

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 11, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Lucretia Taylor, Director of Diversity and Employment Opportunities, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Donald Kinney, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Roger Lenertz, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Robertus Rem, Firefighter, Fire District #1; Mr. Andy Schlapp, Director, Community Relations; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management Department; Mr. Mike Pepoon, Director, Government Relations; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Office; Ms. Greta Douglas, Administrative Assistant, Housing Office; Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Patricia Robello, Deputy County Surveyor, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Mackenzie Matthies, Chair, Drug Abuse Prevention.
Ms. Ginny Ruschen, Chair, Community Connections.
Mr. David Welch, Chair, ACTION Committee.
Mr. Winton M. Hinkle, Hinkle Elkouri Firm LLC.
Ms. Jackie Burgher, Raytheon.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Barry Dundas of East Heights United Methodist Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

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ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that all Commissioners were present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, November 13, 2002

The Clerk reported that Chairman Sciortino was absent at the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2002.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review, I believe, the Minutes of the Meeting of November 13th. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2002.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Abstain

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

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RETIREMENTS

A. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCKS.

1. DONALD KINNEY, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Lucretia Taylor, Director of Diversity and Employment Opportunities, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present the retirement clock and certificate to Donald Kinney who will be retiring from the Sheriff's Department January 1, 2003, after 22 years of service.

Donald plans to spend time with his family, when he's not fishing and hunting, which are his hobbies. He says he's put off too many things for too long and he's worked in detention, then judicial, while at Sedgwick County and describes his period of employment with Sedgwick County as a real experience.

So, if Donald is here I'd like to present his retirement certificate."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Donald, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the people of Sedgwick County, we want to present you with your retirement clock to remind you of the hours that you've spent serving us and the years, quite frankly. We hope that you enjoy your retirement, that it's healthy and that you get the rest that you desire. Thank you, Donald."

Mr. Donald Kinney, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to thank the people of Sedgwick County for giving me the opportunity to serve them in the proud tradition of the Sheriff's Department. It's been an honor, a pleasure and for the next young man who picks up my badge, may he carry it with the integrity that I lay it down."

2. ROGER LENERTZ, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Ms. Taylor said, "Commissioners, we also have another retirement from the Sheriff's Department. Roger Lenertz will be retiring, again January 1, 2003 after 22 years of service as well. Roger, are you here?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "And to you too Roger, on the commemoration of your retirement from the Sheriff's Office of Sedgwick County, Board of County Commissioners and the folks of Sedgwick County want to thank you for your service and present you with this clock in appreciation for that time. Thank you, Roger and enjoy your retirement. Comments?"

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Mr. Roger Lenertz, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I hired on this department in 1980 and after serving in the grocery business for about almost 20 years, where you spoke to people with 'Yes sir, No sir', things of that nature, I hired in the jail and people don't have quite the same comments as they do in the grocery business, so I wondered if there were times when I was going to make it. But I had some very good friends that pretty much helped me make it. So here I am today and I worked with some great people and made some great friends and for that I'm really grateful. Thank you."

3. ROBERTUS REM, FIREFIGHTER, FIRE DISTRICT #1

Ms. Taylor said, "And Commissioners, our final retirement is from the Fire District. Robertus Rem will retire January 1, 2003 after 20 years of service from the Fire District. Come on up, Robertus."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I pointed out, when I looked out earlier and saw you all dressed up in a tie and everything, I was impressed by that. There's your retirement certificate and then you already have the base. You confused me. Leave it to a firefighter to . . . Again, thank you for your service to the folks of the Fire District. The Board appreciates you and all the firefighters who work with this County organization. We want you to remind this . . . this clock to remind you of the time, the years you've served but we don't want you to have to watch it any more. We want you to enjoy your retirement."

Mr. Robertus Rem, Firefighter, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd just like to thank everybody for putting up with me for all these years. Like Bob Boring, I got a list of all the nicknames they called me over the years but I left it at the station, so I guess I spare you of that. Thanks again for everybody and for all they did for me and being my friends. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Clerk, would you call the next item please."

Commissioner McGinn left at 9:11 a.m.

CITIZEN INQUIRY

B. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING WICHITA'S PROMISE YOUTH COUNCIL VIOLENCE SURVEY AND TEEN PAGES DIRECTORY.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Ma'am, why don't we just ask that you hold off just a couple of seconds, let these people file out so that we can devote all our time and attention to you. Free presents, Christmas presents. Okay."

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Ms. Ginny Ruschen, Community Connections Chair, Wichita's Promise Youth Council, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am a senior from Southeast and a member of Wichita's Promise Youth Council. This year I serve as the community connections committee and we come to you today to present our Teen Pages and our Violence Response packet.

A brief history of Youth Council, we were founded back in 1997. We've been around for almost five years. A group of teens came together to complete ACTION, which stands for Adolescents Coming Together to Inform Others of our Needs. Through that survey which we've conducted, we've come up with many projects and the two that we bring to you today are part of that.

At the same time, another initiative was started in our community and a group of adults traveled to America's Promise and they came back and formed Wichita's Promise and thought it would be great to have a youth council. Those two projects came together and now we have Wichita's Promise Youth Council. Like I said, we have several projects that were started because of ACTION but we also do other things in the community. We're involved in mentoring youth, as well as being involved in collaborations throughout the city and the county.

One of the great things about Youth Council is that not only do we encourage youth to join and just be active in their community, but we also encourage youth to be involved in their schools and be involved with others as well. We really are a countywide collaboration of teens from all over the city.

I'd like to present to you Mackenzie Matthies. She's going to speak to you about Teen Pages."

Ms. Mackenzie Matthies, Drug Abuse Prevention Chair, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Ginny. Like Ginny said, I am Mackenzie Matthies. I'm a junior at Kapaun. I am currently serving as Chair of our drug abuse prevention committee. It was through drug abuse prevention that we started work on our Teen Pages, which has been a two-year project for us that we just recently completed and are in the process of passing out to teenagers around Sedgwick County.

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It addresses all five issues from the ACTION 2000, which were alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, violence, teen sex, teen pregnancy, nothing to do/ no where to go and employment. As you can see in the Teen Pages we gave you, 'health/ body and soul' mainly covers alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, along with teen sex and teen pregnancy. The 'Understanding each other' section abstractly deals with alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, violence and teen sex/ teen pregnancy. 'Violence and crime' deals with our number two concern, which was violence and 'Getting out there' deals with our nowhere to go/ nothing to do and our employment, trying to teach teens how they can get out there and volunteer and how they can . . . how would be the best way for them to approach filling out a job application and getting a job.

And then our last section, 'Things to do' addresses the nowhere to go/ nothing to do concern with places around Wichita and Sedgwick County that teens might find interesting as a place to go hang out or have fun with their friends.

We are, right now we're passing out . . . we're starting with the high schools and working our way out because most teens within Sedgwick County are in the high schools. So the best way to go, we believe, is we're going to start with the schools and we're handing them out and they have a worksheet that goes along with them that their teachers can work and they can use it as a classroom aid, kind of a teaching tool. And then, as we branch out after all the schools have been equipped with the Teen Pages we will branch out and reach other avenues of reaching the teenagers. And with that, I'd like to introduce David Welch or Ginny."

Ms. Ruschen said, "I'm back again. As we were working on this project and others, we noticed certain trends that brought violence to the forefront. We've done action a couple of times and it moved from our number four concern to our number two concern and we thought that was noteworthy and decided to continue our research and that's what brought about the Violence Response packet. It took us a year to complete and Dave is going to talk about it."

Commissioner McGinn returned at 9:18 a.m.

Mr. David Welch, ACTION Committee Chair, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Violence Response packet that we recently completed originated from the results of the ACTION survey that occurred in 2000. We noticed a jump from the number two concern to the number . . . from the number two concern to the number four concern of youth in the community and from this Wichita's Promise Youth Council decided to find out the youth's perspective on violence in Sedgwick County.

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We began by forming the violence committee, which was one of the WPYC committees last year. That committee worked to conduct focus groups in a large number of high schools and we totaled . . . and we surveyed 722 students total. That was from 21 schools, 12 of those were USD 259 schools, 3 were private and 6 were county schools.

Before beginning, the violence committee consulted the Self-Help Network and USD 259 Safe and Drug-free Schools about developing the survey. Members of the violence committee then went to the schools and conducted the focus groups. They began by discussing some of the violence issues in the community and we then passed out a written survey that had questions such as what causes violence in the community, what kind of violence have you seen, what are your suggestions for reducing violence and if you do not think that it is possible to reduce violence and why not.

From those results, we compiled the Violence Response packet which you have before you. We noticed three major trends in the responses. The first of those was that a majority reported that violence reduction was possible in the community. The second was that vandalism, theft and fighting were reported in all schools, not just intercity ones. It occurs in schools throughout the county. And the severity of violence was not reflected by zip code or the placing of the school in the community. In the packet we split the results by zip code and present them that way. The results are also available by school but that is only by request if a school had more than five responses. We would also like to thank the Kansas Health Foundation for a recognition grant which helped fund the project. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. I think we do have some comments. Oh, I’m sorry.”

Ms. Ruschen said, “I was going to ask for questions or comments.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Let me just make one thing briefly. You’re too late, that’s the problem. If I heard it once I heard it a 1,000 times from my son, who is a graduate of Kapaun. There’s nothing to do. It’s boring, that words, I hated that word and here I’ve got . . . there’s a kagillion things that I could have been pointing out to them. So it’s unfortunate that you’re about 8 or 9 years too late as far as to save my son, but I think what you’re doing is great and if you three are representative of the youth of our community, then we indeed have a good, healthy, solid future. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well, you took part of the words right out of my mouth, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, my initials are B.S.”

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Commissioner Winters said, "I know, I've heard that. We do have a lot of great young people in this community and we're certainly glad that you three came to share with us some of the things that you're involved in to help make a difference in this community. And we know there are a lot of good young people out there working hard. We know there are some that are struggling and I think it really is kind of fortunate that you're here today. One of the things that we're going to do later in our meeting is discuss prevention programs here in the community and we're going to talk about funding some operations of different organizations, 13 different organizations we're going to look at and talk about children's issues and young people issues. So I hope you know that Sedgwick County is trying to do as much as we can to make sure that these issues and you've hit a number of them right square on the head on the things that you're trying to address with your youth council. So if there's times in the future you want to come back to the County Commissioners and share what you're doing or ask for help or direction or guidance, you'd certainly be welcomed back. Thanks."

Ms. Ruschen said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I think it's so admirable and what I find is interesting is all the adults in the world can tell kids what to do but when kids start telling each other how it should be and what the problems are and analyzing it we get real solutions. I know as a young man myself, you know, my parents suggestions fell on deaf ears but when I had peers tell me kind of what was going on and what I should be doing I latched onto it. And just . . . I've seen some information recently on bullying and you know that has to be solved in the inter sanctum with kids saying or young people saying that's not going to happen anymore, we don't like it in our schools, you need to isolate the bullies and all the parents in the world, all the instructors in the world, all the experts in the world probably won't fix that near as quickly as peer pressure on the good side, as opposed to peer pressure on the bad side. So keep up the good work. Hopefully you'll build density in every young person and every school in Sedgwick County will read this, latch onto it, internalize it and affect our community. I applaud you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Gwin."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the other thing that you all may have learned a lot earlier than most is the importance of partnerships. I mean, I see all the folks on the back of here who have helped you with these efforts. I think your group knows you couldn't have done it by yourself. You have maybe the willpower and the energy to do it, but it does take all these others folks and the others that you mentioned to make the end product. Now it's back in your hands, it seems to me, for you all to try to take the message out and take it to those young people who need to hear it. But your experience with partnerships I think will serve you well in the future. It really does, those kinds of relationships do make things happen and fostering those kinds of things at this early age will certainly help you, as you go forward no matter what you decide to do.

Thank you for your involvement in the Youth Council. I hope it's been important and productive for you all. It certainly has been to the community. So thank you for your willingness to take the time and the information that you shared with us. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yes, ma'am. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry I missed the very beginning of your presentation. I'm just looking at this. This looks like an excellent resource for people. How do you distribute it and whose is getting it?"

Ms. Ruschen said, "We have 30,000 copies that are being distributed around Sedgwick County. Right now they're going mostly to schools. We're having to limit the number of copies we send to schools because there's such a high demand, which is really exciting for us. It's going out to counselors, to teachers, to principals and other community organizations are starting to request them as well."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. I looked at these schools here and they are participants in this whole process. So, okay. Well great and I wish you continued success. This is I think a great piece to help. I mean, you just look at some of these things in here and what teenager hasn't thought about at least 80% of some of these kinds of things in here. So, great job."

Ms. Ruschen said, "Thank you. One other thing I'd like to mention is that Teen Pages is already available on our website. Community members can access it at www.wpyc.org. Copies can be requested by calling the regional prevention center at 262-2421, ask for Jennifer Benoit, 262-2421. We'd really love to see the community take action of some of the things we've brought to the forefront. They're available for anyone who'd like to request them."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, that’s great and thank you again. And what is most gratifying form me is that a good portion of the youth of our community have decided to be part of the solution, not just sitting back taking cheap shots and complaining and bickering why doesn’t somebody do something. You’ve decided to be part of that somebody that does something. And we applaud all of your work. Congratulations.”

Ms. Ruschen said, “Thank you very much. Next item please. Oh, do we have to have . . .”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

- C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS FOR RAYTHEON AIRCRAFT COMPANY (FORMERLY BEECH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION.)**

Ms. Jackie Burgher, Vice President of Communications and Public Affairs, Raytheon Aircraft, greeted the Commissioner and said, “I’ve been with the company for two months.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And love it already.”

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Ms. Burgher said, “Yes, you can tell from my accent I wasn’t born here. I’ve been with Raytheon for three years working for the London business. I’ve been in defense for 25 years and I’ve been in general aviation for two months and I’m very happy to be here, very happy to be in Wichita. It’s a very easy place to live and I’ve been made very welcome, thank you.

Just to talk about our request this morning, I’ll break down the request. The buildings and improvement, we’re asking for \$3,000,000. For machinery and equipment, we’re asking for 5,000,000 and for tooling we’re asking for \$57,000,000. I’ve just rounded them off. And the tooling is mostly for our Premier and Horizon programs, our two newest programs. The Premier, I’m very proud of our aircraft. We’ve just completed . . . Sorry, we’re nearly completing a world tour of the aircraft. And if you go to our website you’ll be able to follow the tour. It’s going very successfully.

We also just completed a world speed record off the Premier as well. And we’ve also been certified for eight countries and we expect to be certified for a further four this year and a further eight next year. So the program is going extremely well and the funding that you’ve provided is helping us do that.

On the Horizon, we had the first flight of the Hawker Horizon this year and next year we’ll be really focusing on certifying the Horizon next year. And once we get them both certified, we feel that we’ll have two of the hottest aircraft in the aviation industry.

If you look at our business, we have 7,400 employees at the moment and Raytheon Company is our parent and they are fully behind us. They are committed to our R and D funding for next year, which will help us with our new programs and further product development improvements in the future to help with our growth. We see a tremendous opportunity for Raytheon Aircraft and we’re building the foundation for future success, so we’re here for the long haul. Even though the market is extremely tough at the moment, predictions say that it will probably turn around slowly at the end of 2004. We think it’s probably going to be more likely to be 2005. So 2003 will be a very tough year. And if I can help with any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see that there’s any questions. I’ll ask one that I think maybe the public might be interested in. In just sort of lay terms, we’re helping by making, for example, an investment of \$65,000,000. How does that benefit the community? Does that assure that you’ll be in business for a length . . . I mean, how does that in general benefit the community?”

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Ms. Burgher said, "Well, I mean sir, as I confirmed, we're certainly here for the long haul. That investment will help us with our future programs in development, which means that it's the future growth of the business and it's very important for us. It also means that we can obviously invest in the community too, so our supply base will obviously benefit from that too and obviously employment in the area. One of the things I've found being with the company, talking to our employees is the real pride in the business. It's absolutely fantastic and I think that will help further too."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Winters, you had a question."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Probably not necessarily a question as much as a comment. But I know that we did have some scheduling difficulties here in this past few weeks. I certainly would like the opportunity to sit down and visit with you some more and get to know you, especially since you're new to the community and new to the company. We'd dealt with an individual from Raytheon for a number of years, Jim Gregory, as long as I've been a commissioner he's been the person. So I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you."

I guess one of the comments I would have is I'm glad you're continuing to investment dollars and cents into this community. I mean, if we didn't have this request before us, that would mean probably zero investment and we all know that this is a tough time for the aviation industry but we've all lived in this town long enough to know that it's a cyclical business and it will turn around. There will be a time when we're back. So, I'm going to be supportive of this request. I'd ask Mr. Euson, Rich this is not anything different than we've done in past years about this time of the year? We accept a request like this and act on it. So is there anything different from this request today than we've done with Raytheon in the past?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor said, "No sir, there isn't. This is pursuant to the letter of intent that you issued in I believe it was 1998."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, very good. Well, I wished you'd been able to spend twice this amount of money but I think it's a positive step to know that there's still investment being made in this community. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great, thank you. Commissioner Gwin."

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Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well I certainly agree with Commissioner Winters and you and I have had an opportunity to talk, as I have briefly with Jim Schuster. And I think I expressed to you at the time that the success of what we, those of us growing up here knew as Beech and today as Raytheon, success of that company is very important to this community and I think I expressed to you too, on behalf of my colleagues, that I’ve never seen anything come from this board that would indicate anything else. We want you all to be successful. We want folks working there. We want you to grow and to be prosperous and certainly approving this today will indicate to you all that we still are sincere about that. Mr. Schuster and you have both expressed that times are tough and they may get tougher but, like any other good corporation who has been here a long time, we know that you all will succeed and we’ll be able to ride through it. So we appreciate the request and we’re certainly looking forward to a turn around in this down cycle.”

Ms. Burgher said, “And I think you’ll probably will have noticed, this year we celebrated our heritage of excellence by returning to the Beechcraft and Hawker brands and you’ll see more of that in the future. Thank you.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “That’s terrific. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Well, I don’t see that there’s any other questions. We wish you continued success. You’re building on a heritage that those of us that have lived here a long time are very proud of and that’s the Beechcraft name. And you’ve proven I think to this Board and to the community that you always have been a good corporate citizen and this proves it again, once that you’re able to make another sizable investment in this community and we’re glad to, in a small way, partner with you.

So, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISE OF RAYTHEON AIRCRAFT COMPANY'S OPTION TO PURCHASE FACILITIES FINANCED WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY'S AIRPORT FACILITY REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1993, FOR RAYTHEON AIRCRAFT COMPANY (FORMERLY BEECH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION.)

Mr. Winton M. Hinkle, Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm, LLC, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'll be relatively brief. This relates to a very old issue of bonds that the Sedgwick County Commission approved for Beech Aircraft Corporation originally in 1983. It financed a facility which was a training center for simulator training of pilots for Beech Aircraft.

The bonds in question were refunded in 1993. Along the way, Beech entered into a relationship with Flight Safety International and leased the facility to them. Subsequently, the County Commission was approached by Flight Safety and Flight Safety constructed an addition to that building in the late 1990s and purchased additional simulators.

The 1983 bonds, refunded with the 1993 bonds, are now gone. They're completely paid off in full and as a result, Raytheon has now exercised its option to purchase and take back title to the original facility. The resolution before you today relates to that and authorizes you to convey that property back to Raytheon.

At the same time, it leaves us in a situation in which we'll have a single building with divided ownership. Part of it now will be owned by Raytheon. Part of it will still be owned by Sedgwick County and subject to a lease to Flight Safety Corporation. And so, the resolution before you also provides for an agreement which will regulate that relationship.

Without getting it any more complicated than that sounds, that's a very brief summary of the item that's before you. I'd be happy to try to answer any questions, should you have any."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see that’s there’s any questions or comments at this particular time.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “The only question I would have is, Rich, Legal Department has reviewed this as to its content and form? You’re supportive of this Motion?”

Mr. Euson said, “Yes, we have. Yes.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And Mr. Buchanan, you’re comfortable with what is being done here?”

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager said, “Absolutely.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. If there’s no further comments, what’s the will of the Board on item D please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much. Next item. Thanks for coming down folks.”

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

E. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 63RD STREET SOUTH FROM HYDRAULIC TO K-15.

Mr. Euson said, “Commissioners, before you on the screen is a map, or an overhead showing the intersection of K-15 and 63rd Street South and the county is in the process of doing improvements to 63rd Street by widening it from roughly Oliver to Hydraulic and also to realign Oliver from 63rd, in this area. You can just barely see the realignment along here. And as is normal in a project like this, we need to acquire real estate for both permanent and temporary easements and most of that work has been done. However, there are a few properties that we have not been able to obtain for whatever reason. We either not been able to agree on a price or we have not been able to successfully communicate and get counter offers by the property owners. And so, we’re in a position where this project really needs to move forward and the purpose of this resolution is to allow us to do that.

So the resolution would authorize us to begin condemnation proceedings on these owners, which are in the realignment area for the most part, but also one owner who is along 63rd in the area close to that realignment. So we will continue, if you authorize this resolution, we will continue to try to negotiate with these owners but we do need to start this process so that this project can move forward and I’d be glad to answer any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Rich, I do have a question. There’s one owner has contacted me and I had a meeting with him and they had concerns that they didn’t think the amount of monies that were being offered was fair. Are you comfortable that we’ve made an honest attempt at trying to come up with fair market value as we perceive it to be?”

Mr. Euson said, “Yes, sir. I’m absolutely comfortable that we have made that good faith attempt.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Now, on this condemnation proceeding, if I understand it, we just don’t take the property. Aren’t the steps where we then hire an outside appraiser, the court hires an appraiser, the participants have the ability to hire an appraiser and then those two appraisers appoint another appraiser and then the three of those independent appraisers then collectively come up with what they think is right and then the court makes a decision?”

Mr. Euson said, “When we file proceedings in condemnation, the court will appoint three appraisers and those appraisers will hold a hearing, invite all the parties to attend. The parties will give those appraisers information related to fair market value. They will make a decision and file it as part of the court proceedings.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. So if one of the property owners apparently still have a problem establishing a value that they think is fair, this is another opportunity for them to make their case at another level, other than us, and it's the actual courts that will then make the final decision."

Mr. Euson said, "That is true and some of the judges do permit and encourage the parties to suggest appraisers. So there are opportunities along those lines."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And I'm comfortable that our policy and procedures are correct but I just want to try to give comfort especially to that one landowner that this is a fair process and this actually gives them another venue, another opportunity to plead their case because they were under-impressed, I guess, by our initial value that we placed on their property. All right, thank you very much for that. Any other comments or questions? What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much Rich. Next item please."

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F. RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE *SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE* TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF CURBSIDE RECYCLING, PAY AS YOU THROW, THE LEAF BAN AND THE FALLEN GRASS BAN.

Mr. Andy Schlapp, Director, Community Relations, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you today we have a resolution and to kind of step back for a second, a year ago we challenged our community to recycle more before we implemented certain waste minimization items. During that time, the entire solid waste market changed. We started looking at long term disposal options and with those long term disposal options, become different ways different people can operate a landfill or a transfer station, it can be a public or private and because of all those things, the way we implement certain waste minimization programs can and will change. And it’s felt that at this time to implement something and then force change on the good citizens of this community and then six months or a year later put some more change would offer confusion to the community.

The second thing that happened is other cities within the county started looking at franchising and that has a serious effect on the haulers in the private market. They have to invest millions of dollars into equipment and staff and training, with the idea that they may not be in business six months or a year from now. So it’s felt that there are some more basic decisions that need to be made before we implement these bans in the recycling and pay as you throw.

So today, I would ask that you adopt the resolution to delay these waste minimization projects and authorize the chairman to sign and I’d be glad to answer any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Is there any questions or comments of Andy at this particular time? Yes.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I’ll just go ahead and make a comment. I’m very supportive of this. I think there’s some unintended consequences if we move forward on some of these things. I have a problem with the leaf and grass clipping ban, just because I’m not sure we have decided how that will be handled and particularly with folks that are on limited income, our senior population, that that could be onerous to them and I want to be sure we’ve thought all that out before we institute any kind of ban. So I’m very supportive of that.

When it comes to recycling, I’m an advocate for recycling but the market has changed a lot. We already know that glass is at peril at being reused and recycled and does that now go just in general trash or do we continue to separate it and I think we need to make those decisions.

The truth is if we became very strong in recycling magazines and paper, we’d probably hit about a

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60% goal just on that one item. So I think it's smart to move slowly on this and be sure we understand what today's marketplace looks like and what the economics of this are before we impose it on our citizens and maybe have some unintended consequences down the road. So I'll be very supportive of this."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just real quickly, we'd gotten a note from some students and faculty at East High School and if you'll . . . I thought on their behalf I would express their option, for the record. It's a note dated December 4, 2002 to the Sedgwick County Commission.

We, students and faculty of Wichita High School East, including members of the Recycle Club, wish to not have the environmentally friendly waste removal policy delayed. The original deadline was pushed to January 1st, 2003. Let us attempt to increase the recycling rate in Wichita from 20% to 50% (if not to near 100%) by adhering to plans and enforcing the new waste removal policy beginning January 1st, 2003.

We wish this to happen for numerous reasons. Firstly, this new policy would not financially burden the citizens, as the money saved by disposing of less waste would offset the cost for mandatory recycling. Secondly, Sedgwick County's recycling rate lags far below the national recycling rate and we should endeavor to keep up with a constantly changing society. Lastly, not recycling is harmful for the environment.

And I love this last statement.

We give our sincerest gratitude for gratitude for allowing us to voice our opinion and for listening to our humble plea for the environment.

And there are several signatures in response to the article that was in the paper. I don't disagree with them, in total. I am distressed that we have to continue to delay these things. I think these kinds of programs are the right thing to do. I still get calls from folks who have visited other communities who see that they really have bitten the bullet and that they have been able to do the right thing. They've been doing it for decades, in some cases. So it troubles me that we continue to delay this. I understand some of the reasons, from the hauler's standpoint but I think . . . I would think, despite their problems, that continuing to delay what I believe are the right things for us to do is something that continues to trouble me. So thank you Mr. Chairman."

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

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess, Commissioner Gwin, since you brought up this letter, the second thing that they put on there as a reason was money saved by disposing of less waste would offset the cost of mandatory recycling. I guess that needs to be proven to me."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And I'm not saying that they're right."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I agree but this is part of the frustration. I get people that call me and say something is working in another community and then they say 'And it's free to do this'. Well it's not free and when you really look into the details, it's the public government that's running it and it may be on your tax bill, property taxes, it may be somewhere else hidden. Somebody's paying for it and I think that's the frustration I have is okay, if we want some of those programs, we'll have to look at it that way because I haven't successfully seen the private haulers wanting to say 'Yeah, let's help the community save money if they dispose of less waste and we'll offer mandatory recycling and offset the cost'. I've not seen that, I've not heard that from the private community yet. And so that's why it's frustrating to me is when constituents call trying to explain that we're different. We have a private market here in Wichita/ Sedgwick County area and so how we play the game is a little different and how we offer these services are a little different. And so, I think we need to continue to work and look at what other communities are being successful, are they private, are they public, what can we bring back to our community."

And I could support this recycling of leaves and those kinds of things. I could support the mandatory recycling at some point in time in the future or the pay as you throw I should say. I think that's important because it has to be based on volume base, so that you can reward the people that do recycle. I guess what I'd like to do, I know we're going to be really talking again about solid waste and final disposal here in just a very short couple of months here and I'd like to challenge staff, as we continue down this road, to look at other communities that have been successful doing these things. And so when it comes back and says 'Hey, we're hearing from the community that they want to do the pay as you throw' well show me a community that it's successful."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And that it does offset the costs."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And that it does offset the costs. And so if I have that information it helps me so I can explain to my constituents. As far as the leaf ban, I've been

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very troubled by that. I have probably the oldest neighborhoods in my district and you can go look and some of the backyards that are very small, enclosed where the wind can't capture the leaves and blow, other than blow in their neighbor's yard or somebody is receiving somebody else's. I haven't seen a plan of how we're going to dispose of four foot of leaves. You can't make composting pile. There's just no room in their yard to do that. I know we have a very successful business that's taking these kinds of things. I guess I need to see a plan to how we could get this out of the neighborhoods and to a place like that and whether there will be other places like that so that there will be a competitive situation as well.

And so, I just . . . I guess for the record, I'm not opposed to these at some time in the future, but I need to see success stories so that I can share to the citizens 'Yes, this will work' and it will work either through the private sector or through the public sector, which ever way we decide to go. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Let me just make a couple of general . . . I'm going to be supportive of this delay for a multiplicity of reasons. Number one, if indeed the community wants recycling, there's absolutely nothing to stop them doing it, if that's what they want to do go ahead and do it. You can do it on your own. We don't have to make it a law to force you to do something that you want to do. All we would do is force somebody to do something that they don't want to do. And the timing of this is what's really troubling to me. We're in some real tough economic times and I don't know if they're just in my area but I'm getting a lot of phone calls from seniors that are avid recyclers right now and they take it to the drop-off bins and they do everything they can and the way, good intentions aside that we had attempted here, they would be penalized because they would be forced to subscribe to a curbside recycling program that is already in place but that they felt that they couldn't afford, regardless of the fact that they're already recycling everything that they can, they'd be forced to pay an additional fee for something that they don't use right now. That's wrong, especially these times. Another four or five dollars a month to a senior on fixed income that's already doing the right thing seems a little punitive to me and we may need to massage that.

The leaf ban, like Commissioner McGinn has said, I've always been bothered by that because I can't think of a more biodegradable item to put in a landfill than leaves or grass

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clippings. I've got a lot of people that are calling me saying that it's their neighbor's leaves that come on their land, not theirs and why should they have to pay extra to get rid of them. They're already raking them up anyway and that upsets them. And again, the idea about well they can compost. Well, there's a limited amount of compost material that any homeowner can use and after a while what you have is a mini-garbage dump in your back yard full of decomposed leaves and grass clippings that you can't use or go away with. So I'm going to support this delay. It is a delay, it's not throwing it out. I think at some time in the future we can re-look at this. But I think the timing is bad for us to implement at this time. So I'll definitely be supportive of this delay. Any other questions or comments? I'm sorry, Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to, very reluctantly, support this resolution and to me the issue is timing and as Andy Schlapp and Commissioner McGinn alluded to, there's going to be several decisions made in the next couple of months I think and we want to make sure we're on a track that we don't have to continually change. So we want to make sure that we're on sound footing of what our ultimate decision is going to be. And I guess you could break my reasonings down into a couple again. This seems to be this fluctuation in the recycling market, the struggling local economy now and this continued debate of local landfill versus distant landfill and I think those three things, the timing issue then comes to the point where I'm going to support this. But I think we've made, again, as we've talked about this, we're clearly perhaps thinking differently about our solid waste stream here. I think we do have a responsibility to reduce the material that goes into the solid waste, municipal solid waste stream. I think it's our responsibility to have programs and plans available that material that does not need to be in an expensive landfill citizens can do other things with it.

Had an opportunity yesterday to visit with an individual about glass and I was very disappointed that the glass recycling market is not there but we were talking about perhaps a local market, a local option. I'm going to continue to work on ways to supplement glass and get that back as a recyclable item here in Sedgwick County. I still want to continue to work on the grass clippings. I mean, that's a material that does not need to be in a landfill and I'd remind the Chairman that nothing is biodegradable in a landfill, nothing goes away once it gets in a landfill. It's going to be there forever. So I guess, again reluctantly I'm going to support this because of the timing situation, not because I think these are not good programs or would be good programs. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Any further comments? What's the will of the Board on this item?"

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MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Gwin, you had a comment.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Just real quickly, Commissioner Winters made some statements that really rang true to me and I agree with him. I think as long as you continue to have a goal to reduce what goes into your municipal solid waste stream and to work to achieve that or to exceed that, then I think you’re making progress and in this community we started way behind a lot of other places and we’ve taken some steps, not huge ones, but we have taken some steps. And so, like Commissioner Winters, I think we’ve made some progress. I want to encourage you to continue to do that. I will probably support this because I don’t think the haulers or any of us have it in place to do it, effect two weeks from now, but with reluctance because I really do believe that this minimization still needs to be the linchpin of a successful municipal solid waste system. So, that’s my discussion on the motion.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Any other comments? Okay, we have a Motion and a second. Clerk, call the roll.”

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Andy. Next item please.”

G. DIVISION OF FINANCE.

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO

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TRANSFER MONIES FROM THE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS FUND TO THE SPECIAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND AND/OR THE SPECIAL ROAD, BRIDGE AND EQUIPMENT FUND.

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The annual budget that you adopt provides spending authority for our operating departments and in this case it provides spending authority for the highway fund that's used to maintain our roads and bridges. That spending authority, by state law, expires at the end of each calendar year and we are not allowed to carry that over to the subsequent year. There is a special statute that provides authority to carry over limited amounts of highway fund balances at the end of the year. Up to 25% of those balances can be carried over and transferred into special funds that may be used only for highway improvements or for equipment that's going to be used in the highway program.

The statute requires that you adopt those transfers prior to December 31st of a given year. The difficulty with that is that prior to December 31st we don't know what amount of money is going to be available to transfer within the 25% limitation. And so the resolution that's before you is similar to ones that you've adopted in past years. It provides us the authority, at staff level, to perform those transfers after the end of the year, once we have made a determination of what the final fund balance is in the highway fund and we will take into consideration the minimum cash requirements of that fund in accordance with the policies that you've adopted and consult with David Spears, the Public Works Director, and then make a determination about the amounts of money, the precise amounts of money to be transferred. Again, the resolution that's before you simply gives us the authority to do that and the statute require that you adopt this resolution prior to the end of this year. If there are no questions, I recommend your approval."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. We do have some questions or comments. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. My question is to Rich and/or David. This is a process that we do every year. Is that correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "Every year."

Commissioner Winters said, "Nothing different from what we've done in the past."

Mr. Euson said, "I believe that's correct, yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. That's all I have."

Commissioner Gwin said, "David, is it your understanding this is what we've done in the past?"

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Mr. David Spears, County Engineer/ Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm not sure we've done it every year but most of the years we have, is my recollection. But I do support this. I think we should do it every year, let me put it that way."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We should do it every year. This is assuming we'll have any money in the highway fund after the state gets done with us, we'll have some money to discuss. Any other comments? What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much, Chris. Next item please."

- 2. AMENDMENT TO THE 2002 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE R-295, CONSTRUCTION OF A FRONTAGE ROAD ADJACENT TO US 54 BETWEEN 183RD AND 199TH STREETS WEST.**

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “In May, Public Works applied for a corridor management project, in competition with other governments around the state, to KDOT. The program is designed to preserve highway capacity and maintain functional integrity of those highways. In our district, the section of U.S. 54 that runs from 263rd Street to the Wichita city line is one of those eligible areas. Fortunately, the project was approved by KDOT and the project consists of a frontage road that’s constructed on the south side of U.S. 54 and runs from 183rd in a westerly direction to a point a quarter mile east of 199th.

And you can see the benefits there. By limiting access to the highway, it improves safety, leads to orderly development and better access to the properties. Here’s a map of the proposed location. Costs are a total of \$457,500. The project will be designed by Public Works staff and any right-of-way acquisitions would be funded out of the appropriate CIP approved 2003 CIP project. But KDOT will pick up two-thirds of the costs and we would pay the remaining one-third from the local sales tax funded road and bridge fund. Staff recommends approval. Do you have any questions?”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I see we have a comment. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. I guess I would have liked to see a map on this. Did you have one? Did I miss it? I was looking down, sorry.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And that’s just east of Goddard city limits.”

Mr. Giroux said, “That’s correct.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “It’s not within the city limits. It’s just east of the city limits.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “And this is just corridor managing it for KDOT to keep traffic off or just to better flow?”

Mr. Giroux said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “It’s control access in the future, I would think.”

Mr. Giroux said, “Yes.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “And then the state is paying for two-thirds of this, about. Is that

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correct?”

Mr. Giroux said, “Yes.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay. And if we don’t take advantage of this opportunity, we lose it.”

Mr. Giroux said, “It would go to somebody else.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “All right, thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Is that all that you had, Commissioner? Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Is this a continuation of frontage road that goes through Goddard, or is there one? It is a continuation?”

Mr. Giroux said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I was trying to remember if there is a frontage road. So it does connect with that at this point. Is it in their zoning sphere of influence?”

Commissioner Winters said, “Yes, it is.”

Commissioner Norton said, “That’s all I’ve got.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And this will give Goddard an opportunity for business development and maybe even potential expansion east too, if they wanted to. So I think this is one of those almost no-brainer win/ win deals.”

Commissioner Winters said, “But Mr. Chairman, we have worked with these folks for some time and, again, not knowing how much state dollars are going to be available in the future, I mean it is here, this is a state program. We can participate with KDOT in now and so some day this road . . . this will have to be done so I’m very supportive of us moving ahead.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the CIP amendment.

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Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Norton said, "I do have one question. Where does the northwest bypass figure into this, Tom? Is it further out?"

Commissioner Winters said, "The northwest bypass, if it would proceed, would come down . . . you see 167th Street somewhat just slightly to the west of that line."

Commissioner Norton said, "So it doesn't quite reach to where . . . Of course there's been several proposals of where it would come in anyway."

Commissioner Winters said, "But there's also a Goddard bypass which would go that way, around the north edge of Goddard. But I have to say, both of those projects are long term, way out there. There's been engineering studies done on the bypass. If I was guessing right now, I'd say that's going to be one of the projects that's going to be difficult for the state to fund within the foreseeable future. So, that's why again, I think there's going to be increased pressure on 54 through Goddard in this stretch and that's why I think if KDOT has money available now, I think this is the time to get that money."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's good. I just . . . I remembered that it was coming, the one was coming west of 167 and I had hoped that we wouldn't be designing it one way and then cut right through the middle of it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And since this is going to be a continuation, you could even call this a safety item too. Instead of people wanting to go a little farther east or a little farther west, instead of having to access back on 54 and then get back off again, they're going to have a much safer way to go, other than that busy highway. So, okay. We have a motion and a second. Any further comments? Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin

Aye

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Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

Commissioner McGinn left at 10:15 a.m.

H. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

1. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR A SEDGWICK COUNTY STORM DEBRIS DISPOSAL POLICY.

Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're bringing in front of you for your consideration today a resolution to adopt a policy that would create a program whereby communities within Sedgwick County would have a mechanism to help defray part of their costs in disposing debris generated by a storm. This program is specifically aimed at filling the gap where a storm occurs, debris is generated but there's not sufficient debris or damage generated to trigger a presidential declaration of disaster.

Right now, there's no level of financial aid whatsoever that exists in that gap and this would be something that would plug that gap and would be, I think, very beneficial for the communities of the county. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have about our proposal."

Chairman Sciortino said, "What is the policy that we're adopting? It says here that 'Is to create a partnership between Sedgwick County and units of local government'. But do we have a policy that you're asking us to adopt?"

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes, sir. That's what the attachment is that's currently labeled 'draft' until you accept that. And basically that outlines the rules of how the program would work."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, I'm sorry, I have it. Could you just touch on the highlights of what those are?"

Mr. Duncan said, "Sure. Say for example a storm event happens, high winds, hail, rain, whatever and the community is suddenly has got tree branches down everywhere. They would then contact us at Emergency Management and we would then pass along the information to you and the Finance Division. The ultimate decision on whether a community can participate in the

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reimbursement program of course is up to you all as the Board of County Commissioners.

If they participate what we will do is we will pay the tipping fee for the disposal of the storm generated debris up to the amount of money that we have allocated for that purpose and once we've reached that allocation, then there would be no additional funding available."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And that storm-generated debris goes to appropriate landfills, C and Ds or . . ."

Mr. Duncan said, "That's exactly correct. That's one of the provisions of the rules of the program is it has to be disposed of in a way that is legally permitted. And we did try to offer a little bit of room for communities to get creative. For example, if they can find a creative way to dispose of this debris that's allowed by the appropriate body with oversight that is cheaper than putting it in tipping, then we would allow that as well."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. I mean, I just want as much flexibility as possible because sometimes these are serious events. I mean, maybe one solution can't handle it all."

Mr. Duncan said, "Exactly. Frankly, that's what made one of the issues rather difficult to put this all together."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Randy, in the past communities have burned. Will this stop them from burning it because that's an acceptable method of disposing of storm debris?"

Mr. Duncan said, "Certain types of incineration are permitted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. For example, probably the best example I can pull out is the City of Haysville and the unique way that they were able to approach that during the '99 tornado. KDHE was going to require them to use air curtain incineration technology, which was basically a big fancy blower that makes sure that the flames burn hot enough for complete combustion of the product.

Well, unfortunately the technology itself is rather expensive but the folks in Haysville were able to adapt and overcome and create, using common pipe and drilling holes in it and a solar compressor like they would drive their jackhammer with, they were able to create the same effect at a much lower cost and KDHE found that acceptable. We hope that other communities might exercise that same level of creativity and save us money, in terms of the disposal."

Chairman Sciortino said, "My question is . . . the reason for asking that question, if all of the sudden we're saying now if you have storm debris, contact us, we'll pay your tipping fee. Would that disincen't them from considering burning or taking care of the problem themselves and just come to us and say 'will you pay to have it hauled away'. Is that going to disincen't them?"

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Mr. Duncan said, "I'm not sure. I can't see it being a disincentive but I don't really . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I mean, why would they want to go to the expense of burning if the county will pay to have it hauled away for them?"

Mr. Duncan said, "The issue there is we're not an unlimited deep pocket. There are constraints on the amount of funding that will be available and we can only reimburse up to that and then if it gets into the very expensive issues, for example where a presidential declaration of disaster is instituted, then we're going to be completely out of that game and it will be the feds taking it over."

Chairman Sciortino said, "No, I'm talking about just the normal, if there is such a thing, just the normal storms that we have here. I think Mr. Lamkey is pulling at your coat tail for a reason."

Mr. Duncan said, "He's reminding me about the trigger level, sir and let me explain that for just a moment. The community does have an initial investment in the process. We have a trigger level set up to determine at what level they can participate and that trigger level is \$2.50 per capita. So, for example, if you have a small town it's got a lower level to trigger and if you've got a big city it's got a higher level to trigger the assistance."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So they have to contribute \$2.50 per person into the resolution of it and if it goes higher than that, then they can access us."

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, all right. That seems to be a good safeguard. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I applaud Randy and Bob and the group that put this together. I think this all started while I was still mayor of Haysville. I sat in on some of the very early beginnings of the dialogue on this because you have to realize that there's certain magnitudes of storms. I mean, the one that triggered this was the Haysville/ South Wichita tornado but we have many other hail storms and ice events that are going to bring debris down that need to be handled. I

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would urge all communities to look at some of the models that are out there. I know Haysville has an area at their public works where they'll pick up limbs and haul it within the city limit and deal with them on those small events and it's very cost-efficient. They grind it up and make mulch out of it and then put it in their parks and give it to citizens. So there are a lot of ways to skin a cat on the smaller events and that keeps us away from burning it, disposing of it in other manners.

But I have to tell you, when you get to that major event, there isn't enough money, enough time, enough dump trucks to take care of every piece of debris and they'll find alternate solutions and I have to applaud Sedgwick County Fire for making sure that Haysville followed the rules and did it right but allowed them to take care of 11,000 dump truck loads of debris. And there has to be a lot of different thought processes in this. I applaud us for putting together a pretty good package for handling most events but there's going to be that big one that we all don't like to deal with that will take different ideas on the fly to figure out how it works, so good job. I think the policy is a good policy but it won't fit every emergency that comes along."

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes, sir. I think we're very much aware of that and we know that's one reason why the federal level of aid still exists when we get into those super big issues. I might additionally point out this is kind of one facet of an entire program where we've been dealing with all the communities in terms of providing technical assistance, whether they're putting together plans to dispose of storm-generated solid debris, we're urging those communities to pre-identify the places and ways that they'll do that. We've had excellent cooperation across the board."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right. Randy, let me just . . . I'm looking at that threshold level. Is that per storm per year, per decade?"

Mr. Duncan said, "Per storm, sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Per storm. Okay. Well, I think this is a tremendous attempt on our part to try to partner with the communities and find a common solution that affects us all. So any other questions or comments? And if there are none, I'd entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Randy. Next item please."

Commissioner McGinn returned at 10:21 a.m.

2. ACQUISITION OF A USED SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AMBULANCE FOR USE IN REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE, AND ADDITION OF VEHICLE TO THE FLEET.

Mr. Duncan said, "I'm still here. Our proposal here is to acquire a used ambulance from the Emergency Medical Services, convert it to a vehicle that would be used by a regional hazardous materials response team. You have seen several other elements of this program crop up recently. We're working this program in conjunction with the Fire Department, as well as the State Fire Marshall's Office. So I would ask you consideration in terms of allowing us to perform this and I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "How will HAZMAT use an ambulance? I mean, will it still be used as an ambulance?"

Mr. Duncan said, "No, sir. We intend to remove all the ambulance related material from the vehicle. The storage areas will be used to store the hazardous materials supplies that we'll use when responding out into the region. Those supplies are being provided separately to us by funding through the State Fire Marshall's Office."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. So this is just a vehicle that we have that we can use and we're just going to convert it to our use."

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes, sir."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I can understand it. I don't know which of you all were first so

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I'll just go beauty before age. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So this is in addition to the regular HAZMAT vehicles then that still are going to roll?"

Mr. Duncan said, "We do have . . . you are correct, we do have two hazardous materials vehicles, one at Station 32 Sedgwick County and one at Station 3, Wichita. The City, at this point in time, has not elected to join us in this agreement, so that vehicle will remain in the jurisdiction. Therefore, if we were to use the vehicle currently stationed at 32, we would leave our own county unprotected, in case of a run. So our decision is we would like to acquire this additional vehicle, at a nominal cost, that would allow us to get out there without leaving our folks at home unprotected."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I get it. Okay. Is that okay with you guys? Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Now we got beauty, now the beast. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. I think we need to talk . . . and Betsy was leading to that, we need to talk about this is for the regional . . . we just signed some kind of a contract, what 17 other counties?"

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Norton said, "To make this a regional thing so this vehicle will supply that service to the regional, so that we can make sure that we have a vehicle also to supply service locally. Is that correct?"

Mr. Duncan said, "That's exactly correct, sir."

Commissioner Norton said, "Yeah, I think we need to make sure that people know that we're not going to just have a secondary vehicle sitting in a garage somewhere just so we have that capacity. This is an intergovernment agreement that supplies capacity to 17 other counties."

Mr. Duncan said, "That's exactly correct and anytime that vehicle is used, in accordance with our agreement, we will receive the financial reimbursement for the operation of that vehicle from the state."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I believe this is one of those collaborations that we're going to see a lot more of around the state with the typical budget woes we have that aren't going to go

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away. I think it's one of those challenges we have where small communities and small counties take advantage of the capacity that the large counties have like Sedgwick County and they get great service and they don't have a HAZMAT vehicle sitting in their community. They have access to it whenever they might need it. I think the message is we have to encourage all of these kind of collaborations as the big county that has the capacity to help out our neighbors. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yeah, this is just another example of working together with neighbors to be part of a solution, not laughing because one neighbor has a problem. You know, we're all in this as one collective group. So this is another good idea Randy and in keeping with our policy, we'd rather compliment you than compensate you, so we think you're doing a great job."

Mr. Duncan said, "I think that's a regretful thank you, sir."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the vehicle acquisition and addition to the fleet.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Randy, thanks very much. Next item please."

I. PRESENTATION OF THE 2003 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.

Mr. Mike Pepon, Director, Government Relations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'll have the privilege of serving you in Topeka in about a month. You have before you . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "You'll probably see a few of us up there too with you."

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Mr. Pepon said, “Yes, I hope so. Each year, the Board of County Commissioners adopts a platform for the upcoming legislative session. The purpose of the platform is to give our local legislators ideas of what issues are important to Sedgwick County and it also serves as a framework for the County’s lobbying efforts during the session in Topeka.

The proposed platform you have before you has been broken down in about three different areas. I have an area in the platform called ‘core positions’. These are philosophical positions that the county feels strongly about, usually occur in the platform from year to year, include such statements as a strong support of continued county home rule authority, opposes un-funded state mandates and those kinds of issues.

Another section, I’ve done it a little differently this year, I’ve separated our priority issues into two classifications. One are just priority issues. These are issues where we would generally join with other organizations like the Kansas Association of Counties and the League in supporting positions that are of priority interest to the county. These include this year restoring and keeping in place some of the exemptions under the Kansas Open Records Act, and a number of essential funding positions that we have in our platform. As you’re aware, we get money from the state for corrections, mental health services, aging services and each year we put some priority issues relating to continued funding for those vital county services.

What I’m going to focus on though are what I list this year as priority initiatives. These are issues which we will have to take the initiative on, take the lead on, introduce legislation, may have some support from other groups or organizations, but we will be the lead.

But I have limited in this platform priority initiatives, three different initiatives. One has to do with increasing the jail work release per diem. This was an issue that was presented by the Sheriff. For a number of years now we have been receiving up to \$10 a day from inmates that are gainfully employed in our work release system. We want to raise that to \$20 a day and with the facility increasing, we’re increasing to another 43 inmates, this can help offset some of the cost of that program.

Another priority initiative is trying to require county treasurers from across the state and our own county treasurer into using the county’s purchasing policies and procedures and procurement processes when spending their special auto fund. Right now, there’s some question in the law of whether or not the Board of County Commissioners has any authority over these funds and a change in the statutes there could require the treasurers to follow policy and procedures relating to purchasing when using and expending those funds.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Mike, this is a good item but as I understand it, the Treasurer’s Association is going to probably support this piece of legislation also is what I heard that they

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thought it was a good idea.”

Mr. Pepoon said, “Well, I met with a legislative committee to the Kansas Treasurer’s Association yesterday and they have raised some issues and concerns. They have not taken a position on this item until they actually see legislation introduced and I’m hoping to continue to work with them and convince them.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you.”

Mr. Pepoon said, “The last item is increased county taxing authority. I’ve specifically mentioned in there increasing the county’s ability to collect sales tax. Right now we’re limited to 1% and we’ve been at that 1% rate since I think the mid-80s. We could ask . . . Although counties have some other limited sales tax increase authority, we might ask the legislature for some general authority there or maybe for some specific project if the county deems that is appropriate at the time. But more importantly, it’s just a general concept with the condition of the state’s budget as you’re well aware and been discussing, they’re looking at . . . the governor, when he made his recent cuts through the allotment process was looking at a 300 plus million dollar deficit through the fiscal year 2003. They’re looking at a possible shortfall of over a billion dollars through fiscal year 2004.

I think the feeling on the County’s part and the reason for this priority issue is that we can no longer rely on the state’s budget situation for our funding streams and that the legislature, if they’re not going to fund demand transfers or continue to take away our funding, at least allow us the authority to go and look at other taxing options or revenue raising options to give us some more flexibility in providing for the services that we think we need locally. And that’s the purpose of that priority issue and I also put in our section on demand transfers this year, which are always important for the county, that in lieu of the demand transfers, they don’t continue to fund demand transfer, to at least look at providing us with other revenue options so we can raise our own money and more appropriately budget for our needs.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Mike, just in your talking to some of the people, I know we’ve had the first six month reduction in demand transfers hit us here. Do you have any hope that the legislation that convenes in January will reinstate those or are we actually looking at a double hit?”

Mr. Pepoon said, “Well, I mean the hit that we’ve taken is for the last half of fiscal year 2003. I’ve heard from some legislators that there could be action taken when they reconvene to look at restoring some of that money, from the standpoint that the cities and counties took too large of a hit

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in proportion to other state agencies. But realistically too, in looking at the total state budget crisis, this is just one piece of a very large problem they're going to be dealing with and whether they'll actually go about restoring those funds is anybody's guess at this point."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you."

Mr. Pepoon said, "In conclusion, this is the final draft of the platform, but our legislative priorities are more fluid and may change even before the session or as we get in the session and so that's not in granite but we would ask that you approve this platform for 2003 legislative session. I might also point out Kristi Zukovich and her people in Communications are already working very hard on a nice platform brochure. What you have before you is the text we will actually present to the legislators in a brochure, pocket-sized, they can carry around, keep by their bedside."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that your presentation? Okay. Well just one thing and I think I speak for all of us here at the Bench, we commend you on the work that you've done in the last two sessions. In this upcoming session, if you have any need for any or all of us or two of us or whatever to come up to assist you in any way, you just have to ask. We'll try to accommodate you in any way we can. Any questions of Mike on this? If not, what's the will of the Board on this?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the 2003 Legislative Platform.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much, Mike. Good luck to you this year. You'll earn your money, I think. Next item."

J. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

1. RECOGNITION OF SEDGWICK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AS A HIGH PERFORMING PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I guess they thought I looked like Andy Schlapp and called it Community Relations. Actually it's me and Community Development."

The reason . . . First of all, I'd like to introduce three people to you and then let you know why I'm introducing them to you. Brad Snapp is our Housing Department Director. Kimberly Zimmerman is also employed in Housing and Greta Douglas is also one of our Housing . . . Well, the three of them make up the Housing Department.

There's three reasons I wanted to talk to you about . . . I had this agenda item today. One of them is to tell you about the partnership that we have with Harvey and Butler Counties. Secondly, I'd like to recognize the hard work of this staff and thirdly I want to tell you about some good news that has come about as a result of their hard work.

The Housing Department's mission is to provide safe, decent and affordable housing in Sedgwick County and we use the HUD Section 8 housing program to expand that responsibility in Harvey and Butler Counties also. The Section 8 Housing program provides rental assistance to low-income families in privately owned rental units. So we don't own the housing, we help people find private housing and then subsidize their rent if they're qualified and eligible.

Now, annually . . . We've been doing this since the mid-1980s in partnership in Harvey and Butler Counties and in Sedgwick County outside the City of Wichita. Annually, HUD assesses all of the public housing authorities, of which we're one, with a special assessment tool called a Section 8 Management Assistance Program Guideline called a C-Map. The C-Map measures how we take applications, how we process those applications, how we do eligibility determinations, how we make sure that those houses meet appropriate quality standards, how we manage the waiting list, how we calculate the rental assistance, how we make good use of our vouchers. It would be easy to have someone go off the program at the end of January and it take a couple or three months to get

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that voucher recycled and back out on the street again. Yet our folks have a very high percentage rate of lease up, meaning that our vouchers are in operation and helping people nearly 100% of the time.

So in October HUD released the C-Map ratings for 2001 and I want you to know that the Housing Authority received a high performance rating in that they received 130 points out of a possible 125 points. So not only are they good, they are really good.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I always hated that kid in school. He was the guy that always broke the curve.”

Ms. Hart said, “Well, I’m proud to report that your curve-breakers are Sedgwick County employees. As a high performing public housing authority, we’re more likely to receive additional housing vouchers when they become available through the federal government. We have reduced reporting and planning requirements. So what they’ve done is say ‘You guys are good, we don’t have to watch you as carefully as we do others who are not so good’. And that frees up our time to go out and do good work and maintain that high level of performance.

So I did want to introduce the staff responsible for doing that and I did want to tell you . . . and I don’t know if this is a result of achieving that, or just our luck of the draw, but we have received an additional 24 vouchers that will be available after January 1st. They’re taking applications now through a formal process but that will increase us to 342 vouchers that serve Sedgwick County outside the City of Wichita, Harvey and Butler Counties. So I wanted to tell you about that partnership, to brag on my staff and to tell you that we’re going to be in business serving an additional 24 families.

So Brad, do you have anything to say?”

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Office, said, “The only thing I wanted to say, Commissioners, is that I am so proud of my staff, Kimberly and Greta. They are exceedingly hard working, jump in and don’t let any grass grow under their feet and it’s really to their credit that we achieve this rating.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, guys. Congratulations, you guys. Good job.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Did you young ladies have anything nice you want to say about your

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boss? I mean, you can lie about it.”

Ms. Greta Douglas, Administrative Assistant, Housing Office, said, “Of course, he’s a wonderful boss.”

Ms. Kimberly Zimmerman, Section 8 Program Coordinator, said, “Brad is exceptional. He is very supportive. We take problems to him daily and he helps us. He doesn’t just make decision, he involves us in those decisions and he is just a pleasure to work with and Irene, she just kicks back and lets us do what we need to do to make ourselves successful and it’s a good team.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Great. It’s obvious.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Norton, you have a comment.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I think it’s interesting in these days when we look at what’s happening at the state level and we talk about bureaucracy and bloated budgets and too many levels of people and what’s really getting done at the local level to look at a department that’s got three people and continue to serve the underserved at the maximum capacity and, when we’re all under oversight by feds and state and everybody else, to find out that we’ve got a group functioning here that doesn’t need any oversight. So I applaud you for that. I think that’s, in today’s environment in public service, that’s a dramatic win for us locally and I really appreciate it.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Good job, you guys. Thanks.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see that there’s any other comments.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO PROVIDE NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION PREVENTION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Ms. Hart said, "This is evidence of another partnership with the Sedgwick County Conservation District to identify local needs we allocate funds called Conservation Action grants to try to address those needs that are determined locally. This year, I bring to you a contract with the Conservation District to work on six different projects. I'll explain those projects briefly and then Susan Erlenwein, who also acts as manager of the Conservation District, will give you kind of an update on what has happened in the last year on three of those particular projects. So we're talking about a total of \$50,000.

The first project is a storm water treatment project, which installs a filter in the Riverside neighborhood to determine what all that stuff that washes down the street when it rains, this is a filter to trap that and analyze what it is. If it's polluted water that runs off and runs into the river. This is a way to trap it, analyze what it is and then try to reduce the source of that pollution to keep our waterways clean and healthy.

The second item is \$17,500 to the Friends of Lake Afton project, which is to supplement cost share funds in the Lake Afton Watershed. The County owns Lake Afton. The watershed that feeds into it, it's important that the runoff and the water that comes off those lands are clean and healthy to keep our Lake Afton the jewel that it is.

There are several watershed districts in Sedgwick County. Water shed districts are formed and are run by officials who are elected just for that purpose and sometimes they do good jobs and sometimes they don't do a good job. They'll build facilities in a community and perhaps there's not maintenance occurring and we have an allocation to the conservation district to identify where those

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watersheds are, watershed districts are, what the status of the district is, is it active or not active. Do they have facilities, such as dams that have been built and are those dams being maintained. So it's an analysis to let us know what's out there and any potential danger or liability that may catch us by surprise.

The fourth one is a project to apply lime to a field in the Lake Afton Watershed to determine if neutralizing the soil will increase the quality of the runoff, reduce the pollution, the fertilizer that goes into the creeks that feed into Lake Afton.

Fifth is one that we've done for a number of years which is supplemental cost shares to plug 75 additional abandoned water wells in Sedgwick County. An abandoned water well is a direct conduit to the aquifer, to the groundwater. By plugging those wells, we can help keep pollution out of the groundwater.

And sixth are some supplemental cost share funds for failing wastewater systems in the rural areas in high . . . in areas that we have critical concerns about water quality adjacent to creeks and streams. So that totals up \$50,000. If you don't have any questions of me, I can turn it to someone who really knows what they're talking about, Susan Erlenwein."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see that we have any questions."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Does my light not work? It's on over here."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Why don't you tell us what you want. I guess it is working."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thanks. On item number four, I need to understand I guess, are we talking about phosphorous?"

Ms. Hart said, "Yes."

Commissioner McGinn said, "We are?"

Ms. Hart said, "I jumped in thinking I know what I'm talking about, but Susan can explain that one much better than I can."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I need a little information on that and you may have to come back up, I guess unless you want me to just hit you with the others I guess. I'll hit you with all of them. Number one, the storm water treatment and education project in Riverside, it was my understanding we've approved those dollars two or three years ago. It got caught up in KDHE and then it got

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caught up in the City and it's just kind of just had problems all these years and then I understood at the last time I talked to somebody, it's finally going through, so now I need to understand, I thought we approved dollars for that a long time ago and did those dollars just roll over and are these recycled money, dollars?"

Ms. Hart said, "Susan can explain that. I think the cost expanded when it came to building the actual filter, but Susan can tell you."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. And then my number six, failing on-site waste systems, septic tanks. Will we be . . . I guess we haven't made that decision yet but it's still my hope that people have to replace those with the better systems that we approved or want to bring to our county, over and above septic systems."

Ms. Hart said, "Those systems are . . . can be used in Sedgwick County now. We don't have a mandate that you replace the system with those though."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. And I guess I'll just, for the record, hopefully we'll have future discussions on that. It's my hope that we can replace these systems, particularly if they're over the equis beds or if they're close to rivers, that these will be the Orinco system, the FAST system just to name a couple, but the systems that we are trying to bring to our county, improve the water quality I guess by 300% and so I hope we continue to have those discussions on that. So I guess that balls going to be in our court I guess to do that. So I leave that one alone for now.

So now I'm back to I need more information on the storm water treatment filtering process and the lime application process."

Ms. Hart said, "And here's Susan."

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "To answer your question on the Riverside project, that was started initially through a grant that was received by the Conservation District and it was originally to be a parking lot area but they had trouble finding anyone who owned a parking lot to help cooperate and have their runoff tested because they were in fear of the results. So then Riverside Neighborhood cooperated in allowing us to work with them and then the city got involved because it's within the city. So finally, as Irene mentioned, we have picked a piece of equipment which was much more expensive than originally thought to test the runoff and the constituents within it and that's what this part of the grant is for is for that piece of equipment."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Why did this piece have to be more expensive than a parking lot?"

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Ms. Erlenwein said, "Because of the different fertilizers. The parking lot would have been mainly oil and products related to the car, but the neighborhood . . ."

Commissioner McGinn said, "You capture a different . . ."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "You're capturing a different variety of materials within this."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "So it's a much more expensive piece of equipment because of the relationship of what you find in a neighborhood versus just a parking lot."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And what is the timeline? Are we going to finally get to see this get started?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Right. We're working with the company now on ordering the piece of equipment and it should be installed as soon as we get it. So I'd say January."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. And the Riverside Neighborhood people, it's my understanding they're going to be involved in this process."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Right. We're working with the neighbors in the area to educate them on the home assist program, on what they can do to cut back on different chemicals used in their yard or in their driveways and to monitor what's happening, so they are directly involved in this."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Would you make a note that perhaps after this gets going that you come back and either give us a staff report or a commission report on that. Okay, thank you. And then, number four, the lime application project."

Chairman Sciortino left at 10:54 a.m.

Ms. Erlenwein said, "I would like to address that in a few minutes. Irene had asked me to talk about what we spent money on last year, so I'd like to show you some of that and lead into the lime project."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Great. Thank you."

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Up here is a map showing what some of the money was used for last year is

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plugging abandoned water wells. And we worked with 59 different landowners and plugged 66 abandoned water wells last year. Actually, this was from January through August of 2002. You can see the green dots on the map and those indicate the locations of where abandoned wells were plugged. The majority of the wells were shallow, around 30 feet or less, and so the cost is not that significant. We cost-share on this and so we pay 65% of the cost and the landowner pays 35%.

A couple of the wells were deeper and larger diameter. In fact, two of them were hand-dug wells and that increases the cost per well. So the shallow wells we maybe only paid \$100 to \$150, where the deeper wells are \$250 to \$300 per well as part of our cost-share. And this supplies the initiative to say, 'Well, if I don't have to burden the entire price, even though it's not that much, I'll go ahead and do it'. As you can see from the map, the majority of the wells are located within the city of Wichita. So that was some of the cost-share from last year.

Another large portion of the cost share was related to Lake Afton Watershed. At the bottom of the map, the blue area is Lake Afton. The gray area is an outline of the watershed showing the tributaries that drain into the lake. The dots you see are testing locations. Some of the money was used to buy testing equipment and supplies to go out and test these areas every three weeks. We have 21 active testing sites right now and with testing it every three weeks, that's over 350 tests we perform in a year's time in this area. And we are showing high levels of phosphates in the area and we have high areas of nitrates and other chemicals as well, but phosphates and nitrates are some of our main concerns in the runoff of this area.

So what we've done is try to work with landowners and we've had meetings in the area to implement best management practices to stop the surface runoff from going to the tributaries and finally into the lake. Because of this and working with the landowners, we've had very great success. We've viewed over 4,000 acres and worked with landowners to go out on their land and determine what practices might be needed.

The solid green areas on the map show areas where they have signed up for cost-share and have actually already implemented the best management practice, whether that's waterway or terracing or building structures or CRP. You have areas with kind of a slashed green area and those are landowners who have applied for cost-share and we're still working on implementing the practice.

The purple areas are areas where we've looked at the land but they've not yet applied for cost-share. So in a watershed area we have actually worked with over 60% of the land in that area right now. So I think it's really showing great progress and some of them have actually implemented a practice and coming back to implement a second practice with us."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Now did you say the gray area, is that our property?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "The gray areas are properties we have not viewed yet."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, because I'm seeing gray area right by the lake."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "This area right by the lake in yellow is owned by the county. So the gray area near the lake has not been viewed. The yellow area surrounding it is our county owned property."

This pie chart shows the percentage of the land that we've viewed. The 15% is completed practices. The green area is the area applied for cost-share, so that's 26%. Nine percent of the land that we've viewed needed no practices performed and you can see 33%, kind of the large blue area, is land yet to be viewed. So we have viewed most of the land in the area and we're continuing to work with the landowners and have meetings to show them how best management practices can improve their land and from this the state provides 60% of cost-share money, the county money provides 35% and the landowner provides 5%. So it's a great initiative for the landowner to step forward, do the right thing to improve the practices on their land and to eliminate the runoff into the creeks, which finally ends up into the lake. The problem with Lake Afton is we have algae growth, it's called utrophic where you start having a dead lake syndrome, so we need to stop that and it's on a list by the state that's telling us we have to clean up Lake Afton.

And part of this is the lime project. The green area shows a landowner who is cooperating with us to apply lime to the land. We also received money through a KELP grant, Kansas Environmental Leadership Program to help apply lime to this land. What that means is we've done tests and determined that the soil is acidic. In fact, this green area the soil tested at 5.3 Ph, which neutral is 7 so we're very acidic. And what happens is that if the soil is too acidic it burns the plant roots and they are not capable of taking up the nutrients from the fertilizer. The landowner then adds more fertilizer thinking it will help the crop. Instead it simply runs off with the rain and helps contribute to the pollution problem.

So what we're doing is helping to buy the lime for the landowner. He applies it. We will have continuing monitoring. We've added more monitoring sites in this area to watch what happens. We have two years of data prior to the lime application and once we show that this does succeed in him spending less money of fertilizer and improving the runoff, we can help convince other landowners in the area that this is a good idea and get them involved as well. So I hope that answered your lime question."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I guess I'm a little troubled by the fact that the area that we're testing is so far, or appears to be on this map. It may not be very far."

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Ms. Erlenwein said, "It's about a mile and a half from the lake and this is an active creek that runs year-round that goes into Lake Afton."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. And the acidic soil type though, sometimes that can be natural and that's what I'm trying to find out. Or is it just because we've had a period of time where we've continued to apply certain chemicals?"

Mr. Erlenwein said, "Talking to the landowners, a lot of them have complained in the area of an acid soil. I think part of it is natural, but part of it is from applying chemicals over a long period of time, working it into a soil and it stays at an acid level. We have worked to get a lower price on the lime to add to this soil to bring it up to the neutral. And KELP grant gave us \$1,200 toward this project."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And I'd hope we'd spend it on soil tests because . . ."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "We've worked with the Extension Office and going out and doing a grid pattern across the field, doing soil testing and making sure, through the Extension Office, how much lime to apply per acre to bring the Ph up. I think it's three and a half tons per acre."

Commissioner McGinn said, "All right, thank you."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "On item number four, the watershed districts, could you just briefly tell me what that is and where that came from."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "As Irene mentioned, there are watershed districts that are organized by law. They can tax within their units and most of the money used from the taxation goes to building structures. We've heard many complaints about water quality within the districts, where they're looking at mainly flooding but not the quality."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, let me just say, is this . . . I can't tell for sure whether this is just going to work and identify and study where these water districts are or is this going to be funds available to them?"

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Ms. Erlenwein said, "A study of the districts, which districts exist we know but which districts could possibly develop is something we need to look at and test the water in the area for quality so it will help go for the testing."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. That's all I need to know and I'd, I guess, like to see the result. I mean, when somebody has some kind of final product, I'd like to . . ."

Chairman Sciortino returned at 11:04 a.m.

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Absolutely. We'll come back on the Riverside project, as well as the watershed project."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you. Item number one, is the city participating with this program?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Which city?"

Commissioner Norton said, "The City of Wichita."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Is that the Riverside project? We've been working with Chris Carrier and the water department there to help, as far as working with the sewer system. Monetarily, no they're not supplying money for the project, but they are helping with staff."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. And does the city not have a storm water fee that people pay for storm water runoff and isn't that quantity and quality?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Yes they do."

Commissioner Norton said, "So we're going to pay for this but they have mechanisms for funding it at a much larger level. I mean, it seems like this would be an issue that they would take and they have the mechanism for funding, based on a lot of businesses and a lot of entity paying for storm water runoff fees for quantity and quality."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "That's correct. This is a pilot project in a small area where we have good control of a neighborhood going . . . draining into one drainage area and from these results we hope

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to convince the city to do this on a wider scale and use that money that way.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. Where does that water ultimately end up? In the Arkansas River?”

Ms. Erlenwein said, “That drains directly into the Arkansas River.”

Commissioner Norton said, “And is not that a state and a city problem that they’ve been anguishing with? Where does this stand with what they’re already doing? I thought they had driven a stake in the ground and said they were going to fix this before the next River Festival.”

Ms. Erlenwein said, “The . . . which River Festival?”

Commissioner Norton said, “The next one in the year 2080 I guess.”

Ms. Erlenwein said, “The problems with the Arkansas River are hard to pinpoint because you have the runoffs from the neighborhood, you have the possible failing sewer systems, whether it’s the main pipes or septic systems from homes along the river. You may have runoff from feed lots or farm fields and such a large variety and such a large watershed, it’s difficult to pinpoint the exact problem in a short period of time. So we’re, I think, assisting in trying to look at the runoff from neighborhoods to help narrow down the problems.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Are we assisting because this is the conservation district or are we assisting because the county wants to do it?”

Ms. Erlenwein said, “We’re assisting because it’s a conservation district and initiated through a grant they received from EPA.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. And this is funded by grant money?”

Ms. Erlenwein said, “The majority of it was, yes.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Okay. My final question is on the failing on-site waste systems. How many systems will \$12,000 fix?”

Ms. Erlenwein said, “It depends on the type of system. It may cost \$1,000 to \$1,500 or so per system. Remember, this is cost-share money and the landowner also has to pick up part of the price.”

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Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. Are these people that need assistance or they just apply for it? It seems to me that if that's their system, and I know as a homeowner, if my sewer pipe breaks or whatever, I tell you who pays for it, me. But if they have a system that doesn't work, I think I have a hard time saying 'We're going to go in and bail them out' unless they're people at poverty level that maybe can't fix it any other way."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "We follow the state guidelines on assistance and that's mainly directed at is it a high priority area where the water quality is of great concern that they already have tests in the area showing there's pollution and that's what kicks them into the system. So not just everyone that applies can receive money. They have to be in a high-priority, contaminated area."

Chairman Sciortino said, "They have to be at an income level too?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "No. The state does not have income level guidelines."

Chairman Sciortino said, "It could be . . . so there's no income, so it could be an individual that definitely has the wherewithal to do it himself. He wouldn't be discriminated against applying if it was in this area."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "That's correct."

Chairman Sciortino said, "It's more of a water quality issue and trying to give the incentive to clean the water."

Commissioner Norton said, "If it's a failing system, why wouldn't the state not come in and just say 'We're shutting you down' and it's onerous on you to fix your system, because you're polluting. Why would that not be the way to handle this, particularly for people that have the wherewithal to fix it then they should fix it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And then once that's done, if they need some assistance because they qualify or something, come to us."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "The state looks at an area and if it is a very bad area and there are problems, they do go in and say 'What are the options, can we hook you up to a city sewer?' Where the area may be too far from a city hookup or do we replace it with a septic system or, as Commissioner McGinn mentioned, a new technology system and that's one of the things we have looked at, Commissioner McGinn, is that in the contract for replacing a system, the type of soil that it's in and what we replace it with, not just replace it with the same thing that may fail again in 30 years. So

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that is part of the contract is looking at the soil and the replacement type. And what the state does is then, it is on the landowner to fix the problem. Some of these areas though are areas where there's a failing system and it's not on the state bullet to have a large area where they go in and shut them down. And so we're trying to work with all the landowners in contaminated areas to improve the septic systems."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that it Tim? Okay. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Just a little background on the Riverside project. I believe this project started maybe even before I was a commissioner, so I'm very much wanting to see it going at some point in time. It did start, I think, through a grant process and that type of thing and, as she said, trying to get it in a parking lot and nobody wanting . . . everybody's worried about liability, whatever. Well, the Riverside Neighborhood people said, 'Hey, we'll help you and adopt this program'.

As far as the City of Wichita, I've been sitting off and on on the Arkansas River Advisory Board and they have received some federal dollars to clean up the river and that type of thing. They've been doing some testing to find out what is in the water and K State gave a report at the last meeting and talked about a process that they have put together. It's not the DNA one it's called . . ."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "RNA."

Commissioner McGinn said, "RNA analysis and it's not totally perfected, but they think they're on to something where they can start seeing some scenarios that would indicate what is in the water. It is my hope that, at some point in time, because the city has been very diligent about testing the water for years. It is my hope that, at some point in time, we can move beyond the testing state and start putting practices in and these types of projects that will actually clean the river and I think we're almost there. And it is my . . . I want to see this go, I want to see some success with it and it's my hope that the city or any cities in Sedgwick County would look at using these types of things because a lot of what goes in the river has to do with the densities that are around it and you know, dogs, cats and we have wildlife particularly here. And so, it's my hope that if this is successful that

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we can see some of those dollars move from just study after study after study to 'Hey, we've got something that works here and this is something that will help clean up the rivers'. And so I'm very interested and anxious to hear that this does get implemented and we get some information here before long and I'm sure this information will go to the cities, Ark River Advisory Board and hopefully they can move forward on that. So I hope that helps a little bit on your question."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that it, Commissioner. Okay. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just real quickly, some of the comments that we've made today have expressed concerns about projects, whether they're going fast enough, what their purpose is. I do want to go back though and remind folks that when we looked at the conservation district funding in times past, it really was confusing. I didn't know what the money was going to be used on. I would hand over a certain amount of money and depend that it was going to the right places. Since Susan has been in her position, we do get specific. She identifies specific projects, as do now the conservation folks. Again, there may be concerns about how they're going or whether they're going fast enough, but the biggest point is that we have the oversight now on these expenditures, and we didn't used to have that and despite our goals and how we want these projects to proceed and of course the end is to protect the water quality in this community but I'm telling you, we have a much better system now than we did just a few year's ago. So, thank you for having oversight. Thank you for the folks who work on these projects and to the Conservation District for coming to a really good working relationship with this county which, in times past, we just didn't have."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Thank you. I'll past that on to the board members."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Please do. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Susan or Rich, Commissioner McGinn made a comment early into her statement that I picked up on and that was that it was her hopes that at some time septic tanks fails, we would like to have in place some kind of statute or law that would mandate if it gets replaced with what has been used as an alternative sewer system, the FAST system etcetera. Do we have that right to implement that law right now? I mean, do we have that authority that if we wanted to we could implement that and make it law now, Susan or Rich?"

Mr. Euson said, "We could do it."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “We can. So there’s nothing holding us back except us?”

Mr. Euson said, “I believe you do have that right.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. So that’s something maybe we want to discuss but that was my impression that the only thing holding us back is us. So we can do it any time that you want to take the lead on it, I’ll certainly support you.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I think once we get that committee in place and some of those things.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “You take the lead and I’ll support you.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “All right. Thank you. Can I make one more comment?”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Sure, why not. You’ve got your light on.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I don’t want to be here all day but I think this is very important. The well plugging is something that we kind of started helping out a little bit about three years ago and when people talk about water contamination, I think it’s important to understand, the direct line to water contamination is open wells and abandoned wells and I thought it was interesting, you know. I first started learning about abandoned wells from the rural sector, in the agricultural world but I thought it was interesting, your map up there, how many of them are plugged within the city limits. And people have forgotten, or maybe not if you have an older home, but they used to put the wells in the basement and those types of things and they’re capturing these on real estate sales and I want to come in to Susan, you and Monty Munyan I know works very hard on this as well, and whoever else I’m missing but this . . . when we are diligently talking about cleaning up groundwater contamination and those types of things, this is one key element that is going to be needed to have a successful program and doing that. So, thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you. Well, guess what. We have no other questions or comments. That’s very great. What’s the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you all very, very much. Next item."

Commissioner Norton left at 11:21 a.m.

K. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY GRANT AWARD COMMITTEE FOR 2003 COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION FUNDING.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're here to present the Sedgwick County Grant Award Committee's recommendation for 2003 grant funding. I wanted to start off with just a brief recap of the prevention consultant's findings and recommendations. He made his presentation to you back in October. I was just going to recap some of the stuff that directly effected how we administered this year. The consultant was Rick Katy with Channing Bete and he came to town and met with every one of the providers. He met with representatives from the BoCC and staff here. In his report he expressed that he was very impressed with the commitment that Sedgwick County has demonstrated to prevention and prevention efforts. Another finding that me made . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "It says here prevention efforts. Just our desire to try to do something, or was he saying what we have done and actually the programs that we have funded that he's commenting on or was it more our desire to try?"

Ms. Livingston said, "I believe his exact word was 'Your commitment to crime prevention efforts was commendable'. It's not something that he had seen a lot of in his experience, the level of commitment that Sedgwick County has demonstrated."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay."

Ms. Livingston said, "He determined that the program evaluation, contract monitoring methods that Corrections and COMCARE use are effective. They are outcome focused and they work to insure compliance with the contracts that are in place.

He also found that the providers that he met with understand outcome based evaluation system. He found that they were a bunch of dedicated providers that were providing services to the appropriate target population in appropriate numbers.

Some of the recommendations in particular that affect the process of this fund was the recommendation for changing the administration fiscal year of the county prevention fund. The JJA grants, which are administered through the Department of Corrections are administered on a July to June fiscal year. That also matches the school year. The county fund is on a calendar year, which is the county fiscal year. He recommended changing the administration of the County Prevention Fund to match both the school year and the JJA funds administration. This would help. Many of the programs are school based, so their outcomes and the performance is more geared to the school year. The plan, so far, is to do a calendar year contract this year for 2003 with the grant recipients so we do a full year, January to December contract, and then contingent on performance, we would extend those contracts through June 30th of 2004. That way our . . . then we would start the fiscal year July to June, the administration of the county funds July 1st, 2004 to match both the JJA's fiscal year."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Why are we doing a whole year and then six months? Why not just six months and then start the thing this coming July?"

Ms. Livingston said, "We had considered not doing RFP this year and just extending contracts for six months. The decision was made that no, we did want to do an RFP for 2003."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Who made that decision, if I could ask?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I think we did, based on the consultant's recommendation about some of the outcome based . . . the consultant, if you recall, talked about outcomes and making sure that we were focused on outcomes and made sure that we tried to focus on evidence based programs. And so we thought it would, because of those reasons, to do the RFP this year and extend it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "But again, I'm asking who's the we?"

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Mr. Buchanan said, "Me."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay."

Ms. Livingston said, "I might also mention that the JJA grants are done in two-year cycles, so their next cycle will begin July 1, 2004. So that is also an administrative feature that would make it most beneficial to start then."

The consultant also recommended doing a joint application evaluation and distribution process for both the JJA and the County prevention funds. This would improve coordination between the two funds and allow us to better target the prevention continuum. At this point, we are working diligently to combine the evaluation process. We are looking to contract with the university to do a similar evaluation process on the County funds that is currently being done with the JJA funds. The joint application and distribution process would occur, the plan is for it to occur July 1st, 2004 when we've matched fiscal years, so the distribution would probably begin, the process for that, the spring of 2004.

The consultant also recommended targeting 60% of the funds for evidence-based programs. Evidence-based programs are programs that have a certain level of research base to them. They have some sort of research study that indicated effectiveness. The consultant recommended targeting 60% of the funds for programs that are evidence based in order to insure that we really feel like we're getting what we want, that we're making a difference and that was his recommendation to try to provide that level of comfort that what we're doing is making a difference. The RFP for 2003 grants included a target goal of 60% of the funding for evidence-based programs."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Now on that . . . I've got to get my curve up here, like the Olds program. Is that an evidence based program?"

Ms. Livingston said, "That is an evidence based program."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right. So if we want to do . . . I'll use this just for an example. An Olds program, did we send out like an RFP to the providers and say, 'This is what we want, tell us what you would charge us to deliver this and then maybe two or three of them would have given us a price or what they . . . and we could have picked and chose one of those that maybe was the most reasonable in price or what have you. Did we do any of that?"

Ms. Livingston said, "How we structured it was similar to how we've done RFP in prior years. This year though we had the 60% evidence based program. The two sets of evidence based

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programs that the consultant recommended were the blueprints for violence prevention and the communities that care models. So that the RFP was written saying that approximately 60% of the funding will be allocated to evidence based programs, either a blueprint for violence prevention model or a communities that care model program. So they could go on website, they could look . . . the programs could look and research what evidence based programs were out there and then determine what fit most, either what they could incorporate into their existing program or what made sense, based on the four primary risk factors that we are continuing to target.

So we didn't say specifically we want to implement this program or that program. We said we want to implement any one of these sets of programs that would target our risk factors that we're trying to impact. Did that . . .?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well I guess it does. I don't know that I'm real comfortable with how we implemented it but I don't see that 60% was allocated. If these totals are correct, it looks like less than 50% was allocated."

Ms. Livingston said, "Our goal was to increase it to 60%. That may take a couple of years. Last year we were at 16%. With the funding recommendations for 2003, we're at approximately 44%. So we're working up there. I don't believe there's even 60% of the funds. The majority of the people that applied for funding would not be considered evidence based. Out of the 22 programs that applied, only 7 were evidence based."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. And the decision to pick which evidence based programs we would be looking at came from whom? Who picked that we want to have communities in school model or this blueprint model?"

Ms. Livingston said, "That was based on the consultant's recommendations. He felt those were two standards that had . . . two sets of programs that had very high standards and a research base that was consistent."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, all right."

Ms. Livingston said, "It was directly from his report that we recommended those two."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay."

Ms. Livingston said, "A couple of his other recommendations was to include additional training on prevention science and that was both for the County Commission and for the providers and for staff and even the public and we are working to arrange that currently."

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Another recommendation was to improve communication strategies, improve communication with the County Commission, improve communication with the providers. We are working also on those. We have a provider fair scheduled for January to assist with some of that communication. It is part of how we're working to implement the recommendations.

For 2003, the grants are allocated through the standard request for proposal process as they have in the past. They follow the standard Sedgwick County purchasing requirements. The RFP, as we mentioned, included the 60% target for evidence based programs. There were a total of 22 proposals reviewed and the request for funding more than doubled the amount that was available.

The Sedgwick Grant Award Committee members are the ones that review and make the decisions, the tough choices on who to fund and who not to fund. The award committee includes representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Intake and Assessment, Social and Rehabilitation Services, USD 259, Human Services. So these are individuals that have not only knowledge of prevention science and models but also have direct, practical experience working with these programs, either through referrals or either in the schools or what have you.

The committee recommended 13 programs for funding. I'm going to go through each one and just say a little bit about each. Big Brothers/ Big Sisters their Intensive Prevention Program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$182,000. This is their evidence based program that's one on one mentoring with . . . matches screened adult volunteers with at-risk youth.

The Mental Health Association Reducing Anger in Preschool Program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$56,900. This is an evidence based program that utilizes the I can problem-solve curriculum in preschools, works on very basic problem-solving skills and conflict management skills for preschoolers.

Rainbows United is the one program that is new to the prevention fund that was recommended for funding. It was recommended for funding in the amount of \$20,000. It is also an evidence based program. It would implement the incredible years curriculum in some selected classrooms from Rainbows United daycare. It targets family management and early anti-social problem behaviors.

KANSEL, their GED preparation training and placement program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$99,000. The proposal included an evidence based pilot project for the Job Start program, which is a youth employment and education program. It fits well with what KANSEL already does with GED but it couples not only the academic skills with life skills and also with

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some support services for youth.

High Ground substance abuse treatment and prevention program was recommended for funding at \$110,000. They included an evidence-based component for the parent workshops that they do. It is the Parents that Care curriculum.

Catholic Charities family advocate program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$36,307. It incorporated an evidence-based component in the raising and thinking child curriculum. The family advocate works with families in the homeless shelter or the shelter due to domestic violence. So these are families that have had some instability in their home life. The family advocate will work with the child and the parent with the raising a thinking child curriculum and then also, once they've left the shelter, they will have follow up.

Communities in Schools was recommended for funding in the amount of \$140,000. This is a collaborative school-based program. The county grant funds services at Oaklawn, Cooper Elementary and the Derby 6th Grade Center.

The Boys and Girls Club Targeted Outreach program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$90,000. This is an academic program that serves youth that have been suspended or expelled from school, particularly the ones that have been expelled for the full year due to the no tolerance policies. They work to reintegrate the child into school and they provide follow up services for two semesters after they return.

The Wichita Family Services institute On Trac program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$63,500. It serves youth that have already exhibited problem behaviors. They have bi-weekly classes and a six month follow up program.

Family Consultation Services Expect Respect program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$70,000. This program targets teen domestic and relationship violence. It is provided in 9th grade gym classes through nearly every school in Sedgwick County now. It also includes opportunities for support groups, for those that self-identify I'm a victim of domestic violence and they may even have a support group for perhaps perpetrators over the next year. They did get an increase in funding and it will fund some program research. They would hope to become, they aspire to become an evidence based program.

Episcopal Social Services, their teen intervention program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$57,000. This program serves youth arrested for a minor misdemeanor and it is part of

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the formal diversion process, so they follow up and work with the District Attorney's Office.

The Wichita YMCA's Black Achievers Program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$73,000. The funding this year would focus on their summer internship program, which matches youth with jobs in their area of interest to expose them to careers in their field of interest.

The Wichita ACTS of Truancy program was recommended for funding in the amount of \$150,000 in six-month increments. ACTS provides intensive truancy intervention services. The county grant funds services at Pleasant Valley, Marshall, Curtis and Hamilton Middle Schools.

You have before you the 13 programs that were recommended for funding. These were placed in priority order by the Sedgwick County Grant Award Committee. I'm available for questions. I know there are some agency representatives in the audience if you had questions. The recommended action is to approve the recommendations and authority development of contracts."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, have you got any questions or comments at this time? Should we wait until . . . Okay. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Jeannette, I think you did an excellent job in this presentation. I appreciate your addressing the concerns and the recommendations that the consultant had expressed when he was here. I think I learned some information from him. I'm glad we did that. One of the things I hope we do follow up on is this some kind of either training or seminar or some kind of a way where I think all of these providers that we're talking about funding and perhaps even others can come together and figure out if we're all on the right track, we're all on the same page, we're all trying to accomplish the same thing.

I know that for a couple of years there was a governor's convention on prevention or a governor's meeting on prevention. I attended that several times. It seemed to me it got a little unwieldy. I think if we could focus that back down to south central Kansas, Wichita/ Sedgwick County and bring folks in that are dealing here I think we could have a real good all-day training seminar kind of deal where we could, I think, have some good outcome.

I'm going to be prepared to support these recommendations by the committee. I would like to propose that we move forward. I know Commissioner Norton has stepped out of the room. I know he had a couple of comments, but if others of you have comments, I'm ready to support this presentation in its entirety and I know that we're living in a bit of a new financial reality because of

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state finances that were certainly not clear on how that's going to effect Sedgwick County but it would be my proposal that we recommend the approval of this list of providers and this as the maximum amount of funding and, as we get into the year of 2003, and if we see that the Manager is going to make recommendations that a number of County departments are to reduce their budgets by some kind of percentage, that these providers would know that they're probably going to be in that same kind of category, as we look for places to make reductions.

But today, until we know exactly what those numbers are going to be like, I'm prepared to go ahead and except these as presented, with these being the maximum amount, knowing that there could be a reduction if we see reductions in county departments all across the board. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Any other comments from Commissioners? Commissioner McGinn has a comment."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Just to follow up on what you said, I just . . . so we don't take some of these organizations by surprise, like the governor has for us, I just wondered if you'd had discussions about you know the Manager has asked for departments to submit the 10% and that they understand and are kind of going to be looking at their whole year about you know, if I had to save 10%, where would I do that in case it does come down to that. And I want to make sure that they're prepared, in case we get in a situation like that."

Chair Pro Tem Gwin said, "Yes, Mr. Buchanan, you were waving."

Commissioner Norton returned at 11:32 a.m.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Madam Pro Tem, it might be helpful to just explain where we are in this process for those groups and certainly department heads and elected officials have a grasp of that. We've asked for and most people have submitted, as of yesterday . . . as of Monday, recommendations of how they would reduce their 2003 operating budgets by up to 10%. The cuts that we've received and what we anticipate happening after July probably won't be 10% but we also know that we're still going . . . we're not going to cut everybody 10%. We're probably not going to reduce our insurance. We're not going to reduce the amount of electricity we use by 10%. So there are some bills that will continue at what we anticipated in 2003.

That will give us the flexibility to make recommendations about what should be reduced. Those recommendations we are hopeful and intend will be made and implemented before the first day of

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January, 2003. We believe we can go in and start making those reductions and we intend to work over the weekend and the next week to figure that out.

If Commissioner Winters' proposal is accepted, what I would suspect would happen with these programs would be in that mix to be reviewed with everything else to see the extent, length and breathe of those reductions and then we could enter into contracts with these 13 agencies in January with either with some reduced number or with no more than what's been approved today, if that's how you want to do it.

But Commissioner McGinn, I think the point is well taken is people need to understand that everything is in the mix. There are no sacred cows in this examination, and so we will take a look at this program, along with everything else, to see how we can balance the budget for 2003."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And I'm not specifically saying this is on . . . I want people to be prepared and thinking about that in the coming year."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Exactly. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is there any other comments?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I apologize that I missed this but I had some information that I had to send to one of the BESTS committees that I'm working on that's having a meeting today that I'm missing. So one of the things that concerns me is that the money may not be there and I kind of thought that maybe we would want to look at supporting full funding for six months, which is half of that, with the caveat that around March 1st we'd revisit it, we'd know some new realities, we'd know what the legislators are going to do and at that point we'd have the ability to let people know well in advance that there's going to be some cuts, that we really look at the first half as different than the second half and we're getting ready to divide it at July anyway real soon from now on. So maybe that gives us a little bit of a compromise as to how we look at this. But that's just an alternative. I know Tom and I kind of talked about that and he didn't know that he was real excited about that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "He was under-impressed?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Yeah. But I mean, I think we have to look at this a lot of different ways and come up to what our conclusion is. I think it's going to be hard to justify that all that money is going to be there for the full year today. I just think that's going to be a hard mix.

The other part of it is I look around some of those organizations, if you take the money away from

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some of them, carte blanche, it's going to derail their whole program. There are others that are very well funded and if you take away part of it or all of it, they'll continue to thrive, they'll have a fundraiser, they have some pretty deep pockets and things will go on. So we need to figure that mix out too to make sure that we're doing the important work that was set in motion some five years ago.

The last thing probably I would talk about is that maybe there's some collaborations between these organizations that would save some money and maybe we should challenge them because some of these are similar, that maybe they decide on how some of this money is spent and challenge those organizations to work together. Those are all just ideas that I've had as I've thought about this for the last few days, because I don't think there's a one size fits all simple solution to what the money does for us and which ones are evidence based and which ones are not. You know, I don't think we want to go too strong to national model evidence based, because that really slows down the entrepreneurship that has driven the local social agencies here locally that have done great work for many years and eventually evolve into evidence based on their right. And maybe their not national models, but they're still evidence based. That's all I've got, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Let me make some comments. I have a little concern about how this was presented. Let me just . . . when we got started into wanting to talk to a consultant, I think the main motivation from this Board was to try to get a little closer handle on the outcomes measurement aspect of funding these programs, because when we start talking about funding a program 200,000, 300, you know five and six zeros after the number and we start funding it one or two years, it almost becomes a de facto entitlement to take \$200,000 away from the Big Brothers and Big Sisters could mean the demise of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. I mean, a company does have to lose a large percentage of their sales to go into bankruptcy. I mean, if Sears and Roebuck lost 10 or 15% of their profit base, they may have serious problems.

But absent from this is any showing us what are the new outcomes that each of these programs have committed to and what can we expect for 'I'm going to take Big Brothers and Big Sisters' because you're the first on the list, \$182,000, this is the program and this is what they've said they can accomplish. I see no outcomes here giving us comfort that this is a good idea.

The other concern I had, this is one of those evidence based, but they said they need \$235,000 to adequately do this and we're only going to recommend \$182,000. Can they still do the whole program for \$182,000? If so, why did they ask for 235? But if they can't do it, have we just guaranteed their going to fail? Because you know we've said this is . . . and they've said 'yes, we can do it and we'll need \$235,000 to do it' and we say, 'Okay, but we're only going to give you 182'. Can they do it, the same thing they said they were going to do for 235 and what is 'it' that we're asking them to do? I don't see any of that here and I'm having a hard time. I mean, these are

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good programs and I'm having a hard time really getting my hands around what we accomplished with the consultants, because I don't know what the outcome measurements are."

Ms. Livingston said, "Some of that is negotiated through the contract process and the contracts will come back to you. And the contracts will have the expectations. Yeah, you won't have the program that you could have had for \$235,000, but what can you provide for \$182,000. And the evidence based requirement should also provide some assurance on the outcomes because I'm going to be looking, 'All right, this program had a research study that said 50% of the kids did this and that showed that it was statistically effective'. I want your outcomes to match at least what that research study said."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. I think you've answered my question. The outcomes will be in the individual contracts. Okay, that's good. That solved a big part of my problem. The second thing that I have a problem . . . Commissioner McGinn indicated that to kind of put people on notice that in essence says, 'We may give you a contract for \$182,000, but don't be surprised if, for some reason, we may have to cut that'. That's not really too fair to the outcome providers if they're going to gear up to do this program and they get ready and they put 'x' number of people in the program. I mean, this is the same complaint we have with the state. The agree to fund something and we get all geared up to fund something, we put people into the program and then they cut the funding. That same problem will occur if we do something here.

There's so much darn uncertainty right now with what the state's going to do. We still don't know what SRS is going to cut, I mean which particular programs they're going to cut and we're going to have to address that eventually. I would almost rather see us guarantee a particular program provider 'We're going to fund this' and they've got it and they can go and unfortunately say no to somebody else, than like these across the board cuts of 10%. They don't take into consideration that certain programs are more crucial or more critical. And we don't know yet what types of other programs, above and beyond our prevention programs, are going to be cut and there may be some real serious social service programs that are cut. I for one don't want to be accused of denying a senior prescription medicine, but I'm going fund a program that has long-term benefits but not our immediate, today. Because we're going to be getting into muscle and bone here in the next year to two. I mean there's no way to hide it, it's going to happen. I don't know to what magnitude yet.

So, anyway I kind of support your concept. I like this idea of maybe giving them a six-month run at

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it and then re-look at starting the fiscal year in July than to maybe mislead these folks into thinking that this is what they're going to have and then cut them off in July. That doesn't . . . I don't know where I'm going with it but this is going to be a challenging year and I'm a little bit uncomfortable with alluding that we're going to fund a 1.1 million dollars for these programs and our prevention programs are on an equal level to what senior citizens need, people with developmental disabilities need. I mean some of those needs are needed right now, today to maintain their life. Some of these programs are designed to hopefully help a youngster to prevent them from being in prison seven or eight years from now and we have to decide which is the most critical. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, thank you. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate your concerns very much and I think I do understand what you're saying. I still do not believe it's time for us to really waiver on what some of our core commitments have been and I think all of these providers that are here helping us here on this crime prevention initiative very well know that these are turbulent times, financially, and that adjustments could be made.

I'm still wanting us to keep some commitments that we think are important, as you mentioned, as these are and keep them at the forefront as long as we possibly can and that's why I think a commitment today to make these recommended amounts as a possible maximum for a 12-month period with all of us knowing that, again, these are turbulent times and there may need to be adjustments, just as in any county department that's out there. So, I clearly hear what you're saying but I think I'm still going to support us moving ahead."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I've listened. I can't disagree with any of the comments that I've heard because we've started down a path here that we hoped would make a difference and I believe, in many cases, it is. Our job is about prioritization, our job is about where we believe the public monies are best placed to serve our community in the best manner that we can. Despite the challenges, despite the problems I still think this area is one of those places. There are lots of other departments and agencies who will be touched and I think to identify all of those at this particular moment is almost impossible, but we know it will be broad and wide-ranging. But I believe what we started here is of fundamental value and a basic value to this community. So I'm going to support today the funding recommendations by a committee that consists of folks whom I admire and respect and follow their recommendations today.

I think there is not a person in this room who is detached from this community and so to say that you're unaware of the downside that's ahead of us I think is certainly not true. All of us understand that. We know what we're facing, we just don't know how deep or how badly it's going to hurt

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right now but we know there's a problem. So I'm going to support the recommendations of the committee today. I think it's important. I think it's important to stay the course on these programs. They may not pay off today but they will pay off and I think I'm ready to honor that commitment that I've made. So, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Let me make one further comment here just in an attempt to . . . because this is hard for me. Would there be any will on this board to consider waiting to . . . and we're talking about negotiating a contract by January 1st. That just gives us two weeks to negotiate a contract. This is just to throw this up, we're going to know a lot more by middle of February, first part of March what's going to really happen from the state so that we'd have a better handle on then, as Commissioner Gwin just said, making some priorities. Is there, Mr. Buchanan, a reason that would preclude us considering delaying the implementation of these contracts until maybe 90 days from now so that we would have a better understanding of what other services are going to be drastically effected in this community?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We will know relatively soon about the cuts that the governor has instituted for the 2003 . . . state fiscal year 2003. We should know that pretty soon. We don't know what the state legislature is going to do and we won't know that until May. I think the session ends April or May and we won't know how that's going to effect the second half of 2003. So I don't know if that's helpful or not but we're going to be in limbo until the legislature ends their session."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well see, I would feel more comfortable entering into a contract . . . I'm going to keep picking on Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and saying this is what we're going to do and they know that that's the money they're going to get and they can go ahead and plan than to say, 'You might get \$182,000 but that's what we'll say on paper, but you understand that may go away too'. I'm kind of uncomfortable with that type of an agreement to enter into. Commissioner Winters.

Commissioner Winters said, "Carolyn was . . . "

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. I'm prepared to support Commissioner Winters motion. I think you were starting to make that into a motion. We have good organizations out there that are doing good work in our community. When I look at the faces, I think most of those organizations

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are here today and I think they have diligently listened to our conversation and I think they know and understand that we're in a situation with the unknown of what the state is going to do to us, with what they're going to do to our budget and those types of things and so, I think they're going to be going back and looking already where can I cut if I have to. But to put them in limbo and say, 'Hey, let's wait till February, let's wait till May'. You know, they're running a business too and they've got to move forward and they've got continue to do the work that they're doing. And I think they hear loud and clear that if we get into a crisis, they're on the chopping block and they may experience some cuts and those types of things. I think they understand that just as we understand that.

But I'm ready to move forward and second your motion, Commissioner Winters, if you're prepared to make it and I had one other comment and my brain went. It's close to noon. When I think of it I'll . . . I know what it was. I don't want to get in the same situation. You know, the state started on community corrections and they started on aging, Meals on Wheels and those types of things. And when I look at what those programs do, they help keep seniors in their home and healthy and those kinds of things. Community corrections, you know, that's another program where we're keeping people out of the jails where it's very expensive and so I'm looking at the long-term effect if we start putting these guys in limbo, of the good works they're doing, what's the long-term effect to our community. So I'm ready to move forward and I'm ready to second your motion, Commissioner Winters, if you're prepared to make one."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, well thank you. I am prepared to make a motion. I thought maybe all the lights were off but I see Commissioner Norton does have a comment, so I'll wait to make that motion until after he makes his comment."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, it's really just a reiteration that I still believe that funding the first six months is prudent. The 2004 budget that the state is going to put before us is going to have dramatic implications. They're talking now a billion dollars they're going to have to work on. I mean, I've been dealing with this at another level and I just think to say that we're going to put the money aside is not prudent. I think if we say for the first six month we're going to make sure you're whole, we're going to take care of you but you better start figuring out what that second half of the year looks like and if you can find other mechanisms, as good providers, and come back to us and say, 'Hey, you know what, we know of \$10,000 we don't need from you'. We've found other

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places, we did a fund raiser or we've trimmed up some things and it makes . . . to me it makes good sense. That way we really challenge non-profits to look at themselves and be sure they're delivering it right and they're collaborating and then if the money is there and we have the political will, the second half around March I think we have a date that it comes back to us, we say you know we think we've got it in the budget. We're working on that, we're working on budgets about that time and we'll make them whole for the second half.

The other thing that may do is just push us ahead of time of going on the state's fiscal calendar. So maybe that then we look at going 'Hey, we did it a year earlier than we wanted to and that's okay'. It's a different thought process. I think it's different than what Tom's going to proceed with. If you make the motion, I will probably support that we go ahead with the full funding like you said, Tom.

I just think it's probably too much for me. I'd rather be real prudent right now with our money but not derail anything that these good agencies are doing. That's all I've got."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Can I have a clarification before you make a motion? I don't see how it's much different because I think Tom says he's ready to move forward with full funding, but if the manager, as we get into having to do cuts and those kinds of things, they're just like everybody else. They're on the chopping block too. And so I see that that could fold very well into what you're saying."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Go ahead and make the motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved that as a demonstration of our commitment to crime prevention and to the youth of our county, that we approve the recommendations of the committee for these 13 organizations, that authorize contracts to develop, that these amounts listed will be the maximum amounts, if there are reductions to be made that they will be made across the board and not in any ranking order.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, why did you have to put that little caveat 'across the board, regardless of the priority or the particular program that they're funding, just across the board cuts? Okay, there's been a motion and second made. Any further comments?"

I'm going to go ahead and support this motion, assuming that everybody in the audience has heard

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what we've said and I haven't seen anybody jumping up and saying, 'Don't include me. I can't accept any cuts'. I assume you've heard that no matter what we agree upon, there may be some other cuts in the contracts that are made with you. I'll go ahead and support this item. I would have been a little . . . I would have liked what you proposed, Commissioner Norton, but I didn't see that there was any support on that. So, if there's no other comments, let's go ahead and see if we can't vote on this item."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item. Thank you all for showing up."

Commissioner McGinn left at 11:21 a.m.

2. AGREEMENT WITH VIA CHRISTI REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ALLOWING DIRECT BILLING TO MEDICAID FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item . . . if I can get to it in my packet here, is an affiliation agreement which would allow Via Christi Regional Medical Center to bill Medicaid for mental health services for adults with a serious and persistent mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances.

The services that are provided under this agreement include case management, partial hospitalization, medication review by a registered nurse, medication administration, admission evaluation and psycho-social groups to Sedgwick County residents, both adults and children, who have serious mental illnesses and this contract has to be in place in order for Via Christi to bill Medicaid for these services.

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This is the same agreement we talked about a couple of months ago where their financial consultant wanted to wait and see if they wanted to proceed the rest of the year. They have made the decision they wanted to do that. So we're requesting that you approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign it."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

3. CONTRACTS (TWO) PROVIDING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SERVICES FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS AND A SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER.

- **MIRACLES, INC.**
- **KEITH BOHMHOLT**

Ms. Cook said, "You have before you two contracts that have to do with a project that we've been working on for some time and I want to give you a little background information that hopefully will help explain the nature of these contracts and the reason for them.

Early in 2001, Luella Sanders led an effort . . . who is the manager of our homeless program, led an effort to respond to an RFP from HUD to provide transitional living for individuals with co-occurring disorders, meaning individuals with a mental illness and a substance abuse disorder.

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As with many of the projects that we do, this was done in collaboration with other partners. In this case, Miracles Incorporated and a local business person, Keith Bohmholt There will also be some collaboration with the Breakthrough Club in this process as well. This transitional housing is available, it's housing that's available for individuals who are homeless and, in this case, who have the co-occurring disorders.

The HUD grant provides the rent subsidies that the individual is responsible for paying rent equal to 30% of the income that they have. Half of that income that they pay, or half of that 30%, goes into a savings account that is then given to those individuals when they leave the housing situation, so they have a little nest egg there that they can count on and the other half goes back into the project. HUD provides then the owner a fair market value for the rent so that the owner, while they won't make a profit in this situation, they won't sustain a large loss as well.

This proposal indicates that there will be six one-bedroom apartments in Wichita that are owned by Mr. Humbolt [sic] and made available to the project for three years and they will be designated for single males, no children. Mr. Bohmholt will also provide two two-bedroom units for families, where parents and children can reside there together.

Miracles Incorporated has purchased a house that they are calling Sanctuary House and that will house eight single women, no children. The children would all have to be in the family housing situations.

Individuals are actually eligible under the HUD program to reside in these transitional housing situations for up to two years, but with the research that was done here, it's anticipated that the average amount of time for a lot of supports given to these individuals, the average amount of time for individuals to live in this transitional housing would be about six months before they would get on their feet again.

The project, over three years then, would serve a total of 96 individuals and all of the references that would be made to this housing initiative would come through COMCARE's Center City Homeless Program.

COMCARE did receive a conditional award in December of last year and that was contingent on something they called site control and getting all the technicalities in order, basically, all their questions answered on their regional level, the region being the Kansas/ Missouri region.

Luella and her staff and these partners have responded, I have lost track of the time, to any number of questions in this technical consideration process. The last step of that, thankfully, is the process

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to see that a draft of the housing contracts is signed off by you and the regional attorneys for HUD have already signed off on their contract. You'll notice, however, in both contracts there is languages that indicates that the contract is in effect only upon receipt of the total funding. So we are asking that you approve the contracts and we would proceed with this initiative hoping to get that award within the next 30 days if that happens. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Commissioner McGinn returned at 11:32 a.m.

Chairman Sciortino said, "I just have one. I noticed here in our backup that that's a three year contract with Miracles. Is the \$38,000, is that for the first year?"

Ms. Cook said, "There is a need to remodel, do a little remodeling in the house, and that's a one time allocation that will be spent immediately to get the house up to the point where it needs to be in order for people to move in."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. So and for that, we're going to provide this program for three years. Is that correct for us giving them the capital to remodel the home, they'll put this service into use for us for three years?"

Ms. Cook said, "They'll make the home available. They are actually willing to commit up to twenty years to have this available in that home, but since this is a three year contract, they're obligating themselves for that amount of time. They will also get the guarantee from HUD from the market value of that space."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is our deal with HUD for three years? I mean, how can we commit to a three year contract?"

Ms. Cook said, "I'm going to ask Luella to come up because she's got the specifics. She's been working on this night and day."

Dr. Luella Sanders said, "Commissioner, I think it's a very good question and it's yes. The contract with HUD would be a three year contract."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So we have a three year contract with HUD and are we giving Miracles \$38,000 a year for three years?"

Dr. Sanders said, "No, they would get \$38,151 in the first year to rehab the attic."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Plus so much per for rent or whatever?"

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Dr. Sanders said, “No, they would not receive any rent subsidies but what they will receive is operating costs and that was included in the operating budget. They estimated how much it’s going to cost to maintain maintenance insurance, security system and maintain that whole facility and that is included in the budget and they will get that on an annual basis.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. And how much is that?”

Dr. Sanders said, “That is total \$197,578 over the course of three years and it also includes a staff person as well.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. And this is subject to HUD maintaining their agreement with us.”

Dr. Sanders said, “Absolutely, yes.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Any other questions or comments? If not, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

4. CONTRACTS (42) PROVIDING AGING SERVICES, FUNDED BY THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 AGING MILL LEVY.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I bring before you today 42 contracts for Aging Mill Levy programs for 2003. Twenty-one of those contracts are for in-home and community based services for things such as American Red Cross for transportation services, the Alzheimer's Association for the Adult Care Connection, Envision for Senior Outreach services, Guadalupe Health Clinic for Health screenings and vouchers, Senior Services Meals on Wheels, Roving Pantry for in-home senior employment and then we have 21 contracts for fiscal year 2003 which are for the senior centers and we have a variety from the senior clubs to the senior centers to the multi-purpose senior centers. The total amount for those contract agreements are \$1,090,698. That amount has been approved in the budget sessions previously for 2003. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer those."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Any questions on this item by anyone here at the Bench?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Next item."

5. APPLICATION FOR GRANT AWARD TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2003 AREA PLAN REVISION FOR CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING.

Ms. Graham said, "This is part of the area plan we're required to do for the Kansas Department on Aging for fiscal year 2003. We have submitted that, which outlines how we plan to use federal funds for this current year.

Whenever we make revisions or changes based on funding or program needs, we're required to do a revision and send that to the Kansas Department on Aging. This is the first of our fiscal year 2003 area plan revisions and it reflects a distribution of reallocated funds that we recently received from the Kansas Department on Aging. A movement of funds to meet changing needs in the community, due to some changes in our in-home programs and some reductions. We moved some funds around to target towards those services that were most critical in the community at this time and an increase in our Title III, our 3E program, we moved some funds and opened up some new program so that we could work on developing a new respite care program that will work with volunteers, train them, track them, monitor them to do some respite care and some light homemaker care to address those changes in needs.

These changes have been approved by the Central Plains Area Advisory Council, by the Butler County Commission and the Harvey County Commission and I would request that you approve that and sign that. And if you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer those."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. I don't see that we have any questions or comments. So what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the FY 2003 Area Plan Revision; and authorize the Chairman to sign the Application and other related documents necessary to complete the grant process, including the notification of grant awards.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Annette. Next item please."

L. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND FRONTAGE ROAD CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CORRIDOR PROJECT ON US 54 FROM 183RD TO 199TH STREETS WEST. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item L-1 is an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for the construction of a frontage road on the south side of U.S. 54 east of Goddard between 183rd and 199th Streets West. KDOT will fund two-thirds of the project, not to exceed \$305,000. The total cost is estimated to be \$457,000. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY (BNSF) AND KDOT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CROSSING AT HOOVER ROAD SOUTH OF SEDGWICK AND THE BNSF TRACKS. DISTRICT #4.

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-2 is a three-party agreement between the BNSF Railway, the Kansas Department of Transportation and Sedgwick County regarding the construction and maintenance of crossing signals with flashing lights and gates at a crossing on Hoover Road between 109th and 117th Streets North. The total cost of the project will be \$133,927, which will be funded 100% by the Federal Highway Administration. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

3. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA FOR THE RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION AT 71ST STREET SOUTH (GRAND AVENUE IN HAYSVILLE) AND THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD. CIP# I-78.

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-3 is an agreement with the City of Wichita regarding the Haysville Railroad grade separation project. For this particular system enhancement project, the Kansas Department of Transportation requested that the funds go through one governmental entity. KDOT preferred to go through Wichita because most of the rail money will be for their grade separation projects. This agreement provides for Sedgwick County's share of funding to go through Wichita. Sedgwick County will receive 7.2% of \$50,000,000 or \$3,600,000 of the system enhancement funding. We will also receive funds equivalent to federal TEA-21 funding in the amount of 7.2% of \$24,318,511 or \$1,750,932.79. At 8:15 this morning KDOT sent us a Fax, which requested some minor additions and technical revisions to the agreement and we have already made those corrections. I talked to Mr. Parnacott, he's seen it out in the hall and at first glance, he says that they're minor addition and technical substitutions. So, I would recommend that you approve the agreement, subject to a final review by the legal staff, and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Agreement subject to a final review by Legal staff and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

4. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF HAYSVILLE, KANSAS FOR THE RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION AT GRAND AVENUE AND KAY STREET AND THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD. CIP# I-78. DISTRICT #2.

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-4 is an agreement with the City of Haysville regarding the railroad grade separation projects at both 71st Street South, which is Grand Avenue and at Kay Street. The key part of this agreement is that Haysville will pay for the Kay Street improvements, based upon the unit prices as bid. The construction cost will be approximately \$650,000.

Another section indicates that the County will negotiate a separate purchase agreement with the city for the sale of certain properties. Haysville approved this agreement at their meeting, Monday evening. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

5. AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD FOR THE GRAND AVENUE AND KAY STREET RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATIONS. CIP# I-78. DISTRICT #2.

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-5 is a three-party agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad Company, the City of Haysville and Sedgwick County regarding the railroad grade separation projects at both 71st Street South or Grand Avenue and at Kay Street. This is a culmination of four years of design work on the projects, which resulted in this 68-page document. Bob Parnacott has attended several 'shopsmithing' meetings with us and has approved the agreement as to form. One of the key elements is that the railroad will give us \$1,152,000 but at the same time Sedgwick County must pay them \$2,115,492 for construction work that their union people must perform on the project. Of course, this work that they do, such as laying down the track, means that our contractor will not have to do it. So in other words, we are paying the railroad to do certain items of work instead of paying our contractor. Haysville approved this agreement at their meeting Monday evening and I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item."

6. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE KELLOGG/TYLER AND MAIZE INTERCHANGES.

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-6 is an agreement with the City of Wichita regarding the construction of the Tyler and Maize Road interchanges on U.S. 54. The agreement stipulates that the county will contribute \$10,000,000 toward the project. I'd be glad to answer any questions you may have."

MOTION

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

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin No

Commissioner Gwin said, "Following my history on this project, I'm going to vote no because it delays projects for which was are solely responsible.

Commissioner Tim Norton Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Next item."

7. PRESENTATION DEPICTING ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING 2002. ALL DISTRICTS.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Spears said, "Commissioners, I would like to report to you on the projects that were constructed in the year 2002, including roads, bridges, drainage, preventive maintenance and miscellaneous repair projects. This year we completed 19 ½ miles of skim coating, which is a cold mix asphalt and 15 ¾ miles of chat seal. The roads are selected by our staff in January and you are notified by memorandum accordingly.

In addition to these projects, the 2002 construction program can be summarized as follows: 7 miles of road were constructed by contract, 26 miles of road were overlaid with 1 inch of BM-1 hotmix, 22 miles of road were treated with a latex modified slurry seal, 5 ¼ miles of road had asphalt rejuvenation, 11 bridges were constructed or are under construction by contract, 7 bridges were constructed by our crews, 41 ¾ miles of shoulders, both sides of road were constructed by our

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crews. All of the projects are in accordance with Sedgwick County Capital Improvement Program. In total, improvements were made to 95 ½ miles of the 500 miles of paved road that Sedgwick County is responsible for. This means that 19% of the county's road system was improved this year.

A memorandum depicting the expenditures on our project was sent to you and the manager on December 2nd. Due to change orders in the past couple of weeks, those numbers may differ slightly from our final amounts, but in general the expenditures for 2002 were \$12,362,174 in actual road projects, \$2,777,803 in actual bridge project costs and in total, we were \$1,634,864 under budget on road projects and \$1,241,249 under budget on bridge projects.

Now we're ready to view the 2002 Public Works road and bridge presentation and I simply want to remind you that infrastructure is still the mother's milk of economic development.

In the essence of time, we'll try to go a little faster here. Each of these we have pictures of, so I won't go over it too much right here. The main thing here is it describes the project, the amount budgeted and the over and under line is the good line, out there at the side. The 286 and 260, 286 that project hasn't started yet. That's the one over by Cessna and on R-260, that is going up on Meridian. That's an agreement with Valley Center that we agreed to pay them \$1,000,000 for that. But I'll go into these a little more as we go. Here are some more. We had under budget by 1.6 million.

Okay, Rock Road down south in Commissioner Sciortino's district. This is a before picture of course. And a lot of this is underway and I'll go through these rather quickly. These are before, that's the before picture of the bridge, this is during construction on the new bridge, over the railway, in progress, it's going on now. There's some final construction of the road. It's gone to four lanes, with turn lanes. That's another before. That's after. Another after. Before, after. Before of course, after. And then that shows Snodgrass and Sons is the contractors. It's still in progress on the bridge and we're under-budget so far. That's to date by a little over \$1,000,000 and we expect to be finished with that by the end of this school year, May or June.

This is under construction in Valley Center, 85th Street and this is a project we contributed \$1,000,000 for so you won't see much here right now."

Commissioner McGinn said, "David, aren't they almost done?"

Mr. Spears said, "Jerry is here. Do you know when you took these pictures, Jerry."

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Mr. Jerry Day, Construction Maintenance, Bureau of Public Works, said, "I took those pictures just late last week. They still had the surface mix to put on the roadway at this time, and are still working to the west of that intersection right there."

Mr. Spears said, "So these were taken last week."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Oh, okay."

Mr. Spears said, "Okay. Now this is the bike path along Windmill Road. And we did receive some federal funds for that. Note the speed limit sign of 30 miles per hours that the state required us to put on there and it had a design speed on the bike path of 30 miles an hour. I don't know, that's pretty fast on a bicycle."

Chairman Sciortino said, "You're not serious. That was a requirement to put 30 miles on it?"

Mr. Spears said, "That is correct, except for right here on that curve. We could only get that at 15. But we had to have a design speed when we designed it and it was quite the thing. You can see that's under-budget.

45th Street North, this is the United Warehouse project that we added on. As you can see, it's just getting under way. And that's just to date. We had actually budgeted \$400,000. Cornejo was the low bid.

Railroad signal relocation, we moved this to Tyler Road. This is going to be very much of a benefit to the new Maize School, which is located at the corner of Tyler and 37th. And hopefully that's a big safety item. Another picture. That's the actual cost, it's \$58,000.

Miscellaneous hot mix, down at 83rd Street South and Hillside, this is an intersection that we had to redo, had some damage on it and see, previous pictures. Did this with miscellaneous hot mix. That's an important item in the CIP, so that we can hit the hot spots that get damaged. There's the new. And once again Cornejo, and we were under by \$52,000.

The BM-1 overlays, shows you all the locations in the county that we did this, 26 miles. Just . . . we won't show all those. Just a sample of what it looks like. That's 61st Street North in Kechi. That yellow line is pretty straight. That photo was not doctored either. Did have to go around any dead animals or anything with the stripe. It's just right there. 26 miles, total cost \$832,000, about \$32,000 per mile Cutler Recycle. We're going to do some recycling at these locations, 5 ¼ miles and also we do roads that have had a little bit more of rutting in them. Hillside, south of 83rd, Ridge Road south of K-42, total cost \$245,000, about \$47,000 per mile. Nice thing about this is we don't

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have to redo the shoulders when we overlay. We just redo what's there and add a little bit of material. This just shows the total savings under budget for those projects.

All right, latex modified slurry seal and this is part of our preventive maintenance program. We do this every year. Very important to keep your system up in good shape and this is one way that you do it. And after we build a road, five years later we put a seal on it. Did 22 miles this year. This is Oliver, looking north from 77th. We also did parking lot B-1 out at the Coliseum. Again, Oliver looking south, Kechi and Ballou Construction did this, total cost about three-quarter million. That's about \$25,000 per mile. It's a very good investment.

Rock shoulders, we do this with our own people. We just buy the rock. We have our own machine that does it. 41 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles, both sides of the road this year. This is just an example on Rock Road, over near 47th Street South. That's the other side and it's still Rock Road. There's the cost. That cost us \$2,500 per mile to do in-house.

Cold mix, you get a pretty good bang for the buck with this type of process. Do this in-house and it's laid down with a motor grader, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles this year. This is Oliver up north."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That was one of those expensive Caterpillars they finally found a use for."

Mr. Spears said, "Well, they do excellent work to lay a road down that smooth with the motor grader."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yellow and black are good colors, I have no problem with those colors."

Mr. Spears said, "Okay. Oliver, up between 109th and 117th. We're not going to show all of them. That's the after shot. The before shot was gravel. \$24,000 per mile that cost this year and that all depends where they're at in the county. The further away they are from our west yard, the more it cost to get the material there with the trucks and the time.

Chat seal, this is another thing is this is one that we do with our personnel, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles. That's on 95th, between 135th and 151st West. Here again, 95th. 183rd and we did 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles and it cost about \$10,000 per mile."

Commissioner McGinn said, "David, when you do chat seals, do you do those over hot mix roads or cold mix roads?"

Mr. Spears said, "We do those over cold mix roads and we don't always do them the same year

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that we do the cold mix roads, because most of the cold mix roads we have to come back the next year and put another layer of cold mix on and then, after that we put the chat on it. But that's by our people on our cold mix roads.

Bridge projects, once again here's the listing of them all and probably the key thing is to look at the location and the over/ under. I'll go on because . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Because we let you sandbag too much on the budget is what we did."

Mr. Spears said, "Well, I guess you can criticize either way."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, an accountant would say being under is just as bad as being over, but that's okay. But that's why there's not one accountant working in Public Works either."

Mr. Spears said, "We have one, but we keep him under control."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We just sic Mara on him."

Mr. Spears said, "She takes care of him most of the time. There's the total budgeted, the actual cost, under budget. All right, here's a few pictures of bridges. This bridge on 53rd Street North, this is over the Big Arkansas River. This is a before picture, shows some of the deterioration. You can see the steel showing. Here's in progress, taking it out and that's just to date. Of course this is funded by KDOT, administered by them through the federal government and King Construction is the contractor. And our share in this is about \$626,000, which is 20%."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And that's where it is today? That's a pretty recent picture."

Mr. Spears said, "That's pretty recent, Jerry?"

Mr. Day said, "Yes, that's a recent picture, last week also."

Commissioner McGinn said, "That's about three weeks worth of work of how much they've gotten done. That's pretty good."

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Mr. Spears said, "All right. Of course we had before and after pictures and . . . no, a couple of before. There's the after. And that was by Klaver Construction and was about an \$83,000 job.

Okay, this is on 199th West, between 117th and 125th and before, that's an after. Klaver again, \$188,000 bridge.

93rd, between 151st and 167th West, this goes down to a dead end but there's some farms down there and this is so far under budget because the farmers requested that instead of a bridge we put in a culvert, so we came down and this will actually carry about a ten-year storm and they're aware of that and we weren't going to argue about it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "That's all he wanted?"

Mr. Spears said, "That's all he wanted. Didn't want to be shut down for the length of time it took to build a bridge.

13th Street North, between 151st and 167th, before, that's after."

Chairman Sciortino said, "David, what's now on these new bridges the average life span of a new bridge like that?"

Mr. Spears said, "50 years."

Commissioner McGinn said, "But the ones before them look like they've been there 100."

Mr. Spears said, "You haven't got to the bad ones yet. Yes, I think some of these were built, the wooden ones, in the '30s we could easily say. We have . . . to put things in perspective, we're responsible for 653 bridges."

Commissioner Norton said, "You're sure of that number?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes. We'll go on. 61st between 183rd and 199th, there's the new one. You notice that many of the new structures are larger than the old because you do the hydrology and try to carry the 100-year storm in it, Klaver again, about a \$98,000 project.

A before on Webb, between 117th and 125th. There's your lone bridge, Commissioner Gwin. There's the result, Klaver again, \$88,000. A before on 359th between 6th and 15th Streets South, another before, there's the after. And Klaver did this one, \$132,000. Before, yes we had quite a discussion about this bridge. There's the final product, Klaver again, about \$80,000. 135th between

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111th and 119th, result, King Construction, \$308,000.

This is the bridge up north of Mount Hope that we just . . . we're going to do next year but we pushed it up to this year because . . . well, we'll show you here what happened. This is the joint between the decks and that's what has to be repaired in each case. See the arrow shows you the difference in elevation of one deck to the other and so you have to get those back even and that's the machine that they use to do that with. Anyway, that's the budgeted. We had \$300,000 in actual costs, so far 147, Dondlinger working on that.

There's a hole in the bridge on 45th. This again by United Warehouse, in process as we speak. Well, that was all set up after the fact, see. This wasn't planned and we did later. Actually, we didn't do a bridge on Andale Road and then we did this one instead and tried to use about the same bridge.

All right, bridges by . . .”

Commissioner Norton said, “Did all those bridges have permits?”

Mr. Spears said, “Yes. By County forces, our guys do a great job. There's the locations and actual costs. That's an old bridge, even has a wooden bottom in it. That's the final result. We build wooden ones. We spend \$90,000 per year on materials and build as many bridges as we can. It's usually around eight, nine or ten.

Okay, this is the next one, 87th Street South, between 183rd and 167th West. That's the cost of it. There's some nice trash. This is on 231st, between 55th and 63rd and there's the result. That was part of the project, kill two birds with one stone. There's a little green slime with this one, Woodlawn between 85th and 93rd North. That's the new one. It costs almost \$25,000. There's a before picture on 55th between 391st and 407th Street West. This is way out in the southwest part of the County.

Here's a bridge, existing bridge, it was on 327th between 23rd and 31st Streets South. You can see the water has been going underneath the bridge. You can see the concrete on the bottom, how it's been eroding below it. There's the new one.

Carry-over projects, the bridge on . . . This is the bridge over the floodway, just west of Valley Center. There's the new one, King Construction. It cost . . . Well, that \$350,000 is our share. We had 80% federal funds on that. Okay, we showed you a few pictures last year, we were underway with this project out by Lake Afton. That was part of the job, we put that new sign up for them. This is the MacArthur Road relocation and we used the old MacArthur Road . . . that's the old one there, so we used it as part of the internal system and then the new one goes around. And we did a

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few little extra niceties with this, the color and the logo, so to speak. And that project is finished, it came in at 3.3 million dollars, Dondlinger and Sons did it.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “David, will we have rails on the 53rd Street project?”

Mr. Spears said, “53rd over the . . . yes.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay.”

Mr. Spears said, “This is just a box we had to widen of Central and we did a cold mix job, and we actually used the cold mix down on the sides when we extended that box out with some metal. That’s rock on the other side is what you’re seeing there. It looks like a little picture, it’s a little confusing. All this was done in-house.

This was a project we did with a box up at 279th and 77th. This is our guys doing the work themselves. We purchased the pre-cast concrete box and install them and we’re going to do more like this in the future. It comes out real nice. That goes through there, under the intersection and that’s the end of that.

This is a gabion project, this is the before, where it shows the bank erosion and this is on 167th, between Central and 13th. This shows you the problem. Now here’s the gabions. Gabions are steel cages filled with rocks and that will stop the erosion and protect our bridge.

All right, miscellaneous drainage, this is new. We haven’t had this before. Now that we have our Storm Water Drainage Department and the funding for projects, we haven’t got into this very much but we’re starting to. Be more of this next year. You can see we’ve got some overs there. This is the project down at 87th and Hydraulic and there’s really not a whole lot of pictures you can show. There’s an inlet structure and there’s a pipe that leads over to the turnpike and that’s the turnpike over there and an inlet structure there. And Commissioner Norton is well aware of this project. We had many public hearings and talks with folks down there and it works.

The Greenhaven, that was just bid here last week and so there’s not been any construction done. We’ve had to go out with our stream maintenance crew and do some work because of trees falling down and this is going to be replaced with reinforced concrete box under one of the streets. This just shows you how bad the channel is overgrown. There’s the sanitary sewer pipe that is exposed, so you get the flavor of it. There’s a tree that’s fallen down. You can see how wooded this is and it’s one of the reasons . . . it’s a pretty nasty job. We got some high bids on it. We did this. We cleared that out and then we just put some temporary rock on the side to try to protect it best we could while we’re waiting. It was just getting so bad we had to do something. And that’s over so far, but we’ll have an amendment before you next week and we’re going to fund it with some of the Idlewilde project money that came in under and then some Storm Water Management Department

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budget money.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Your goal is just to clear out that channel then?”

Mr. Spears said, “Yes and it will be lined with concrete too, the channel will.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “And stabilize it.”

Mr. Spears said, “Yeah, we’ll line the whole channel, bottom and both sides with concrete so it will be stabilized. This is the ditch . . . this is a small job over near 95th and Broadway.”

Commissioner Norton said, “That’s another one that’s been needed for 30 years.”

Mr. Spears said, “At least, yes sir. And there’s where it comes in. That’s the Cowskin Creek and the water would come into there and that came in over a little bit. That’s the end of the presentation.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “David, once again you’ve done a good job in making that presentation and I think that the citizens of Sedgwick County owe your department a lot because you do a lot of work and it’s unheralded and that idea about reversing the pockets for the employees was a heck of an idea.

What’s the will of the Board on this item?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “May I thank Mara and Jerry?”

Mr. Spears said, “I wanted to do that and I always forget. Yes, please, Jerry took the pictures, I want to thank him, Jerry Day and he’s in charge of our sign crew, so he’s out anyway and it kind of kills two birds with one stone and then Mara put together the Powerpoint. She’s the brains behind the operation.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “You weren’t joking with us when you said the state mandates speed limit signs on jogging and bike paths?”

Mr. Spears said, “I was not joking with you, when they fund it.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Dave.”

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, “When do we take this Off Agenda item up? Do you want to take it up now, Bill or do you want to take it after Bids and Contracts?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Any time you . . .”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Let’s go ahead and do Bids and Contracts and get you out of the way and then we’ll do the other, under Other.”

M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2002.

Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You should have the meetings of the December 5th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts and there are five items for your consideration.

**1) FIRE HOSE & COUPLINGS- FIRE DISTRICT
FUNDING: FIRE DISTRICT**

Item one is fire hose and couplings for the Fire District. It was moved to reject all bids on item one, as they sent the incorrect specs. So they did recommend on items 2 through 8 to accept the low bid of Municipal Engineering Services [sic] for \$5,208.28, the low bid on item 3 from Conrad Fire for \$7,700.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Wait a minute. I’m having . . .”

Commissioner Winters said, “Item one, right here.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "I thought you said rejected all the bids."

Mr. Phipps said, "I said rejected on line item one. They sent the incorrect specs."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Got it. I'm sorry."

Mr. Phipps said, "Okay. And line item three from Conrad Fire for \$7,700 and the low bid meeting specifications item 4 through 7 from Casco Industries for \$8,346 for a grand total of \$21,258.28 [sic]."

**2) IN CAR VIDEO SYSTEMS- SHERIFF
FUNDING: SHERIFF'S FLEET**

Item two, recommend to accept the low bid meeting specifications of Mobile Vision for \$34,870.

**3) SURVEY EQUIPMENT- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: STORM WATER MANAGEMENT**

Item four [sic], survey equipment for the Public Works Department. It was moved to accept the low bid meeting specifications of Griner and Schmitz for \$36,500.

**4) AIRCRAFT INSPECTION- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Item four, aircraft inspection for Fleet Management and this is one hundred hour inspection. That truly is a 150 hour inspection and service. It was moved to accept the expenditure with ServiCenter Incorporated for \$71,668.28.

**5) CHANGE ORDER FOR RECORDS CENTER EXPANSION- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**

Item five, change order for the Records Center expansion, Facility Projects and it was moved to acknowledge the change order with C. Smith Company for \$2,437.

I'd be happy to take questions and recommend the approval of the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chairman Sciortino said, "We do have some comments or questions. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. I had a citizen contact me on item three, on the survey

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equipment, and according to the criteria or the specifications, he disagreed with the bid board and has asked to speak to us.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Is he here?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Yes he is.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Would the individual that wants to come . . . if you would come before us and give us your name and address.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “And you have these handouts and I believe those came from him.”

Mr. Dustin Beason, 611 N. Richmond, Wichita, said, “I work for Fieldworks, which was the low bid on the GPS equipment and I was looking through the considerations for rejection and it said that we didn’t meet the specs of a three-watt 20 hour internal battery. We actually have a four-watt. There’s not much difference between a one-watt. The 20 hour I have not seen any specs that actually say that the existing system that you guys want to approve actually is a 20 hour battery. We have four battery that come with our system, two batteries run at one time, which four and a half hours, takes two hours to charge them, so they can continuously run and you don’t turn the system off while it’s running.

It says that our system is a 12-channel system. It’s actually a 24-channel system. The paperwork I supplied you has the actual spec of the equipment, which is existing equipment that Sedgwick County currently owns and was purchased in 2001. It would be the radium IS. So basically, I’m just asking for a reconsideration. We were \$2,400 less than the other and we meet all specs, except for the 20-hour battery but ours are hot swappable, so it doesn’t shut down and it continues to run, plus this system matches the existing system that is currently in operation now. I would take any questions that you guys have.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I guess when he went through all these items in my office, it looked to me like he met the specifications. David, is there some reason why we did not pick this product.”

Mr. Spears said, “This morning, with us is Trish Robello, who is our Deputy County Surveyor and I think she can answer most of the questions about this. She was involved in it and I don’t know, is the other vendor here also today. The other vendor is here. So if you want to hear from either the other vendor or Trish.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I think I’d like to hear from Trish first.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "The other vendor was the one that won the contract. I don't know that I want to hear from him. He's already the winner."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I want to hear why our staff chose one product over another."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I don't have any other questions of the presenter."

Mr. Trish Robello, Deputy County Surveyor, Bureau of Public Works, said, "And the big issue is the power consumption, the 20- hour battery versus the two batteries, which you have to swap the batteries out every two hours. So if you're not right there with your unit, you have to . . . You'll have to go back and check on it. And we just did a project for NGS and our battery died after an hour and a half and there is the 24 channels versus 40 channels or your could look at it as 12 and 20."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I guess what I'm hearing you say is that the current equipment that you use, you were trying to improve upon it."

Ms. Robello said, "Right, we're trying to upgrade."

Commissioner Winters said, "So, the low bid, we have and use that equipment presently?"

Ms. Robello said, "Yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "And you're not satisfied with it?"

Ms. Robello said, "Correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "That's all I need to know."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So presently you use a Sokkia Radian whatever that is. That's what you presently use?"

Ms. Robello said, "Correct."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And if you didn't like it, didn't want to have it, why did you ask them to rebid it?"

Ms. Robello said, "No, we still use it and, I mean, it works good. It's just it's not as quick."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "My point is, this probably isn't you, it's probably Bid and Board but if the user of the product was unhappy with a Chevrolet and wanted to buy a new vehicle, why do we ask the Chevrolet Company to bid on the equipment, if we've already decided we didn't want to buy a Chevrolet?"

Mr. Phipps said, "Mr. Commissioner, the information that we had receive at the Purchasing Department did not allude to that fact. It just stated that they wanted new equipment and thence the specifications that we sent out accordingly."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. So . . ."

Commissioner Winters said, "That's what you want."

Commissioner Gwin said, "That's what you should do."

Chairman Sciortino said, "What?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Just put out the specs you want."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yeah, but they've already said that they weren't going to accept Sokkia because they wanted to upgrade it."

Commissioner Winters said, "They said they weren't going to accept those specs."

Commissioner Norton said, "If they come up with a new battery pack, they probably would have accepted it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "What it means is if I know Volkswagon has a rear-engine car, I can put a spec in that says all I want is a rear-engine car but I don't have to say that I want a Volkswagon and I can guarantee I'll get a Volkswagon.

Anyway, the battery pack was the most critical part of the scenario?"

Ms. Robello said, "Or at least all day."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All day without a person having to physically having to do anything."

Commissioner McGinn said, "May I ask then, if a battery does go down can you just swap it out without having to go back in and change anything right there, out in the field?"

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Ms. Robello said, "Yes, you can but when you're doing a static session, our sessions are five and a half hours long and the batteries don't last that long."

Mr. Spears said, "Trish, I don't think they're understanding. There's not always somebody standing by this piece of equipment. Is that right?"

Ms. Robello said, "Correct."

Mr. Spears said, "It stands by itself and so some of the people are sometimes out around doing other things."

Ms. Robello said, "Right. And we do have . . . like we can hook up a motorcycle battery to it, but as . . . for the majority of the time, if it's all by itself, typically we'll hook up an external battery. So that is possible but not when you're walking around."

Mr. Spears said, "So in other words, people are not by it. Somebody has to quite doing what they're doing what they're doing and come back and put a battery in it."

Mr. Beason said, "No, sir. The existing system, the base that they have runs on a motorcycle battery, which runs eight to ten hours. They system, the rover is the one that has the batteries that swap in and out, which allow it to continue running for multiple periods of time. The battery that's in the rover of the system that you guys are proposing to purchase does not have an external battery so it comes out . . . it's got a port, so you can carry another battery on it, but you can't take that battery out and charge it and put another battery in it."

Ms. Robello said, "Well, and the purpose for that is it's waterproof, so everything is internal on the system that we're requesting to get."

Ms. Beason said, "And so is our. I have a sample of our system here if you'd like to see it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I've got all the information I need."

Commissioner Winters said, "I've got all I need."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. I guess the thing that troubles me is, in looking at our backup, you know all the things here that says why we don't like this piece of equipment are not consistent with the specs that I'm seeing. He does have 24 channel and then the battery situation,

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it's a little more than, I guess, not being out there in the field and totally understanding how that works, that's a whole different thing."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Why don't we do this. Why don't we maybe take items one, two and four and five and vote on those, because those are not controversial."

MOTION

Chairman Sciortino moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts on items one, two, four and five.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts on item three.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	No
Chairman Ben Sciortino	No

Chairman Sciortino said, “We have an Off Agenda item.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to consider an Off Agenda item.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

OFF AGENDA ITEM

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE UPDATE

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, I thought it might be important just to briefly touch upon the action of the City Council yesterday regarding emergency medical service. You recall that sometime this summer the City Council cancelled the contract between Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita that allowed us to provide service inside the City of Wichita and gave us an arrangement, under the contract, that we did not have to follow the current ordinance, the ordinance that was in place.

Because of their action, it would have meant . . . If they would not have taken any action yesterday, we would have been violating . . . or perhaps violating a city ordinance by continuing to provide

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service after the 1st of the year, although we were prepared to go through a licensing process whereby our EMS people had physicals, were ready to fill out the paper . . . paperwork had been filled out and ready to sign, go through a process, a very cumbersome and difficult process to get licensed, but we were prepared to do that.

At yesterday's meeting, the City Council then voted to waive our requirement to meet the ordinance for six months. This will give us an opportunity for Chris Cherches to work out some of the nuances of the system."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, that's great and I'm very pleased that they voted to grant us an exception. This allows us to continue a seamless service of our EMS and will let the citizens of Wichita know that they're going to continue with EMS service and I'm very grateful that the City Council did that. So, thank you very much for the update. Is there anything else that we need to visit on that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, sir."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, "The only thing I want to do is just to somehow reach out to our employees of EMS. You know, they do, in my opinion, a tremendous job. This has been a little bit nervous time for them and I just want to congratulate them publicly for doing what I think is a tremendous job for all the citizens of Sedgwick County and hopefully they'll continue doing the type of work that they're doing. So, that's all I have. We have a motion and a second. Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Commissioner McGinn said, "I do have a comment or a question for the Manager. I mean, we're extending this out. Will it ever end? I mean, here we go again. It seems like we've had plenty of time to resolve this."

Mr. Buchanan said, "This issue has been pretty much on the front burner since January of . . . August of 2000. It is my expectation that we will come to some resolution of how Sedgwick County provides service countywide and we need to move forward with a single medical director, we need to move forward with quality assurance, quality control, and we need to move forward about patient care in Sedgwick County."

Whether the issue will ever die regarding who should operate, maintain and run EMS, I can't speak to that. But I know that we are not . . . our attention needs to be on patient care and we need to continue after that goal."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And your going to keep ongoing dialogue with Chris Cherches and work that out for us. Okay, next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Right-of-Way Easements.

- a. Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Idlewild Street Drainage Project on Idlewild from Clifton to the Arkansas River. CIP# D-3. District #5.
- b. Permanent Floodway Reserve Easement for Sedgwick County Greenhaven Drainage Project. CIP# D-2. District #5.

2. Agreement with Heartland Document Retrieval providing on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.

3. Resolution authorizing the title of all real estate held by Sedgwick County to be in the name of "Sedgwick County."

4. Orders dated November 27 and December 4, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

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- 5. **Payroll Check Registers of November 22, November 26 and November 27, 2002.**
- 6. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of December 4 – 10, 2002.**
- 7. **Applications for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.**

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
Cecile B. Potter	Kwik Shop, Inc.
Joseph R. Gregory	QuikTrip West, Inc.
Christopher P. Rickard	Bomber Burger
Valerie K. Washington	J. V. Diamond, Inc.
James W. Peters	Jeymanco, Inc.
	dba Schulte Country Store
Norman Massey, Jr.	Mothers Finest LTD
	dba M & F Beer Store

8. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V020037	\$197.00		Arnold McCloud
V020074	\$251.00		Donald La Rue
V020075	\$505.00		Andover Crossing
V020076	\$575.00	2	Chapel Ridge Apts.
V020077	\$314.00		Jack Cook
V020079	\$246.00		Brookside Cottages
V020080	\$213.00		Brookside Cottages

9. 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>
V010154	\$377.00	\$334.00

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V95151	\$228.00	\$271.00
V20018	\$326.00	\$320.00
V200108	\$278.00	\$296.00
V94120	\$212.00	\$306.00
V20010	\$215.00	\$260.00
V200109	\$350.00	\$350.00
V020008	\$427.00	\$482.00
V98004	\$8.00	\$163.00
V020006	\$539.00	\$600.00
V020004	\$331.00	\$350.00
V2009	\$444.00	\$409.00
V20144	\$129.00	\$147.00
V2002	\$238.00	\$245.00
V020001	\$330.00	\$332.00
V020002	\$246.00	\$255.00
V20010	\$543.00	\$620.00
V2001	\$176.00	\$172.00
V020011	\$547.00	\$558.00
V200101	\$123.00	\$189.00
V20010	\$535.00	\$540.00
V200100	\$300.00	\$300.00
V200121	\$458.00	\$490.00
V20010	\$620.00	\$543.00
V01069	\$585.00	\$299.00
V2045	\$206.00	\$000.00
V01097	\$325.00	\$000.00
V020042	\$281.00	\$325.00
V020048	\$548.00	\$650.00
V200121	\$446.00	\$458.00
V20105	\$537.00	\$600.00
V020041	\$255.00	\$267.00
V94116	\$472.00	\$477.00

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend that you approve it.”

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is there anything else to come before this Board at this particular time? Commissioner Norton."

O. OTHER

Commissioner Norton said, "I've got a list of about 12 things that I want to go over. You know, actually . . . Ben's rubbing his shoulder."

Chairman Sciortino said, "My shoulder has been killing me for about a hour and a half but that's okay. Keep talking."

Commissioner Norton said, "And I have the greatest admiration for our Chair for toughing out this long meeting."

No, the only thing I had was yesterday Tom and I stopped into the City Council meeting that talked about the Emergency Response initiative and Mayor had the Response Team there, four people talked on economic development, the work force development, services provided and economic development. Towards the end of it, he challenged his City Council to come up with a million dollars for relief for the community and I think his parting words were, 'I would challenge the state and the county to enter into this and help' and I think now that is in the public's eye. It was in the paper today and it's something that, at least from my perspective and I don't know what Tom's was, that we'll be challenged to look at and analyze and deal with as this thing evolves and moves forward.

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The one thing I've already done, just to kind of see what we can do, is I've asked Bill to come up with what kind of contingency money is left in our contingency fund. I don't know if there's any money available, but I think we need to be thinking about what our options are if we're going to participate or not. And my challenge would be, if we do decide to do some participation is that we roll the money into some organization within our auspices that we already fund and create something in the infrastructure that we already have, whether at COMCARE, Health Department, Homeless, because we already provide a lot of those services and maybe we enhance some of them as our contribution with additional monies but that we don't go helter skelter taking money out of the general fund and throw it out to the general community. We've got organizations and infrastructure that already do fine work for the community and maybe there's some places we could enhance it with a little bit of our money, but I don't know that we need to come up with a pool of general fund monies and just give it to other organizations when we have those organizations within the boundaries of our own jurisdiction that we can help."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "The two of us can talk about that and the Mayor's comments yesterday. I think we need to remember that today we approved a million dollars worth of money to seniors through our Aging Department and our contract, \$172,000 for Meals on Wheels. So we have this vast group of social service agencies that we're involved with that were all going to get cut, we're probably going to get cut as this year goes down. So for us to cut our Aging services for instance or COMCARE and then deal the money out on the other side, I think that would be counterproductive right now. I appreciate the Mayor's efforts to really address these people that are having tough times and I think we need to keep our ears open and our eyes open to opportunities where we can step in, but I think now if we would do some money shifting, somebody is going to get cut out and we're going to shift this money over there. So I think before we make any strong commitments to anybody, we need to really sit down and have a real careful discussion."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Right. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "You kind of said what I was going to say but I'm going to say it anyway. We don't necessarily get the headline for what we do but we're out there providing the support services for when we have tough times. Aging, people unemployed as you and I had a discussion, Tim, about the Health Department. Maybe we need to think differently about the future of the Health Department but the Health Department is going to probably see more people coming through the doors. A lot of the organizations that we help sponsor and try to keep going in this community are going to see increased traffic and I think that's the part that we contribute and I think those are the areas that we're going to continue to focus on. And people need to understand that we're a different . . . we provide different services than municipalities. We're kind of that

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umbrella organization that's the extension of the state and we deal a great deal in human services and in prevention programs and in those kinds of things and I agree with you, Commissioner Winters. I'd hate to see us start tightening the belts there because of what effect it may have, when if we continue to concentrate on what we do best I think will contribute to this dark economic time right now, continuing to do what we do better or continuing to find funds to keep those organizations going."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Oh, just one final comment to tie all that together. I just wanted to phrase it so that we're talking about it. It did come up. Somebody is going to stick a microphone in our face or have a pencil and paper and ask for a quote on what we're doing and I think we need to understand what we're doing, what we've always done, what our core values are and if there are places where we can supplement. I mean, I'm really pushing right now on the Health Department thing. I'm really trying to dig deep and describe what the Health Department is going to look like, not only tomorrow and twenty years from now. What's the new model and how does that effect the rising cost of health care and pharmaceuticals and the new generation of people that are going to access health care. And I think the new economic reality is what's driving that. I think that's what's pushing different folks to access public health care as opposed to private health care and we need to know what that is and maybe that's where we start."

You're right. Maybe we . . . if we have a little contingency money or whatever, maybe we look at creating some little program that can be accessed through the Health Department that's going to help out not only the general population, but those that have fallen in that are new and I don't know what that looks like. Obviously, not going to be a very big pool of money but you know, there may be some little wiggle room out there that doesn't take away from something else where we can create something that makes a difference. That's all I've got."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I'm going to be very reluctant to start a new program when we're having so much problem understanding if we can even maintain the ones that we've got. But if someone were to stick a mike in my face and say 'Are you going to join in and work on this initiative' the answer to the question is 'yes'. What we're going to be doing, because economic

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times . . . we may not be earmarked to try to help the people that lost their job, but we're going to help all those people that are effected because of the losses of jobs, and that's all the social services that we fund and if we had any additional monies laying around, I would like to see us maybe consider augmenting some of those services that are going to be probably drastically cut by the state before I'd be interested in throwing any type of meaningful amount at developing a new program. But yes, we're going to be a very good partner in this whole effort to try to blunt the negative impacts of the economic downturn that we have. Anyway, I think it's good dialogue and I think we should continue with that dialogue.

All right, this meeting is now adjourned.”

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

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