

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

January 8, 2003

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, January 8, 2003 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 Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Lucretia Taylor, Director, Diversity and Employee Relations, Department of Human Resources; Ms. Gay Ritchey, Director of Volunteer Services, Sedgwick County Zoo; Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources Department; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management Department; Dr. Luella Sanders, Program Director, COMCARE Homeless Program; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Administration, COMCARE; Mr. Wayne Burns, Director, Family and Children's Community Services Program, COMCARE; Ms. Cecilia Maggard, Administrative Officer, Communications; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Emil M. Bergquist, Mayor, City of Park City.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Norton.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, December 4, 2002

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2002.

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, I think you've had a chance to review the Minutes of the December 4th meeting. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4th, 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	Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Let's wait just a second before you call the next item, because Commissioner Gwin . . . Hey, you know what. Commissioner Gwin is leaving. We might want to consider hiring her on a part-time basis to review all the minutes of the meetings because she's really good about that. Would you call the next item please."

RETIREMENTS

A. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCKS.

- 1. GAY RITCHEY, DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES, SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO, RETIRED JANUARY 1, 2003 AFTER TWO YEARS OF SERVICE.**

Ms. Lucretia Taylor, Diversity and Employee Relations Manager, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present the retirement certificate to Gay Ritchey, who is director of volunteer services at the Sedgwick County Zoo. Gay will be retiring January 1, or retired January 1 after two years of service.

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Gay plans to spend time with her husband Mark and she can devote more time to doing a lot of volunteering with the Zoo and the volunteer office and making enrichments for animals to play with in their exhibits. She also plans to make pottery decorated with animals.

Gay has worked exclusively in the volunteer department for the Zoo for the last 29 months. She volunteered in the graphic design department for special events for 15 years prior to working at the Zoo. Gay describes her period of employment as 'working at the zoo is the best job I've ever had. The staff is the most competent group of people I have ever worked with and they are dedicated, loyal and work very hard'. Gay taught art in grades 1 through 12 in Belle Plaine, Wichita and Maize prior to working with the zoo, so she says she was a Kansas public employee for the last 30 years."

Commissioner Gwin said, "There's your certificate. Ben misspelled his name again, but that's okay. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the folks of Sedgwick County, we want to present you with your retirement clock, hoping that you don't have to work on the clock anymore, but just enjoy your volunteer time. Thank you for your service. Do you want to say anything before we call the next one?"

Ms. Gay Ritchey, Director, Volunteer Services, Sedgwick County Zoo, said, "There's several of you here in the room that do not have blue volunteer shirts to work at the zoo, but we can provide you with those anytime."

2. PAMELA LESTER, CASE COORDINATOR, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WILL RETIRE FEBRUARY 1, 2003 AFTER 11 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Ms. Taylor said, "Commissioners, our next retiree is Pamela Lester. Pamela is a case coordinator with the District Attorney's Office who will retire February 1, 2003 after 11 years of service with the District Attorney's Office. Unfortunately, Pamela has had a family emergency this morning and is unable to be here but we will make sure that she receives her certificate and clock as well."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay."

3. EDDIE STEGALL, ZOOKEEPER, SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO, RETIRED JANUARY 1, 2003 AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Mr. Russell said, "Our final retiree is Eddie Stegall, zookeeper at the Sedgwick County Zoo. Eddie retired January 1, 2003 after 30 years of service. Eddie."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "We think Eddie was standing out there when the zoo opened and just wanted to keep staying. Come on up, Eddie. This is your retirement certificate. I want you to keep that and then on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the folks of Sedgwick County your retirement clock. Enjoy your retirement. Thank you for your service."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, again we'll just wait a few seconds to allow Commissioner Gwin to get back up here. Okay, Clerk call the next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

- B. APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT BY CORNEJO AND SONS, INC. FOR MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING SOLID WASTE LAND DISPOSAL AREA.**

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Kansas Department of Health and Environment requires that all solid waste related permits be reviewed by the local authorities for their consistency with our local solid waste plan. Cornejo and Sons Incorporated has been operating a construction and demolition landfill along K-15 and if you look at this map, you can see that it's adjacent to the Ark River, the area of the landfill outlined in red is just west of K-15 and it's basically south of I-135.

They have been in operation at this location, they've been recycling asphalt and concrete material, they have been in compliance with our local plans and we've been inspecting them on a weekly basis, as we do all disposal facilities and they have been in compliance.

The state is requiring them to renew their permit. The city recently extended their conditional use permit till April, 2004 so this is a process that we're going through to make sure that they are in compliance and consistent with our solid waste plan and they're consistent with zoning and the Solid Waste Committee reviewed this this past Monday and determined that they are consistent with our plan. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have. Also we have representatives from Cornejo and Sons, Ron Cornejo is here, as well as Mike Hill. Thank you. I'm sorry, Chuck Hill."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Yes, I think we do have some questions or comments. Commissioner Gwin."

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Commissioner Gwin said, “The only thing I wanted to get clarification, I know a couple of year’s ago there was some concerns about operations next to the river. Are we confident that this is okay here?”

Ms. Erlenwein said, “The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has a rule that says a disposal facility cannot be within one-half mile of a navigable river. This is along the Arkansas River and different agencies have determined that it is or is not navigable. So another company in town, a couple of years ago as you mentioned, tried to site a construction and demolition landfill on the north end of the river and they were turned down by the state. Our local regulations do not address this half mile distance. That’s a discussion that the Cornejo company will have to have with KDHE.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I see, okay. And I appreciate the mixed messages you get from different departments up there. So good luck with that. Thank you. That’s all I wanted to find out.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see that there’s any other questions. So what’s the will of the Board on this item please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to find the Application consistent with the Solid Waste Management Plan, find the area properly zoned for this use, and authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification.

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.”

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C. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF PARK CITY, KANSAS REGARDING THE WICHITA HEIGHTS WATER SYSTEM.

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This matter comes before you as a project that the County Commissioners initiated in the early 1990s and on the overhead is a map showing the area that is covered by the agreement that’s on your agenda today. The area in red is roughly in the vicinity of 53rd and Broadway and the red line is the district that was created as the Wichita Heights Water District and at the time that was created, the entire district was in the unincorporated area of the County. The yellow diagonal line on this map shows the boundary line between the City of Wichita, which is to the southwest, and the City of Park City, which is to the northeast.

The district was set up to serve approximately 170 users and the financing was fairly complicated. This was over a million dollar project and in order to make this affordable for the users there was a combination of financing from Community Development Block Grants, County general funds, County bond funds and special assessments to the properties involved.

In 1998, the City of Wichita annexed the area to the southwest of the yellow line and at that time they asked us to remove them from the obligations of the agreement, in other words, the obligations to pay for the user fees and surcharges and we did so at that time and we released 54 users that were in that southwestern portion.

Now, the City of Park City in the year 2000 annexed the area to the northeast and they are asking for the same thing. All of this area was originally hooked up to the City of Park City’s water system. When the City of Wichita was released in 1998, they hooked the southwestern portion up to their area. The northeastern portion would continue to be hooked up to the Park City system.

The agreement before you would release the balance of the properties, in other words 116 users, from the fees and surcharges that are set forth in the 1991 agreement. It would require Park City to hold the county harmless from any liability for operation or maintenance of this water system and the properties would continue to be liable for special assessments until the bonds are paid off in the year 2006.

Mayor Bergquist is here on behalf of the City of Park City and I will also be happy to answer any questions that I can concerning this matter.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Well, we have a couple of questions and Mayor Bergquist, we’re happy to have you with us. Commissioner McGinn.”

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Rich, this is a result of two communities growing together and annexations and what we're doing here is we're trying to help another community, just as we did the City of Wichita, at the same level. Is that correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "That is correct. We're trying to do essentially the same thing we did for the City of Wichita in 1998."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And we happen to be the governmental entity at the time because there wasn't a city from either direction to put this district in place, but now that the two communities have grown together, it's time for us to pass it on."

Mr. Euson said, "That is correct."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "As I see it, we're just extending to Park City the same courtesy that we extended to Wichita. So I don't see that this is anything controversial at all. Excuse me, Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And just from the historical perspective, this is something that the City of Park City and Commissioner McGinn and I have been working on for quite a while, even while I still represented part of Park City and I think we did, looking at the numbers, do our best to try to treat both communities fairly. I think it's an important transition that we're completing here and certainly the project was because the need was very dire at the time, but now that we have the opportunity, I think this is the appropriate thing to do. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I'm very supportive of this. I think any time we can help our small communities prosper and take care of these issues I think we should. I'd like to know, at least for the record, the dollar impact of our decision today. I know there is some money attached to it and what will that be, just on the record?"

Mr. Euson said, "Sure. Commissioner Norton, in 1998 when we released 54 users from the City of Wichita, the City of Wichita paid us \$27,000. In this case, we're releasing 116 users and the net

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impact, the net release, the payment from Park City is \$50,000 and the net remaining is \$86,000. In other words, we had a contractual obligation to go to the year 2006 and we're releasing that, as we did for the City of Wichita."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Any other questions? I don't see there are any. So what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn 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, "Thank you. Thank you, mayor, for showing up. See you later. Excuse me, yes."

Mr. Emil Bergquist, Mayor, City of Park City, said, "I just want to say, on behalf of the city and the residents of that area, we greatly appreciate your consideration and have a good day."

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

D. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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1. AGREEMENT WITH JAIME OEBERST, M.D. TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER/DEPUTY DISTRICT CORONER.

Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Dr. Oeberst initial agreement expires tomorrow. This second agreement is for a two-year term with an automatic renewal for two additional years. The general terms and conditions are essentially the same as the current contract. And as you know, Dr. Oeberst has been a great addition to the Regional Forensic Science Center. She is well liked by her customers but more importantly she has their respect and confidence and I happily ask you to approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Just one comment. She also volunteered to take care of the poor tomato plants that we planted down there, so I definitely will be supporting it. We don’t want to lose her as a gardener either. We’ve got a motion and a second. Clerk, call the roll please.”

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. RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAIME OEBERST M.D. AS DEPUTY DISTRICT CORONER.

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Mr. Lamkey said, “In order to perform the duties as Deputy District Coroner, Dr. Oeberst must be appointed by Dr. Dudley, the District Coroner, to the position. This resolution provides the Board of County Commissioners approval and support to do so. So I recommend that the BoCC approve and sign the resolution.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Resolution.

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 very much, Bob. Next item please.”

3. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROVIDING TERMS OF A MITIGATION PLANNING GRANT.

Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I come before you today to ask you to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,500 for pre-disaster mitigation. If there are any questions, I’d be happy to do my best to answer them. If there aren’t any questions, I would ask that you consider to accept the funding and allow the Chairman to sign the acceptance.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to

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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, “Thanks. Next item please.”

E. COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).

1. GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR A “PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS” GRANT.

Dr. Luella Sanders, Program Director, COMCARE Homeless Program, greeted the Commissioners and said, “COMCARE has received a notice of award for a \$95, 306 PATH grant. PATH has been a core funding source for the homeless program for more than 10 years and the required 25% match is available through program fees. We’re asking that you accept and sign this notice of award.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Any questions or comments of the presenter? If not, what’s the will of the Board please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to

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sign all necessary documents.

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. Thank you very much. Next item.”

2. CONTRACT WITH VIA CHRISTI REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Administrative Services, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you is a contract with Via Christi Regional Medical Center to assist us. They partner with us to deliver mental health services to severe and persistently mentally ill adults. This contract was part of our master agreement in previous years, where we did the affiliation agreement that allowed them to bill Medicaid and we granted some money to them to administer both of those contracts more effectively. We split them out. Last month you approved the affiliation agreement. This agreement covers three different services and I would be happy to answer any questions if you have them. If not, I would recommend your approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Is there any questions or comments on this item?”

MOTION

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

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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 very much. Next item."

3. AGREEMENT WITH DIANE OVERSTREET, MOT, OTR TO PROVIDE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES.

Mr. Kaufman said, "This contract is a continuation, a renewal of a contract with Diane Overstreet to deliver occupational therapy services to our consumers and to provide oversight for students who also help us deliver those services. Be happy to answer any questions. The recommended action is authorization for the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see that there's any questions. So Commissioners, what's your will here on this item?"

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

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

4. AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE CAMPUS CONNECTIONS PROJECT.

Mr. Kaufman said, "My final item is a contract with Communities in Schools to help us deliver mental health services to children in a school setting. Campus Connection program has delivered services to 277 children in school since July. Communities in Schools helps us with technical assistance, training and evaluation. Be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see that there's any questions on this item either. So what's the will of the Board please?"

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, "Thank you very much. Next item please."

F. PUBLIC WORKS.

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1. RESOLUTIONS (SIX) AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE HAYSVILLE GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Mr. Parnacott is here telling me there is a map there for you. Item F-1, before you today are six resolutions authorizing the sale and conveyance of six parcels of property and also six notices of intent to convey these properties. These properties are in connection to the railroad overpass project in Haysville.

The resolution stipulates that the property is no longer required for public purposes by Sedgwick County and that the County will enter into negotiations with the City of Haysville as to the terms and conditions of a purchase agreement. The six notices of intent puts the public on notice that Sedgwick County intends to convey the property to the City of Haysville. Bob Parnacott has prepared all the paperwork this morning and the map. And if you have any questions, we'd be glad to try to respond. If not, I'd recommend that you adopt the resolutions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, obviously I'm going to be in support of this. This is something we've worked on with Dave and the legal assistance of Rich and others for a couple of years. I know Bill Hancock had worked on it even prior to me getting here. I think it's going to be important to the future of Haysville, as they try to create some economic development. The one thing this will do is enter into the negotiations, the conveyance. It's not the final act. We'll have to come up with what we feel is a reasonable price for Haysville to pay.

I'll have to tell you, and I'll go on record to say, that I hope that we'll get the price down where it is more of an economic stimulus to them to have the property than a burden. In these tough times, economically, no small towns have a lot of money to be purchasing and this is a critical area of their town after the tornado. But this is just the conveyance to start the process to finish it up."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right, thank you. Have we already had a Motion on this item? No. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolutions.

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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, David. Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH PARSONS, BRINCKERHOFF, QUADE & DOUGLAS, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECTS. DISTRICT #3.

- **B-409 BRIDGE ON 53RD STREET NORTH BETWEEN 167TH AND 183RD STREETS WEST (OVER COWSKIN CREEK): \$69,000**
- **B-410 BRIDGE ON 45TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN 167TH AND 183RD STREETS WEST (OVER COWSKIN CREEK): \$67,000**
- **B-411 BRIDGE ON 4TH STREET NORTH (CENTRAL) BETWEEN 167TH AND 183RD STREETS WEST: 32,000**
- **B-412 BRIDGE ON 4TH STREET NORTH (CENTRAL) BETWEEN 167TH AND 183RD STREETS WEST: \$36,000**

Mr. Spears said, "Item F-2 is an agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas, Inc. to design four bridges this year. For the record, the bridges are in the Capital Improvement Program and are designated as: B-409, a bridge on 53rd Street North between 167th and 183rd Streets West over the Cowskin Creek; B-410, a bridge on 45th Street North between 167th and 183rd Streets West;

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B-411, a bridge on 4th Street North, which is Central, between 167th and 183rd Streets West and B-412, another bridge on the same mile on 4th Street North, between 167th and 183rd Streets West. The total cost is \$204,000, which includes surveying, hydrology, permits for the division of water resources, geology, all right-of-way documents, utility coordination and design. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Winters, you had a comment or a question.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Just a comment, and again David, this is for design and scheduled construction is in 2005.”

Mr. Spears said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right. Commissioners, these happen to be in my district. I’ve looked at every one of these bridges and these are not good bridges, so I’m certainly going to be supportive of this. I mean, these bridges will be good bridges. The bridges that are there now are not good bridges.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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, “Thank you very much. Next item.”

- 3. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, ON SEDGWICK COUNTY’S BIKE PATH PROJECT ALONG WINDMILL ROAD BETWEEN ZOO BOULEVARD AND**

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SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK. CIP# R-258. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Spears said, “Item F-3 is a modification of plans and construction, request number one and final, for the Sedgwick County bike path project along Windmill Road between Zoo Boulevard and the Sedgwick County Park designated as R-258 in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has been completed and is ready to be ‘finaled out’. There will be a net increase of \$8,045.10 due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. KDOT will pay for 80% of this.

I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. I don’t see that there’s any comments. So what’s the will of the Board on this item please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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 please.”

- 4. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER TWO AND FINAL, ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 839-N; 143RD STREET EAST BETWEEN 13TH AND 21ST STREETS NORTH. DISTRICT #1.**

Mr. Spears said, “Similar to the previous item, this is also a modification of plans and construction,

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request number two and final, for the road improvement project on 143rd Street East between 13th and 21st Streets North. This project has been completed and is ready to be ‘finalized out’. There will be a net decrease of \$11,614.41 due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements.

I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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, “Thank you.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Mr. Chairman, before we do the Board of Bids and Contracts I’d move that we take two off agenda items, one concerning appointments and one concerning a grant application.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to consider two Off Agenda items.

Commissioner McGinn 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

OFF AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Sciortino said, “The first Off Agenda item is a resolution appointing representatives of the Board of County Commissioners to the Offender Reentry Task Force. Rich, did you want to comment on that please for us?”

Mr. Euson said, “Sure. Commissioners, we last came before you in the middle of November and you appointed several members to this task force and we indicated at that time there were three additional persons to be appointed and those are on the resolution before you. They are Roger Werholtz or his designees as acting Secretary of Corrections. The employer representative as Elton Parsons from Prestige Realtors and the Small Cities representative, Rosalee Bradley, well actually as a REAP representative, R-E-A-P. And those are the three and I’d recommend that you adopt the resolution.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Any further comments? Yes, ma’am.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. Commissioners, I just want to share that this probably is coming at a better time, because as we know we’re experiencing some severe cuts at the state level and community corrections and those types of things and this task force is how do we reintegrate people getting out of the system but I have a feeling it may end up being bigger than that, how do we we reintegrate people that need to be in the system, because the state is cutting their funds for our Community Corrections program and I don’t know where we’re going to put people

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but I would like to share that a couple of these individuals . . . I want to thank Mark Masterson for helping me on some of this, but the employer representation, Elton Parsons, has had some experience in this and is very interested in helping with this process of getting people jobs and getting them back into our community successfully and make sure the community is safe. And then Rosalee Bradley has been serving on the Alternative Correctional Housing Board for some years and has a great deal of experience to bring to this board as well and she'll be reporting back to REAP on the progress that this board makes. So, thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any further comments? Clerk, call the roll please."

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "The second off agenda item is a grant application to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for funding of school violence prevention and Safe and Caring Communities and I believe Wayne Burns is going to make a presentation to us."

Mr. Wayne Burns, Director, Family and Children's Community Services Program, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Safe and Caring Communities grant application is being submitted, or there is a request for approval from the Commissioners to submit this grant in order to incorporate an evaluative component into the Campus Connections program. The funding was originally for the Safe and Caring Communities grant, \$500,000. That was through the educational department. That was transferred to the Department of SRS and reduced to \$224,000.

What we have decided to do is to not use third party private businesses to provide the evaluation component but to incorporate that into our own array of services that we have, that it's a part of the Campus Connections program and this would be the evaluation provided by Communities in Schools. Therefore, we're asking to submit a grant for the amount of \$45,200 that would be submitted to SRS and look forward to the possibility of incorporating the evaluation component into the program. I'll answer any questions you might have."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Do we have any questions of this presenter? If not, what's the will of the Board please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this application.

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."

G. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2003.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Board of Bids and Contracts held its first meeting of the new year on January 2nd. Resulted in one item for consideration today.

**1) STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: G.O. BONDS**

That item is storm water improvements for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Alan's Excavating in the amount of \$171,590.27.

Recommend approval of this item and be happy to answer questions."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Any comments or questions on this item? What’s the will of the Board please?”

MOTION

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

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, “Thank you. Thank you very much, Iris. Next item please.”

CONSENT AGENDA

H. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. One Floodway Reserve Easement and one Easement for Sanitary Sewer for Sedgwick County Greenhaven Drainage Project. CIP# D-2. District #5.**

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2. **Resolution memorializing the Board of County Commissioners' findings regarding the City of Maize request for an island annexation between 37th Street North and 45th Street North on the east side of Maize Road.**
3. **Lease Amendment for space used by COMCARE at 934 North Water, Wichita.**
4. **Notices of Public Hearing (two) on January 15, 2003.**
 - a. Adoption of International Residential Code, 2000 Edition, as amended
 - b. Adoption of International Building Code, 2000 Edition, as amended

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

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
Pat Crowell	General Station

6. **Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V010172	\$300.00	Heritage Rentals
V020078	\$200.00	Karen Wiens
V020084	\$510.00	Andover Crossing
V020086	\$600.00	Buy Now Realty

7. **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>
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V20018	\$320.00	\$371.00
V2012	\$190.00	\$219.00
V01028	\$285.00	\$283.00
V01036	\$375.00	\$333.00
V2021	\$619.00	\$310.00
V97001	\$159.00	\$176.00
V2018	\$300.00	\$266.00
V93005	\$500.00	\$500.00
V01041	\$600.00	\$541.00
V200120	\$198.00	\$234.00
V020009	\$280.00	\$241.00
V200116	\$350.00	\$350.00
V200115	\$182.00	\$199.00
V200114	\$200.00	\$194.00
V020013	\$490.00	\$341.00

8. **Orders dated December 25, 2002 and January 1, 2003 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
9. **Payroll Check Registers of December 6, December 13, December 20 and December 31, 2002.**
10. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the period of December 18, 2002 – January 7, 2003.**

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Consent Agenda before you and I’d recommend that you approve it.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner McGinn 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, "Thank you very much. Is there anything else to come before this Board at this time?"

I. OTHER

Commissioner Gwin said, "I have a presentation to make, but I don't know when you want it."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, we're going to probably want it in a minute but I'm always scared about having maybe Tim have something he wants to say or something."

Commissioner Norton said, "No. I will defer."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Wow. Well, Commissioner Gwin, if you'd like to make a presentation, have at it."

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Commissioner Gwin said, "What I thought I would do, in the sake of . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Would you give your name?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'm sorry. Betsy Gwin, County Commissioner. I decided that, as I was looking through the pictures of the last 12 years, and I think some of these aren't so recent because I don't see so much gray hair. Anyway, I brought a sampling of what it is we do, you all.

First of all, we go to parades. Now strangely enough, both of these pictures are from a parade in Bellaire. It just so happens that's the only place that I haven't been shot at."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "I thought that was you as a little girl."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yeah, that's right. We go to parades, we deal with the press and sometimes they have horses with them. I don't quite understand the circumstances there. We try to disguise ourselves and the press still finds us. We spend a lot of time talking to groups. Some of those events happen here in this room."

Commissioner McGinn said, "You're going too fast."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I'm sorry."

Commissioner Winters said, "Go fast."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, unless you have a hundred of them."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Now this was before color photography. Now sometimes we have their attention, sometimes we don't. And I want you to look at some of these folks. Sometimes we can just bore them to tears. I was going to blame it on the fact that they'd just eaten lunch, but I don't think that was it.

Okay, another part of our job is we cut ribbons. That's when we opened the 9-1-1 remodel downstairs, I think. We cut ribbons. That was the Juvenile Residential Facility. We stand around and wait to cut ribbons and sometimes, if we can't find ribbons, we just let balloons go. That's when we opened the K-96 as I recall, Tom.

Now we also do some community work. This is me cleaning up after a windstorm at Cowtown and you notice how many of my colleagues volunteered to go with me.

And to demonstrate that we are fearless, we do take our flu shots. Now, we go to a lot of meetings and we're at a lot of different places. Sometimes we're real interested. Sometimes we don't like what we're hearing. On the other hand, sometimes we're just plan giddy. I think that was burning a mortgage at the food bank warehouse, if I recall. And over here is our Lieutenant Governor Elect. And other times, we just don't have a clue who is talking to us.

Now we've said goodbye to other commissioners. There's another one. I'm not sure who that is.

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Maybe Buchanan when he had hair.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Would you go back to that one again, Betsy. Is that a wig that you have on or what is that?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “We’ll get to my hairstyles in just a moment. It’s Spears with dark hair, yeah. Some of us have aged a lot better than others, I’ve noticed in these pictures, and it’s not the three of us. Here’s another goodbye party. Sometimes I guess I found things funny. One thing that we pride ourselves in is providing an excellent working condition for our employees. They’re so happy with the conditions in which they get to work. We get to meet famous people and not so famous people. Former Governor Finney. Now this person may not mean much to a lot of you, but he’s an icon for me. This is me and the infamous Nick Badway of the Nick Badway toll plaza on the turnpike. I always wanted to meet someone whose name was Nick Badway and, low and behold, there he is.

There’s a couple of snappy looking gals, Former Mayor Broadfoot. I think that was at a service awards ceremony as I recall. Now I do have to complain, because some of the folks who take these pictures are not always thinking about my scrapbook while they’re taking them. This is me talking to George Brett. This is George Brett. Now if anybody . . . this could be anybody but that’s where I had the opportunity to meet George Brett. I was getting an autograph, as I recall, for Hancock’s kid. I think I was having him autograph a baseball because Bill was too shy to ask. The person who took this picture actually knows how to take a picture of a celebrity because Mr. Garth Brooks’ face at least is in the picture and you can guess the rest of us.

Now, about those hairstyles, also looking through these, with the exception of Buchanan and David’s hair has changed color but the style is pretty consistent, with the exception of Buchanan, I think I’ve gone through more phases, colors and whatever than anyone else. Now that one looks a little green. I’m concerned about exactly what color we were going for on that day. And I think this is also the George Brett day. At one point, I did have my hair long enough to have the little ponytail sticking back out of the ball cap. And as you all know, I never played in a softball game. I just showed up in the uniform and drank beer.

Ben, here’s one that will scare you. I don’t know what I was thinking there, but someone enjoyed giving me perms, and I was silly enough to wear them. Now here’s a blonder Betsy but I’m talking to a group and can you look and see who is getting up and walking out. That’s even before he’s elected. Now the idea was I have blonde hair and there it is and it’s real short, but then when I found this I thought, ‘Good Lord, Ben’s in there’.”

Chairman McGinn said, “Well, wait a minute. If that’s Ben then . . .”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "I had a mustache."

Commissioner McGinn said, "But you also had hair."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Now, in contrast to that, I also thought at one point I was doing the Don Johnson Miami Vice look. Of course, what's sad about that I think that was in the '80s and these pictures are in the '90s, so I was not exactly a trendsetter I don't think.

Some of these are work related and some of them aren't. When I wasn't working, I was dancing. That's me and Fred. I think we were getting ready for some event at the Cowboy Club and we decided to warm up dancing. I'm a little concerned as to why no one feels the need to dance with us. I think that's pretty telling.

Now this is my friend Barry Schwann, who some of you know happens to own the House of Schwann and Barry and I are celebrating something here. I think this was taken shortly after that picture. Maybe Barry and I had too much fun.

I've been known to dress up and trick-or-treat in the courthouse."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Which one is you?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "This is me. This was former Commissioner Hancock. Looking as well as he ever did."

Ms. Cecilia Maggard, Administrative Officer, Communications, said, "Tell them about the security issue."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Oh, well my Lord, I tried to go across the street and trick-or-treat and I had this getup on and then when I tried to get back in, the guy wasn't going to believe it was me. I don't know why. Had a terrible time getting back in security.

Sometimes you want to be anonymous. That's me as Santa. That was a contest downtown and part of Santa's responsibility was to chug a glass of milk and eat cookies, so I wanted to point out I don't just drink Budweiser. I'm stuffing cookies in my mouth. I think we did fairly well that year.

Sometimes I've been a good sport. Spending time in a dunk tank at one of the County picnics and I got smart. I got wetter than they did, but I finally did take a Super Soaker with me so there was some payback to people who threw them.

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Now this one is not as much . . . This, I don't know whether . . . My granddaughter saw it and she says, 'Mom, are you in jail' and this was not so much significant is its content as it was that this was taken moments after I fell at the dedication of the Moore-Oliver Vet Hospital at the Zoo and broke my leg and I'm such a trooper, I dragged myself up and leaned on the gate so Joe Refro, thank you Joe, could take our pictures. But Tom looks like he has been incarcerated, doesn't he.

Now, there were also quiet moments when I just had to sit down and read a book. Again, notice there's no interest. Do you see anybody . . . I'm reading out loud to myself I guess. I don't know what that was.

Sometimes we really do go above and beyond the call of duty. This was a melodrama that the Board of County Commissioners presented for our legislative delegation at Cowtown and Schroeder is the villain and that's me in the Lucille Ball wig as the vamp. We reprised at a KAC meeting and by the time we got to the KAC meeting, my hair and makeup stayed pretty much the same, but I got really trashier clothes and luckily I think we only have that on video don't we.

And then sometimes, Carolyn, when you come back from fence viewing, you just clown around. I had a clown waiting when I came back from fence viewing and I don't know if that's a comment on that legislation or not, but that's the one and only day I went out to view fences and low and behold there was a clown with a balloon when I got back.

So, that's me, that's my 12 years."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's fantastic. Now Betsy, if you'll just stay there please, we have some things that we want to say about you and if you'll just hang tough, I'll be right there. Well, why don't you stand over here and be it known that Betsy Gwin is on the right side of me on an issue and that's very important to me.

But as we do when anybody is leaving, we want to leave you with this certificate of recognition."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Do I need to sign it?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "I think you should have. I don't know why they don't have you sign it, but commemorating your 12 years on the Bench and it's with deepest affection that we say goodbye to you and we also have . . ."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Don't be nice, because I'll cry."

Chairman Sciortino said, "No, I'm going to be mean in a minute, but this is your clock commemorating the services that you have and we also, I believe, have some gifts. The first thing

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that I want to give you is a plaque which recognizes, again, your 12 years of quality public service to us and all the citizens of Sedgwick County.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Cool.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “We have another plaque, because Betsy Gwin, when she’s hearing some kind of a presentation from staff or somebody and they’re going on and on and on, she has two words that cut to the chase. And we just want you to have a plaque that commemorates how you cut to the chase by saying ‘So What’ which means how does this affect the citizens. Is it going to be positive for them, what’s the impact, tell us how that is and stop it. I have a small thing here. When I first became a commissioner, they were trying to teach me how to run everything there and we’d get done with a person that was making a presentation, I’d just go on and Betsy would say, ‘Say thank you to them, say thank you’ and she had this scotch taped to the little plaque there, so if you noticed today, I said thank you to everybody and I want to give you . . .”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you. I’ll frame that. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well Betsy, we’re going to really miss your wit, your wisdom and we’re really seriously thinking about maybe hiring her back on a part-time basis to go over our agenda items. This is the one person that would read the minutes of our meetings, not just what she said but what everybody said, correcting grammar and what have you and we’re going to kind of miss that.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Well, tell Lisa just to start taking the synopsis notes. Wouldn’t that help you, Lisa?”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, I’d like to have you say something, but I want to give you a hug first. Come on everybody, let’s give her a clap. Before we dismiss though, I don’t know if any of my colleagues might have . . . I can’t see the lights. Is there any comments?”

Commissioner Norton said, “You never have, even sitting up here.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “You’re on your final week and you still haven’t figured out how to run the lights.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “That’s what I told him about the thank you. I said, ‘Ben, it’s a little late for you to figure it out now, you’re about finished with this process’ but I’m framing that, I swear.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay, put me on the spot. I guess it’s good that I speak because I represent the opposite of Betsy up here on the Bench and that is I guess I don’t shape my words very well and one thing I’ve always been impressed with, over the last four years, is Betsy’s ability, after we’ve had sometimes hours of discussion, her ability to articulate and shape what we have said and what we have accomplished up here on this Bench to make sense to the community. And sometimes that’s been very difficult. I think . . . I hold the record for having the longest meeting, I’ve been told, and that’s because we’ve had some controversial issues that have not been easy. Decisions that we’ve had to make for an entire community that have not been easy and I was always impressed that at the end of the hour, or hours, Betsy you were very good at articulating what it was that we did in that meeting and during that discussion and presented to the community so that they would know what motion and action we were going to take.

I want to thank you personally as a new commissioner coming on and in the four years all the encouragement and support that you’ve given me, as an individual and also as a commissioner. It’s meant a great deal to me. I know sometimes, a lot of times, as our secretaries know, and other people, staff support, often times you help us as commissioners get through our day and often times we forget to take the time to say thank you and so I want to make sure that I take the time today to say thank you. Because even though I didn’t say it daily, or whenever you helped me, I certainly appreciated it and it was right here and it will always be remembered.

As Ben said, your wit, your wisdom has always been appreciated and your humor for sure. I mean, there’s times when I’ve had to deal with Ben and other commissioners and you know, we’ve had some serious issues and we want to punch walls and everything else and so once in while it’s always been great to be able to go to another commissioner and be able to laugh and you’ve always provided humor with a lot of difficult decisions that we’ve had to make.

I thought it was interesting, you showed the picture of Cowtown cleaning up and you showed me that not too long ago and I just remember, as a new commissioner, the tornado hit Haysville and south Wichita.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Well, that was your deal, you’re the one that dragged us down there.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Well, but you were the one that made it fun and exciting. But I just . . . I was very uncomfortable. I seemed like all we were doing was going to ceremonies and talking about, as public officials, what we were going to do and I felt like maybe we needed to go help clean up the mess and so we got the truck and I remember going in and asking you and your eyes

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got this big, like 'what are you talking about, Carolyn', not knowing what you were getting involved in, you said 'okay, let's go' and so we spent two or three days down in Haysville cleaning up. And so, I think we've got some pictures of that somewhere too.

But anyway, to sum it up, I just want to sincerely say thank you. I wish you the best in your endeavors. I'm not concerned about your future. You're a bright, smart individual and I know you're just going to make great strides here in the future. So, thank you."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thanks. One of the things that Carolyn and I have had to deal with these last four years is that people get us confused. And so, I thought as a legacy I'd leave you some gray hair and my height so that they could continue the process of trying to figure out who you were."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I have noticed the gray hair. I got a haircut the other day and I noticed all the gray hair in my lap. So thanks."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So maybe be working so people can tell us apart."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, sure I have some things to say but everybody is going to have to help me with this because I do this when most people leave or have birthdays or what and I've done it for a lot of years. It's kind of a take off on 'you might be a redneck if' but in this case 'you might be Betsy Gwin if'. So, I'll read the line and then you can say 'you might be Betsy Gwin'.

Okay, is everybody ready? If you have a closet just for coffee cups, you might be Betsy Gwin. If you belong to the hairstyle of the month club, you might be Betsy Gwin. If you're the only person who knows all the animals' names at the Zoo, you might be Betsy Gwin. If you always show up for the midnight performance at the Zoo during the race looking for a man, you might be Betsy Gwin. And if you're truly number one in my book, you might be Betsy Gwin."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thomas."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, thank you. I just want to be very short because I don't want to start crying either. But I really do want to say just two things really. Thank you for all the service that you've given to citizens and to this commission and to the bench. I know that, you know, I guess things change over time and I think probably in local government the complexion changes but

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I'll always remember the work that we did with Mark Schroeder, Bill Hancock, you and myself rocking and rolling on lots of things and I feel a little bit older now myself just thinking about the term that I've spent here but I just want to say thank you for all the service you've given and thanks for all the help you've given me over the years. I appreciate it very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "You know, Betsy has had an identify crisis, especially when McGinn came on board. Betsy was referred to as Commissioner Guinn and Carolyn would be Commissioner McGwin. During the time that I've had my shoulder operated on she signed her name so often saying 'Gwin for' because I wasn't able to sign, so we referred to her as Betsy Gwinfor.

Betsy, I'm going to tell you something, just from the bottom of my heart, one of the things that I've really appreciated in you is when you make a decision that this is something that you're for or you're against, you just stand for it. You don't care what it might be impacting politically or what have you, if you have a position that you truly believe is correct and right, you have the will to stand up for it and to continue down that road, without any wavering and that's a little unique with politicians. Sometimes, you know, politicians want to take polls to see is this the correct thing or will the majority of the people believe this but it's been my impression on you that if you think it's right, you go ahead and vote your heart and your conscience and you're to be congratulated on that.

And Commissioners, I don't know about you, but I think I'm just going to stand up and do a little clapping. Okay, enough of that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, I thought my pictures said it all, so I don't know that I have anything to add. There were more, but we don't have all day. But thank you all for your kind comments. I've enjoyed my service. I'll see you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, is there anything else to come before the Board? Mr. Euson, do we have an Executive Session? Okay."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on

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matters privileged in the attorney/ client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “We are recessed into Executive Session.”

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:04 a.m. and returned at 10:45 a.m.

Chairman Sciortino said, “For the record, we’re back from Executive Session, and there was no binding action taken while we were in Executive Session. Is there anything else to come before this Board? This meeting is now adjourned.”

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

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