronyms here, I think, who have been working well over a year in trying to come to how we can improve the tax system. We believe that technology may be one side of that. I believe that you have had a couple of precautions about our progress throughout the process. We anticipated doing a request for proposal. To have someone come and do that,

we got only two responses of widely devotion fund amounts. We were not really happy with either one after going through the interviewing process and reviewing their responses in writing to our questions. We decided at that point we would fall back and punt. We were notified that there was some additional Management Partners Inc., contact money that was already on the table.

“We asked permission to use some of that to have this group, who has done some consulting in other parts of the Courthouse, work with the Tax Steering Committee to develop a project narrative about our plan. They will interview members of the Adhops Committee. I apologize by telling you that we started that process yesterday, that was absolutely a matter of when they were available to do that. They will come up with an inventory of problems, what some of our issues are, they will then come up with a concences among the Committee on what some of our desired outcomes and performance standards will be. They will then prepare an action plan to implement the organizational and operational plans necessary. I would like very much to have your approval for this consulting project. Are there any questions?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Mr. Buchanan, just for a question. The case that this group has been doing other projects throughout the Courthouse, could you remind me of some of the other things we have asked them to assist us on?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “The Management Partners? They have recently completed a project, if I’m not mistaken, Mr. Buchanan, with the 18th Judicial System?”

William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have had them do a number of projects including, they were hired under a separate contract as the Treasurer has indicated, with the 18th Judicial District about a case management system that you have heard and will hear more about. We have had them review the Developmental Disability or Community Development Disability Organization as to just the way the paper work flows through that process.

“Currently engaged, this week, taking a look at EMS (Emergency Medical Service) practices of quality control. How that relates to our billing process and whether in fact we need to hire more folks, but to examine why or why that might not be a good idea. So they have been engaged in a couple different ways and continue to be engaged with us. If you recall, Commissioner, we entered into a Contract with them to do various consulting works, projects undefended at the time up to \$50,000.00 before we went back to dealing. That’s part of this process.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “And so far in these previous projects, you have been satisfied?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you. Other questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the consulting project.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Commissioner McGinn said, “I just have a question, was this a receive and file?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “This is approval. That was my mistake on the other Agenda item, I had the terminology incorrect. While I have the opportunity, it would help you to have a reminder of the people that serve on the Steering Committee. They are the Appraiser, County Clerk, Director of Finance, GIS (Geographic Information Services), Information Services, Register of Deeds, myself, we have a representative, also, from the City of Wichita, from their Finance and Treasurer.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Jan, when do you expect to have results back, or is there any estimate of that yet?”

Ms. Kennedy said, “I have asked to be notified, but by the time, they only have this two day window of opportunity. He will tell me at that time when he anticipates getting the first level report back. It will my responsibility to call the Committee together to digest and critique and agree with or disagree with that to get ready to go to the second phase which has to do with coming up with some consensus on the direction in which we should move and then begin to implement procedures and perhaps simplify. That’s the goal.

“I think our over all vision, I hope I am not speaking out of turn, our over all vision as a Committee is to try to make the tax system as seamless as possible from the point of view of our citizens. So that wherever they interact with the system, there will be some consistency in the level of service and there will be some ability for us to give basic information. I don’t want to get involved in hearing at the Appraisers level. And I don’t want them to take money, but I can answer some very basic questions I would hope that they could answer some very basic questions so that we don’t have to send the taxpayer all over the place. This may be improved with the paystation on the first floor. It will give us an opportunity to coordinate some uncoordinated services that we have at the moment.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Very good. Thank you, Jan. Commissioners, I have a Motion of second on the floor for discussion.”

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, “Next item please.”

**H. GRANT APPLICATION TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO FUND
A CASE COORDINATOR POSITION THROUGH THE FEDERAL
S.T.O.P. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT.**

Chairman Hancock said, “Commissioners, Nola Folston is not here to present this. Is anyone here to present that?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Is this the one that I got a note on saying that they want to defer it?”

Chairman Hancock said, “Yes.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to defer indefinitely.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, “Next item please.”

I. DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

1. REVISED FISCAL YEAR 1999 SENIOR CARE ACT BUDGET, TO BE SUBMITTED TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

Chairman Hancock said, "This is becoming a regular item."

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Senior Care Act Program is a service that provide assistance to many elderly participants and their families to help them meet their in home services needs. This revision changes line items to correctly reflect actual expenditures. Total service projections for the Senior Care Program was \$39,736.15. However, from July 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999, the fiscal year 1999, the Senior Care Program has provided 39,674.14 units of care or 99% of these projections. These services are delivered through a mix of services and approximately 250 participants have received services from a network of 24 providers in the Community. This revision will allow us to show actual expenditures and put CPAAA in compliance with the Kansas Department on Aging regulations."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioners, questions, comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Budget an authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion on the Motion, the Vote was called.

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, "Next item please."

2. RESPONSE OF THE CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROVIDING CONCURRENCE WITH THE

**KANSAS SECRETARY OF AGING'S INTERPRETATION
OF THE AREA AGENCIES ON AGING LOAN RECOVERY
FUND.**

Ms. Graham said, "The Community Based Service Program was transferred from the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to the Department on Aging on January 1, 1997. In preparation for this transfer, the Kansas Department on Aging advanced Sedgwick County Department on Aging \$45,0000.00 to be used to offset start up costs for targeted case management for the frail elderly. This interpretation would forgive the \$45,000.00 for start up cost. It would recover the Areas Agency on Aging recovery fund."

Chairman Hancock said, "I would go for that. Thank you. Commissioners, discussions or questions?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion on the Motion, the Vote was called.

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, "Next item please."

**J. DELETION OF ONE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION,
RANGE 18, FROM THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

(GIS) STAFFING TABLE; AND ADDITION OF ONE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION, RANGE 21, TO THE DIVISION OF OPERATIONS STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Kathleen Sexton, Director, Division of Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The item before you today is to eliminate a currently vacant position in GIS and add an Administrative Officer Position, a little different position, to the Operations.

“Basically it is just a change in the needs of duties and responsibilities in terms of survey research, cost benefit analysis, those kind of things that have really not been done in this division before. I realize you know that this is a new division in terms of the reorganization that occurred about six months ago. I am available for any questions that you may have. The funding is in the current budget by shifting resources around.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Kathy.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the deletion from the GIS Staffing Table and addition to the Division of Operations Staffing Table.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, “Next item please.”

K. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The month of April we had seventeen events. Thirty-one performances with an attendance of an excess of 72,000 people. Our revenues were nearly \$284,000.00, that was because we had three concerts that month. Highlights were the Sun Cluster Dog Show. We had over 27,000 people come to the dog show over the five days that it was there. A real popular event. We had three concerts. Two of those sold out, that actually made a top twenty five as reported in the Trade Journals for the month. We had over 35,000 people attend the Flea Market during the month of April. Coming up on our schedule, we are going to finish out our graduation season. We have Tim McGraw coming in on the 28th. In June, we are really going to start

getting into the ice floor, the replacement we were scheduled for right after the Gun Show we had the second week. Key performance measures to date, we have exceeded our term, or receded our goal of long term agreements. We have two additional five year agreements. There are surveys which we hand out randomly at every event. We are running about a 90% approval rating. We also have, it is very interesting to note, the impact of the internet on ticket sales.

“As you know we sell tickets for the Kansas State Fair. They put one of their premium shows on sell early, Britney Spears, very popular young singer. Three percent of all the tickets sold on the first day, were sold over the internet. Our goal is 2% over the internet. First day sell were 6%. Kids are really learning how to get on the computer and get their tickets. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them at this time.”

Chairman Hancock said, “I’m glad that to hear that.”

Mr. Nath said, “It’s mom and dad’s credit card they are using I’m sure.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Commissioners, questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion on the Motion, the Vote was called.

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, “I just wish I knew who Britney Spears was. I got to get out more. Next item please.”

L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' MAY 13, 1999 REGULAR MEETING.

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Minutes from the May 13 Meeting from the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are five items for consideration.

(1) **WALK-IN FREEZER & LIFT- JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH**
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

“Item one is a walk-in freezer and lift for the Judge Riddel Boys Ranch. Department of Corrections and Capital Projects. It was recommended to reject all bids as they exceed the budget set amount.

(2) **DEMOLITION OF VACATED PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING- FLEET**
MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

“Item two, demolition of vacated Public Works Building for Fleet Management and Capital Projects. It was recommended to accept the low bid of BradBurn Wrecking Company, Inc. for the amount of \$23,600.00 even.

(3) **MSELECT EXCHANGE LICENCE- INFORMATION SERVICES**
FUNDING: EQUIPMENT RESERVE

“Item three, MSelect Exchange License. It was recommended to accept the only bid from Software Spectrum for the amount of \$19,450.00 is from the State of Kansas Contract as you see noted.

(4) **TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENT- VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES

“Item four, telecommunications agents for various departments. It was recommended to accept the proposal of Communications Technology Associates, Inc., there are no funds specifically associated with this, but it is for a three year contract. There are three pages of recommendation attached.

(5) **JUMPSUITS- ADULT DETENTION FACILITY**
FUNDING: SHERIFF

“Item five, jumpsuits for the Adult Detention Facility, it was recommended to accept the low bid of Robinson Textile, in the amount of \$13,130.55. And a complete tabulation follows. I will be happy take any questions and ask that you approve the recommendation Minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Darren. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion on the Motion, the Vote was called.

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, “Darren, before you go away, those who may be watching, those who are here in the room today, Darren is the Purchasing Director and has played a significant role in the tornado tragedy. I don’t know who Darren is speaking to or what he is doing out there or how much he is paying but everywhere I go I get compliments about you and your department. You have taken the incentive to do things that are proper and right yet fast and quick and needed. I wanted to tell you we really appreciate that.”

Mr. Muci said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Hancock said, “While the Purchasing is on my mind, we just accepted a bid to demolition one of our buildings. A former building where Public Works used to be housed. I think the price was \$23,000.00. It may not be proper, but I am going to do it anyway in the interest of public service, I have received a number of calls from citizens who are in the process of cleaning up after the tornado who have received bids from folks to clean up partial parts of house, trees and so forth.

“The bids have been astronomical. Just absolutely outrageous as far as I’m concerned. I am familiar with what it costs to do that kind of work. I just want to tell the public out there, who may be listening, if some of these bids are gouging, they are certainly invited to call the District Attorney’s Office or this office. I will not stand for that sort of thing. I have just been amassed at some of the prices I have been hearing about small clean up jobs. We are paying \$23,000.00 for a whole building and I have heard a few trees at \$9,000.00. We will not stand for that. This is no time to gouge, I respect the right of those companies to make profit. There is lots of work out there right now. I will do anything I can to make sure that folks are treated fairly.”

Mr. Muci said, “Thank you, for mentioning that Sir.”

Chairman Hancock said, "Next item, please."

CONSENT AGENDA

M. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Rent</u> <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>District</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
C99028	\$116.00		Bart A. Ridder
V99026	\$94.00	3	Mt. Hope Community Development, Inc.

2. 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</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Old</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Amount</u>
V95088	\$117.00	\$90.00
V96030	\$208.00	\$61.00
V98041	\$304.00	\$455.00
V98068	\$421.00	\$349.00

3. Lease Agreement with NationsBank, N.A. for office space at the Derby, Kansas bank branch.

4. Payroll Check Registers of May 14, 1999.

5. General Bills Check Register of May 14, 1999.

6. Budget Adjustment Request.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion on the Motion, the Vote was called.

VOTE

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes to consider a consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged to the attorney-client relationship relating to legal advice and preliminary discussions relating to the accusations of real property for public purposes. And the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:50 am

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion on the Motion, the Vote was called.

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, "There was no binding action while in Executive Session. Is there any further business?"

N. OTHER

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

, 1999