

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**December 31, 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, December 31, 2003 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim Norton; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant County Manager and CIO; Ellen House, Court Administrator; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, COMCARE; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, COMCARE; Ms. Monica Cissell, Program Manager, Department on Aging; Dr. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention; Ms. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Bethany Carpenetti, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Reverend Darryl Fox, Calvary Baptist Church, Wichita.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **CITIZEN INQUIRY**

##### **A. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS AND RELATED CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY.**

**Mr. James Roadhorse**, Coordinator Grow Kansas Campaign, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The campaign is a collation of small businesses, labor groups and faith groups interested in protecting our community in saving jobs, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission the goals of the campaign is to save jobs and protect the community. We offer our services to find solutions to retain jobs in Kansas and attract new businesses to our community.

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I appear before you to talk about corporate accountability. Recently, the county Commission approved revenue bonds for the Boeing Company, and Raytheon Aircraft Company, though we understand the money that was given for these bonds don't come from county treasury we understand that a total of \$123,000,000 in bonds were granted to these two companies. We are very concerned with the perception of rewarding companies with bond money when they're sending jobs overseas. This decision to endorse any bond money should have some language that protects the current workforce and our community and aids in the recall of employees on layoff. We should insist that employees have a real voice at work to ensure efficiency and profitability of companies before these requests for bonds and abatements are granted.

On behalf of the 350 employees in the wire harness department who have been or will be permanently laid off at Raytheon Aircraft Company due to outsourcing and to the 14,000 other aerospace workers in our communities currently out of work the opinion is they have been or will be soon forgotten after the bond dollars have been spent with no true jobs being created at these companies. During the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting it was remarked that Raytheon accounted for over \$800,000,000 in wages during the past 20 years. I remind the commission that they have asked for over \$2 billion in tax abatements during this same period along with that employees have made recommendations to save the companies over millions of dollars recently. They've made the decisions to layoff the 350 workers in the wire harness department even though the machinist union and several employees studied the process and made recommendations how they could save millions more dollars if the work were to remain in Wichita.

Raytheon claims its desire to be the employer of choice but in reflection their actions denote another desire and that is of greed at the expense of our community. We are grateful that Boeing and Raytheon continue to operate their business in Wichita. Our campaign will help them in any way that we can, in order for them to be successful, but not at the expense of jobs. Should we expect these companies to offer their employees job security when they ask for tax abatements and revenue bonds, we would remind you that when Bombardier came to you and to the employees, the employees and the County Commission worked with the company in order to protect our community and save their jobs and we appreciate that and we applaud you for that effort we ask that you do the same with Boeing and Raytheon. We ask that you use the bully pulpit that your office has to force the company into true negotiations and true economic standards that would encourage job growth, job development in our community and give these employees job protection. We ask that these multinational corporations be accountable to the community in which they work and we ask that you remember that we support those elected officials that support keeping jobs in Kansas and I thank you for your time and consideration of what I had to say, thank you. Before I leave I would remind you that I did leave a tape, we had a globalization conference here about the effects of outsourcing work in our community and I left pledges of support for the Grow Kansas campaign as well. Thank You."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Well Rody, we certainly appreciate you being here, if Jeff's not

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going to be here today?"

**Mr. Roadhorse** said, "Jeff will not be here, no. He will be the new coordinator for the Grow Kansas campaign, he will be more active. This being the holiday, he had to be with his children at the time. He will be here in the future to talk with the County Commissioners."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Well, I see that you have several people here with you today. We appreciate them coming today. I do have just a couple comments then I'd like to turn it over to the Manager, because I know he's got some thoughts. Back in August we did sign a proclamation that supported Grow Kansas and I want everybody to understand that we do understand the dilemma that we have in our community with job loss, and outsourcing, but we also see it as a slippery slope, that we want to be sure that in these tough economic times when we're dedicated to economic development, job creation, job retention, workforce, retraining that we also support the businesses, and I think we understand that conflict of trying to do what's right for the business community and do what's right for the labor pool and job creation in our community, tough decision. I think I would like to hear more and engage some of your ideas about that. We've talked about at least I've understood the dilemma you have without having some call-back provisions, some job creation provisions, some job retention provisions, truthfully our policy over many years, because there always seemed to be healthy job growth attached to all of it, didn't include any of those kinds of dialogues, I think I'm open to talking about that but we don't have it presently and we only had to make this final decision that we did based on the consent that was done. I think in 1996 or an intent that wasn't part of the discussion and maybe it should be at this time, so I appreciate you coming, raising that question because we need to deal with it."

**Mr. Roadhouse** said, "I think all we're asking for is the accountability and some kind of language that would put them accountable and as you said that there would be some kind of call-back language that if they don't retain jobs that they would have to pay this money back, and we understand as I said before that revenue bonds don't come from the County Treasury that they just get money basically on loan at a fair or reasonable interest rate or generous interest rate as I like to think, right? We would think that if they're outsourcing our work at the rate that they're doing to China and Mexico that that money should be given to them or allowed to be given to them at a fair or at that interest rate that they need to pay their full share of any bond money that is given to them in order to protect our community, and we understand, we'll do whatever we can to be part of the solution."

Raytheon told employees no matter how much money that we could save them out there in labor costs, it didn't matter to them. They were not interested at all, even if the labor costs were zero they

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were planning on outsourcing our work to Mexico. It's hard to compete when your CEO is telling you that it doesn't matter if you give your labor away for free, the job is gone, and yet we still reward them in tax abatements and industrial revenue bonds after they say this. We need to hold them accountable and that's what we're asking for, and as I said before and will continue to repeat, this is a nonpartisan issue. This is not about unions. This is not about labor. This is about our community and protecting our community, we don't want Wichita to become the Flint, Michigan of the Midwest and we will do whatever we can to keep the aerospace jobs here. We don't want them to pull out of our community. Whatever solutions we can come up with we'll offer these companies to make sure that they remain viable and that the work stays here and that other businesses within the communities grow from their business as well. I thank you for your time."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Bill you had some thoughts early on."

**Mr. William Buchanan** County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As some of you know, certainly Chairman Norton and Commissioner Winters who serve on the Economic Development Coalition we've been working on for the last year or so, and finally have put together and now as of tomorrow, will actually be born the mission of that organization that we're contributing with along with the City of Wichita and the Chamber of Commerce and the private sector is a three legged stool approach to economic development and the three legs of the stool clearly are job training, workforce development which we have been involved with assigned to REAP to help us define that and we are now exploring other ways in which Sedgwick County can engage itself in assuring that workers are and citizens and students in this community are trained appropriately for the workplace.

The second leg of that stool is the fun and the sexy part is chasing the new jobs. It's bringing companies in from out of...trying to lure companies to come to town making sure that they are quality jobs, jobs are nice to have, but low paying no benefit jobs are not what we're looking for. We want quality jobs in this community. We have been used to that. Our families, our neighbors should expect that.

And thirdly, the hard part is the maintaining of existing jobs is the third leg, and developing strategies how government and private sector and labor can engage companies to sustain their operations in this community at a profitable level. What can government and private labor do to assure that. And so I just wanted to take the opportunity to remind you and the Commission that that's the purpose of this new investment that we're making and that's not only an investment in dollars but is a considerable amount of time and energy to make sure that those goals are met and the amount of jobs continue to increase."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Anything else from the Commission? What is the will of the Board?"

### MOTION

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Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file that report.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

**Commissioner Winters** said, “James is that video for us to keep or do you need that back?”

**Mr. Roadhouse** said, “Yours to keep.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Next item.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B. PRESENTATION REGARDING KANSAS INTEGRATED COURT SYSTEM**

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### IMPLEMENTATION.

#### POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

**Ms. Kathy Sexton**, Assistant County Manager & Chief Information Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "What I have for you today is a brief presentation about another big computer system that we have implemented this past year that has been a real good success, and what were talking about is our movement from a system created in 1978 circa 1979. Some of it was before then and some of it was a tad after then, but in about 1978 we created systems on our mainframe for the District Court and we have this year replaced that with the Kansas Integrated Court System, we're calling KICS. It's just been a barrel of fun, but we have seen great enhancements for our court system and other offices relating to the court this past year that I just wanted to mention to you all.

Just to put it in a little perspective I want to just let you all know that our top users of computer systems of software in our County government are the four listed here: the Sheriff, the Tax departments, the Court and the SAP system, which you all know a lot about the Enterprise Resource Planning System for payroll, human resources, finance and purchasing. And as big as SAP is, the other three listed above it are still larger, affect more people, have more computer programs and reliance on from these departments. Partly because there are so many departments involved and for example Sheriff being a 24/7 operation, it's a very large system.

Now, just to give you a little perspective of what we've seen between the two systems, the 1978 system, written on the mainframe, looked like this, a black screen with all these different options for the different programs that were available. The new system is a very user-friendly graphic user interface type of system that is easy for people to learn, easy for them use. The old system had a county subscription service for other people who need to access it who aren't county or court employees, people like the various attorney's offices in town, the title companies who do searches for liens and that kind of thing on property they need to access the court system, they subscribed and got their service. What we have done now is we have statewide public access using the Information Network of Kansas, the state agency, so that we send our information to the state and then it's published statewide on the Internet. Some of it is for free on the Internet. Others is their inc. or Access Kansas subscription and that partnership is working very well.

Also previously the county had to link all the various agencies programmatically, and what I mean by that is that when we say District Court, that's just not one thing, one department. District Court

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has a Civil Department, a Traffic Department, a Probate Department, a Criminal Department plus the Sheriff and the District Attorney, the Community Corrections, Juvenile, all these different departments needed to access the various systems and we had to link those all together programmatically, which was better than a lot of folks had back in that time. Today, it's certainly an outdated form of technology.

We replaced that with a state of the art, XML technology to link the court system to the District Attorney and the Sheriff's Department and other departments as well. The user friendliness of this system cannot be overstated. Previously we had to search by party or by person. If Fred Farkle was a criminal or had some charge against him, then you had to look in each separate system, and sometimes that meant searching 12 different menus or 12 different screens for information. It was very difficult to find everything and took a lot of time.

Now, if you put Fred Farkle's name in the system, it's everything about that person shows up on the one screen. It's easier for the public to understand, easier to train staff and use staff in a more flexible manner. In other words, state staff with the district court might work for probate but in times when they're running slow, so to speak, they have extra time on their hands, they can send the staff over to another department to work their cases, whereas before you couldn't do that, because it was so much training to learn all these different computer systems.

And to expand on the example then, this has actually happened in the past so I really wanted to point this out, the way it was before in the old system, the district attorney would charge a person for a case, whatever, lets say a bad check. That person would come to the courthouse for their hearing, they would take care of that case and whatever hearing was required. They could literally be in and out of the courthouse and no one would have known that that person had an outstanding warrant on a criminal violation, a traffic violation, whatever. Today that will not happen because, as I said, you look up that person's name and all the information about them is on that one screen, so that will help and has helped this past year in terms of dealing with more cases and not letting them slip through the cracks, so to speak.

A couple of more advantages . . . well and as I mentioned a minute ago, for example, the probate clerks have actually started entering traffic cases, so we do have an example, even in the first year of implementation, where the court is using their staff in a more efficient manner. Also, because it is more user friendly, investigative work is done faster and less data entry is done multiple times by multiple different staff in different departments.

An appreciated and I think really phenomenal benefit of this system is the way it connects the calendars. For example, before we had a lot of conflicts in scheduling. For example, Mr. Chairman, say you're a district attorney and you have all these different cases with all these

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different judges with all these different clients, it's very easy for you, as an attorney, for you to get booked in two different courtrooms at the same time and that happens with judges, it happened with the clients, it happened with witnesses, happened with sheriff's officers, whoever. Now, what we have is much fewer conflicts in scheduling because if you enter in, 'Well, I want to do this case at this time tomorrow' the system will come up and tell you, 'Oh, well that attorney is busy in another courtroom at that time' or that judge is already busy and that type of thing. So it's just excellent that way.

Also, the information that's available on the website for the attorneys in town and other folks who want to check it is they can check their dockets, they can see that motions have been filed, hearings cancelled, that type of thing and save themselves a trip to the courthouse and thus billable time for their clients that really isn't productive time.

Also I would also want to note that open records requests, which we get on a routine basis for information from the court system take much less staff time now to fulfill. We have routine requests from the Wichita Eagle, from title companies looking at property information, etcetera and that took programmers to figure all that out and now the court staff can do that in much less time.

Reports are another big advantage. Previously, the county's data center printed overnight three or four boxes, I'm talking about paper boxes this big full of printed reports and delivered them in the morning to the different court departments. Now it's about this much, every day they get about this much paper delivered to them instead of three or four boxes. And so that we have just really enjoyed the benefits of both killing fewer trees and having the improved use of our resources and our staff time.

Also before, you could only make changes through programming, county programmers making the changes, but now the district court computer staff are enabled to make a lot of those changes themselves and they don't take as much time, as I mentioned before. Also, some reports are posted on the Internet and available to all the court staff, so they can get them when they need them.

Another benefit is about documents. You may not think about this. This kind of blew me away when I heard it, you think about a document being, for example, a letter. You need to issue letters to various clients about cases, well this hearing is scheduled for this time or here's the status of whatever. They do literally hundreds and thousands of these every day. So the way it was before,



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they would enter them in a mainframe system and they would be batch printed overnight in the data center and then delivered the next day. So if you're a clerk working in any of these court departments you cannot just print a letter. You did not have a local printer where you could just issue it in like said Word or WordPerfect. You couldn't do that. You had to wait a whole day. So the processing time has gone down because we do the batch printing for the big volume, but if a clerk has a need to get something out right away, customize it, they can do that on demand at their desk with no one else involved in that. As I also mentioned here we do have less data entry and more customizable reports.

As far as the budget goes, just a reminder that several years ago the county did invest 1.2 million dollars in this system. We were very fortunate because it would have cost much more than that had we not had the cooperation and help of the State of Kansas. The judicial branch paid for the software maintenance and on an ongoing basis you have annual software maintenance costs and the state will be paying that. Also, every year we have to make changes to our court system, every year, because the legislature changes the laws. The state has also committed to paying for that. Keep in mind, this is a statewide system. It's not in all counties or all district courts yet but it's in most of them and that is another cooperation thing. We had an initiative here a few years ago saying we're ready to do this and because we were able to work cooperatively and in partnership with the State of Kansas, they saw the benefit, we saw the benefit of slowing our process down a little and coordinating with them so now we're using the same system as used in most district courts in the state.

The bottom line here is that it is now easier to access information. We have a more open government and we have reduced the workload, the manual labor involved, and shifted that workload also from county staff to court staff, which is significant if you remember that the court staff are all funded by the state, they are a state agency but they require you, the state requires you the county to pay for all the expenses of the court, other than staff. So we pay for their computer systems, we pay for their building, their desks and chairs and all that kind of thing, but they pay for the staff. And because the state has invested a great deal these past few years in technology staff for the court, it's to our benefit, the county's benefit to shift that work to those court staff. So I believe it has been a great investment for both the county and for the State of Kansas.

It has also been quite a team effort. Again, it is an enterprise system, it is not just one department involved. The district court has been phenomenal in their patience, in their ability to retrain their staff, etcetera. The county commission and county manager, I want to thank you all, because several years ago it took a big commitment to put this kind of money into a department, a system that isn't really a county department. It's difficult to say, 'Well, we'll invest this money' but you

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can see here that it was a wise investment and it does have benefits to the county, as well as to the court and the public.

The Office of Judicial Administration in Topeka was a huge help. They took a leadership role and because of them we will not have, you will not have the ongoing maintenance cost of the software. The Information Network of Kansas, again a statewide partner in this process. The Sheriff and District Attorney's Offices were phenomenal. Just because we implement a system for the court does not mean no one else is affected. You, I'm sure, are aware that these systems must be accessed by District Attorney, Community Corrections, Sheriff, several other departments, but the DA and the Sheriff are the primary ones. They had to learn in January the new court system at the same time they were learning the new SAP system and one other new system the DA had. I remember they were the worst department affected last January, they had three new systems all at once to learn about. And of course, the Division of Information and Operations, we had several people devoted to court systems and they have done an excellent job of implementing this new system.

I want to just mention that what the DIO has done, the information technology professionals that we have here at the county, what they have done is they have developed and implemented a brand new technology. Even though we bought some software in this project, we also had to lay a foundation. Using an open systems technology, they were able to set that foundation, or as we call here a four-lane highway between the systems. In other words, we didn't have fully integrated systems before and many organizations don't have integrated systems. But when you integrate your systems you have huge improvements in the productivity of the staff and in this case we were able to fully integrate these systems, the new court system with the old DA and Sheriff system, but they laid the foundation for the new Sheriff's system, which is out for bid right now and the new District Attorney's system, which is in a planning stage right now, that when we are ready to do those programs, those new systems, the IT work involved will be much less because they've laid the foundation here.

Certainly, questions about the Kansas Integrated Court System should be referred to Ellen House, our court administrator and I'd be happy to answer any as well, but Ellen is here today and I want to recognize Ellen and ask her if she has any comments and I know some of the courts computer staff are here as well and I just want to thank you all for your participation and your help with the project."

**Ms. Ellen House**, District Court Administrator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just also

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want to say thank you. I think it was four years ago, during the budget process, we brought the need for a new system to you. You accepted that challenge. You provided funding and the cooperation and the partnership between the state and the county on this has been, as Kathy said, phenomenal. It helps the state, it helps the county, but most of all I think it helps the citizens here in the community and I think that's a success, so thank you."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioners, any questions, discussion?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I guess I would have just a quick comment. Kathy touched about, almost through her presentation, about this arrangement of the district court being housed in the local county courthouse and with the county commissioners and the citizens of the county furnishing the building, supplying the computers and again, there's times when you think about this is not really a county department, so how do we do this. Well I think we're still learning how to do that. I think we feel a great responsibility to this building, this courthouse that houses the district court for our district and I think we do have a commitment to make available the best technology that court systems are using throughout the country and we have a responsibility to make sure that they have that at their disposal and use and so Kathy, if it works as good as you make it sound like it works, I think this was a great project and I just hope, for those who work in the court system on a day to day basis, using this kind of technology, I hope it makes their lives a little easier and a lot more productivity involved. So sounds like a great job, Kathy, and the court systems."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Well, and I think this is one of those examples as we continue to see the environment of the state and the counties and their relationships change, this is one of those collaborations that the whole state needs to link people together so that we're sharing information, so that we're not duplicating, so that everybody is integrated into the system and it serves as a model for probably what the whole state needs to be doing, not just in the court system, but in the public health system, in some of the appraisal systems, register of deeds systems, we need to be interrelated, integrated so that we're maximizing technology to our advantage and I think this is a good example of that, where kind of different entities have come together and put their intellectual capacity together to make it better for everybody.

And finally, as Tom said, for the citizen, I think that's the critical piece of this. It can be good for us, internally, but really the hallmark of what's important is how does it equate back to the citizen and I think they're getting a pretty good bang for their buck. They don't get run around near as much as they used to, I'm sure. Thank you, Kathy, appreciate it. What is the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, "Next item."

### **C. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

#### **1. PRESENTATION OF THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2003 COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION GRANT RECIPIENTS**

#### **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Ms. Jeannette Livingston**, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "In September, you received the July to June fiscal year report on the performance of the Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention grants.

The report I'm giving you today will kind of just be an update to that report. This will run through third quarter 2003. The grant administration for these programs will move to a July to June fiscal year effective this July, 2004. I'm just briefly going to go through each of the programs and give you a little performance update on each.

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters is a program that provides mentoring for at-risk youth. They match at-risk youth with caring adults. They're considered an evidence based program and have received grant funding since 1998. They've met all their goals, year to date. Some of the outcomes that they expect from their program include youth will avoid arrests, they'll improve academic performance and avoid substance abuse.

The Targeted Outreach program at the Boys and Girls Club is an academic program for youth that have been suspended or expelled from school. They focus a lot of their efforts on the youth that have been expelled for a full year under the no tolerance policies. They've met all their outcomes,

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year to date. Some of the outcomes that they expect from their participants include returning these youth to school, reducing the incidents of suspensions/ expulsions once they're back in school and improving their academic performance.

The Catholic Charities Family Advocate program works with families that are in the homeless and domestic violence shelters there. They provide parent training and follow up services, so once the families leaves the shelter, they have kind of a continuum of services. The program met the goals that it had data for, through the third quarter. They had a glitch in their system in the third quarter, with provision of the children's classes, so there were two outcomes that they were not able to provide data for. They have submitted a corrective action plan of implemented measures to insure that similar problems do not occur in the future. Their outcomes focus on improving these families parenting skills, as well as families having stable income and employment once they leave the shelter.

Communities in Schools is a program that provides collaborative services with other agencies connecting kids in schools with services they need, whether it be counseling or health insurance or so on. They've met all their outcomes for 2003 year to date, except for one, which they missed by 1%. That was 89% of the kids that they served were linked to community services and the goal was 90%. So their outcomes focus on linking kids to the resources that they need, as well as improving those kids academic performance and behavior in school.

The Episcopal Social Services Teen Intervention program, it's a part of the formal diversion process for teens arrested for minor misdemeanors. To date, they are meeting all their outcomes. Some of the outcomes that they focus on include reducing re-offenses by participants, eliminating truancy and development of skills that these kids needs to avoid future legal problems, things like conflict resolution skills, anger management and personal accountability and even some restorative justice features.

Family Consultation Services Expect Respect program targets teen domestic violence. They provide presentations in 9<sup>th</sup> grade gym classes, as well as support groups for youth that have self identified as victims of domestic violence. For 2003 they've really had mixed performance. They had staff turnover at the beginning of the year and really spotty, sporadic inconsistent data was provided for the first and second quarters of 2003. At least due in part to that, they were not among the programs chosen for renewal for 2004.

They do have a new program director that began this school year in August. However, they have elected not to establish support groups, since they don't have funding identified past December 31<sup>st</sup>, so some of their data even now they were not able to provide because of their situation.

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The outcomes this program focuses on include knowledge of abuse, it can happen to you. That's an important concept for teens to understand, as well as options for assistance if it did happen to them.

KANSEL is an education and training employment program. They provide an alternative education program for youth that have dropped out of school. They focus on helping kids attain their GED and employment. For 2003, they've had somewhat mixed performance, which is unusual for KANSEL. They've been a grantee since 1998, have consistently performed well. In part due to these performance issues they have looked at maybe restructuring their program, maybe making it a little more directed study type program. Some of the outcomes this program focuses on include reducing re-offenses, because the majority of the kids that they serve have dropped out of school and also typically are on probation of some sort. They also look at improving these kids academic skills, because usually when they enter the program they have very low academic skills and it's a while before they can even get the point where they could study for their GED. And then of course they also look for their kids to attain the GED.

The Mental Health Association's Reducing Anger in Preschool program is a conflict resolutions skills development program for preschoolers. They utilize an evidence-based curriculum. They've met all their goals to date. Some of their outcomes focus on improving student's behavior and skill building, age-appropriate conflict resolution type skills, options. If someone took the truck from you, your only option is not to punch them in the nose, there are other options, those types of skills.

Higher Ground, Learning the Ropes program is a substance abuse prevention and intervention program. They have also added a parent-training component for 2003. They are meeting all their outcomes to date. Some of the outcomes that they look for are abstinence from illegal substances, reducing arrests and improving parenting skills for the parents whose kids are in treatment.

The Rainbows United Early Intervention project is an evidence-based curriculum that they have provided both for their preschool teachers and parents of children at risk. It's an evidence-based program and they had to go to Seattle to be trained to be able to provide this program and it was begun in August, so they do not have outcomes to date. It's a program that will run through the end of the year and the outcomes will be available in the fourth quarter. With evidence-based programs, it's one of those things. This program has 20 years of research demonstrating outcomes with young kids' skills and emotional improvements. On the other hand, there's a significant startup period involved in implementing an evidence-based program. Some of the outcomes they expect include improved classroom management and behavior and improved parenting skills.

Wichita ACTS on Truancy is a truancy intervention and prevention program. They target four

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middle schools: Curtis, Hamilton, Pleasant Valley, Marshall. They've met all their outcomes for the 2002-2003 school year, with the exception of one on attitudinal changes regarding parents connecting to schools, and that may have been a result more of administration of a survey, kind of a technical glitch that they're working out for this current school year. Their outcomes focus on reducing suspensions, reducing truancy and reducing arrests of participants.

The On-Trac program at the Wichita Family Services Institute serves youth that have been exhibiting problem behavior. Referrals for the program come from like the District Attorney's Office, schools, Juvenile Intake and Assessment as well as parents. They have met all their outcomes to date. Generally, program participants are expected to improve their grades, reduce their absenteeism and reduce re-offenses.

The Wichita YMCA Black Achievers program, for 2003 the county funded the summer internship component of this program. It matches minority youth with jobs in their career area focus. For 2003, the program has kind of had some mixed performance. They had fewer kids qualify for internships, as well as fewer kids go on to post-secondary education than was originally anticipated. Interestingly, they had 100% of their graduating interns actually enrolled in college, but only 50% actually attended, which very interesting that 100% enrolled. It just didn't have as many follow through.

I would say that this program is one of the ones that was not renewed for funding in 2004. They've been funded for several years, have performed well, but the program does not target at-risk youth, youth that are at-risk for committing juvenile crime and it's rather hard to link this program's services directly to crime prevention, so that's one of the reasons it was not re-funded for 2004. Their outcomes focused on demonstrating responsibility in their job, as well as secondary school attendance.

That is the third quarter prevention update. There are 13 grant recipients. Generally, programs have performed as expected. Ones that haven't have all submitted corrective action plans and implemented measures if there were corrective actions needed. I'm available for questions if you have any."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Okay. I see Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Couple of questions, because the concept of what we're trying to do is very important. We have to keep remembering that we've got limited resources trying to

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satisfy unlimited needs and what have you. So I have a couple of questions that I'm just anticipating taxpayers might ask me.

What's the remedy if they don't qualify? Is there any pain that they feel? If they fail to hit any of their goals in the first quarter, do they not get funded in the second quarter? I mean, what is the remedy to any failure to achieve these goals?"

**Ms. Livingston** said, "Well, we could certainly look at withholding payment."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "No, no. Presently, what is the remedy? Not what we might want to do. Is there any hard, fast remedy right now that they know that they're going to suffer if they don't reach the goals?"

**Ms. Livingston** said, "Well, at least one of the programs that was not renewed for 2004 was specifically due to performance. I mean, that program is not going to receive funding after December 31<sup>st</sup>, so I mean, they know that and it's also a competitive selection process. If they don't perform, they would not be selected for continued funding."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Do they have to wait until the end of the year, or is it on a quarterly basis?"

**Ms. Livingston** said, "If they were really falling down on the job, I could terminate the contract with 30 days notice."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. The other question I had was just looking at it, some of the . . . I guess, just to pick KANSEL but not because it's KANSEL but just at the number, they came up with a goal of 42% of Job Start participants will successfully complete, how did they get to that number? That seems like an oddball number. How did that number . . .?"

**Ms. Livingston** said, "I would agree with you. Job Start is an evidence-based program that they implemented the pilot of and that's based on that Job Start research. That was the research that that program did to become an evidence-based program showed that you could expect at least 42% of the participants to complete or perform well. That's where that one came from."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. And then I guess my last question to you is just a policy thing, where on some of these programs they're far and away exceeding their goal. Do we up the



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goal for next year, or does it stay the same as this year?”

**Ms. Livingston** said, “Well, we would look at that. I mean, if they have a pattern of exceeding it consistently, we would definitely look at raising it. It may be that that’s not the right goal. I mean, if they consistently get 100% on something, maybe that’s not the right thing. Maybe that’s a given and we would look at seeing what is the point of the program, what are you trying to achieve and are we measuring that correctly.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well, I mean just say Tiospaye, now I’m not worried about going from 40% to 100%, I’m trying to relate this to business. If one department has said they’ll do 70% and this year they came in at 79, I as a manager am not going to let that department head put down 70 as a goal next year. I’m going to try to get him convinced to go to 80 and work a little harder. What type of focus do we do in that area, if any?”

**Ms. Livingston** said, “Tiospaye or Higher Ground, specific to them, it’s an issue, I mean as far as substance abuse, if you’ll look at the research, that’s one area that has some pretty good research numbers, you expect people completing that program to have a significant amount of relapse and that sort of thing, so those numbers are higher than what you would expect on national research. So they would say, ‘But the research shows it should be here, but we have elevated them every year’ so we do look at increasing it based on past performance, if it seems reasonable in that instance.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, and then maybe next year you can walk us through what upgrades you’ve done to the performance and why. The main line, I think overall we’re making a very concerted effort in this prevention fund area, but I also know that we have to continually be accountable to the taxpayers and I want to just insure that they are receiving the bang for the buck that they need, because sometimes we have to play God. We have to say, like we did last year, no we can’t fund you any further. Okay, that’s all I have. Thanks.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Okay. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you. Well, just a little follow up, even on Commissioner Sciortino’s line. I think how I would think about that in a couple of ways is one is as you begin to look and see more about who of these groups is being more successful, if you want to put it in that terminology, we’d like to look to you or to someone and say, ‘You know, here’s a program that’s doing exceptionally well’. I mean, we’re getting bang for the buck. Well, maybe we need to concentrate on some of those folks and I think, and again in response to Commissioner Sciortino, I think if Jeannette had presented 12 programs, every one of them meeting every goal, we’d say maybe something’s wrong with the goals, but that’s not what she said. There’s two groups here that we’re not going to re-fund and there’s several that it looks to me like she’s holding their feet to the fire right now and come around next funding time, they need to have some of those address.

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But again, I think we're becoming more refined at how we do these performance measures, but one of the things we'll continually be looking for is what programs are really working, what really seems to be doing a good job and those are the ones that I think I really want to concentrate on being of assistance to. So, Jeannette looks like a good report to me, thank you."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you. I just want to make a comment that it appears to me that I suppose that you along with the agencies determine what their goals are, but as far as the outcome measures, it appears to me that's a pretty successful group of agencies that we support.

I mean, for example, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, I don't know how you get an outcome measure much higher than 98% and their goal is 98% of these kids will not have . . . not be arrested or being taken into the Juvenile Authority and they're meeting that goal and I don't know how you get a much higher goal than 98%. So it appears that we have invested in some very good programs that are doing an excellent job and that's no reason to be complacent but I'm encouraged by the fact that I think we are getting our bang for the buck in most of these.

And at the same time, I notice that many of them have their own internal problems to deal with. I mean, they're dealing with budget problems just like we are and as we speak I know that Big Brothers and Big Sisters is going through some staff reductions in order to try to carry on their program, meet these goals and they're going to have to do it with reduced staff, so this isn't like a Card Blanche give away where we just say, 'Here's a bunch of money, go do your thing'.

So I'm happy that we're watching them, that there are outcome measures and from what I know of them, I'm glad that they're working hard on their side of the ledger. But good program, I appreciate the report and I think our taxpayers are getting their money's worth."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Just a final comment from me and it kind of dovetails into what Tom said. I think it's important that we continue to try to soar with our strengths, look for those agencies that are really delivering the bacon and put our money into that. And those that may be failing may not be able to do the job, we just cut bait. At some point, you can throw a lot of money at somebody that's not going to give you results and we need to be sure that we continue to seek out the very best agencies to put our money into, so that we maximize the ability to serve the public. So I agree with Tom, that we've held some people to the fire, a couple of them are going away, and we need to continue to evolve that way and make sure that we are investing in those agencies that really can deliver the results. So, what is the will of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, "Thanks, Jeannette. Next item."

**2. AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS TO EXTEND 2003 SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION GRANTS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004.**

**Ms. Livingston** said, "You have before you nine of the eleven grants to be extended through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. It was approved to move the administration of these grants to a July to June fiscal year to match the school year and administration of the programs that are funded. You have a list of the nine before you and they include: Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club Targeted Outreach, Communities in Schools, Episcopal Social Services, KANSEL, Rainbows United, Higher Ground, Wichita A.C.T.S. on Truancy and Wichita Family Services Institute. And of course the prior item was a performance update, so you have some idea of how each one of these are performing to date.

The contract extension will amend the term through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and increase their funding by

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50% to account for the additional six months. The recommended action is to approve the amendments and authorize the Chairman to sign and I'm available for any questions."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm certainly going to be supportive of this and just wanted to remind the commissioners, at first I was not necessarily thinking we needed to just gear up to be on the same cycle as the state. But so many of these programs are based in the school somehow or around the school year and it just, if you're going to change a program, it doesn't make any sense to change it in January when you should be changing it in the summertime, when the school program cycle is changing. So from just that standpoint, I think this is a good move."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the amendments to agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, "Thanks, Jeannette. Next item."

- 3. AGREEMENT WITH DIANE OVERSTREET, MOT, OTR TO PROVIDE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONSULTATION SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISORDERS.**

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**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a renewal of a contract with Diane Overstreet, who is a Registered Occupational Therapist. She’s worked with our Community Support Services program consumers and kids in our children’s program for several years at this point. Her work entails assessing individuals in something we call life skills or activities of daily living and once Diane has made that assessment, she teaches consumers how to adapt to the limitations that they have in particular areas.

This is one of the contracts that was reduced last year, due to budget constraints. It was reduced from 25 hours a week to 19 hours a week and we are going to keep the contract at an average of 19 hours a week for this year as well. I’m happy to answer any questions you have on this and we’re requesting that you approve the agreement.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “I see no questions at this time. I would entertain . . . Yes.”

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, said, “For the public’s information, what’s a MOT, OTR?”

**Ms. Cook** said, “A Master’s Degree in Occupational Therapy and OTR is Registered Occupational Therapist.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino      Aye  
Chairman Tim Norton              Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, "Thanks, Marilyn. Next item."

**4.        AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FY 2004 TARGETED CASE  
          MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO FRAIL ELDERLY PERSONS.**

- **KATHRYN COIT**
- **CINDY CRANGLE**
- **JANICE ELMORE**
- **MAE FIELDS**
- **MELISSA HOGAN**
- **VALORIE HOWARD-WINDHOLZ**
- **JOANNE HUBBARD**
- **LISA R. JOLLIFF**
- **JODY LUJAN**
- **DEBBIE MCCLELLAN**
- **JULIE OLIVAS**
- **LISA PARKER**
- **PAMELA S. PETRIK**
- **CYNTHIA ROWLETTE**
- **POLLY SEXTON**
- **MICHELLE SHAHEEN**

**Ms. Monica Cissell**, Program Manager, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today I have sixteen contracts for targeted case management services for fiscal year 2004. These are in accordance with the Kansas Department on Aging, SRS and Medicaid requirements.

The targeted case manager contracts are funded through the Home and Community Based Services, which is a Medicaid program and these case managers are dedicated to serving the clients who are 65 years of age and older at-risk for nursing home placements and in need of in-home assistance to remain independent and live in the community.

I recommend that you approve the sixteen 2004 contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Could you give us an example, or maybe for the benefit of any senior that might be listening in, it talks about services to frail and . . . could you give us some example of the actual services these case managers will be providing for seniors?"

**Ms. Cissell** said, "These case managers would provide service to older adults who are Medicaid clients and they might receive services such as in-home services, homemaker services, attendant care services like light housekeeping, maybe some hands-on assistance such as bathing, dressing, preparing meals. They could also receive Lifeline services and the clients vary. Some clients receive case management on a weekly basis. Other clients only receive case management every 90 days, depending on what the need of that client is."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, let me . . . Does the case manager actually do the light housekeeping and the bathing? That's what I was trying to get to."

**Ms. Cissell** said, "Okay, no sir they arrange that with agencies that we have agreements with or other agencies within the community that provide that service."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. Would it be safe to say that they assess what the needs are and then find the organization that could provide those needs and then oversee it to make sure that then those services are being provided to the individual?"

**Ms. Cissell** said, "Exactly. They would assess that individual annually and then link them with resources to meet their needs."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And then follow up to make sure those needs are being satisfied?"

**Ms. Cissell** said, "At least 90 days."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, great. Thank you."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Okay, I see no other lights for discussion. What is the will of the Board?"

#### **MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, "Next item."

**5. CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE AGAING MILL LEVY FUNDING.**

- **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**
  - ◆ **ADULT CARE CONNECTION**
- **AMERICAN RED CROSS**
  - ◆ **SENIOR MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**
  - ◆ **ADULT DAY SERVICES**
  - ◆ **FOSTER GRANDPARENTS**
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATION**
  - ◆ **JODY LUJAN**
  - ◆ **MAE FIELDS**
  
- **E. C. TYREE CLINIC**
  - ◆ **HEALTH EVALUATION AND EDUCATION**
- **ENVISION**
  - ◆ **SENIOR OUTREACH AND SERVICES**
- **GOOD GRIEF**
  - ◆ **WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICES**
- **GUADALUPE CLINIC**
  - ◆ **HEALTH SCREENINGS/VOUCHERS**
- **KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES**
  - ◆ **PROTECTIVE LEGAL SERVICES**
  - ◆ **PUBLIC BENEFITS OUTREACH**
- **MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU**
  - ◆ **PLUS MEDICAL SERVICES**



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- **RIVERSIDE HEALTH SYSTEM**
  - ◆ **SENIOR COMPANION**
- **SENIOR SERVICES, INC.**
  - ◆ **MEALS ON WHEELS**
  - ◆ **NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS**
  - ◆ **ROVING PANTRY**
  - ◆ **SENIOR EMPLOYMENT**
- **UNITED METHODIST URBAN MINISTRY**
  - ◆ **COMMODITY DELIVERY**
- **WICHITA INDOCHINESE CENTER**
  - ◆ **ASIAN OUTREACH**

**Ms. Cissell** said, “Today I have twenty contracts for various aging services for older adults in Sedgwick County. These twenty programs serve over 9,000 older adults in Sedgwick County and programs include: Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Care through Catholic Charities, health screenings through Guadalupe Clinic, prescription vouchers through Medical Services Bureau and many more.

These programs help older adults access needed services in the community and assist them in remaining in their home for as long as possible. I recommend that you approve the twenty fiscal year '04 contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign and I'd be glad to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you. Mr. Manager, these are the contracts that we discuss in the annual budget and when we did the budget for 2004 and discussed all of these, this is in the budget for 2004 and these are just finalizing those contracts.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Yep. Commissioner Winters, these programs have been funded in the 2004 budget. This is just the execution of the contracts to engage these folks to carry out those programs. The funding is there.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Right, okay. And so, on many of them we've had lengthy discussions about them or some discussion, but it was all during the budget process.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “We've had discussions about . . . at several levels. There's been discussions about the programs and the levels of programs that we would provide. There's been discussions with the state about how much money and how we were going to divvy up the Aging and the third

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level discussion was, internally, with the Department of Aging about each of these individuals and their qualifications and whether they had performed or not and whether we would renew or not with these individuals.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Okay, thank you.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Let me just ask this young lady. I’m sorry.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Now, are some of these service providers the very ones that the case managers would be engaging to help, so is this kind of a wrap around? We’ve got the overseers on this item and then we’ve got the providers here.”

**Ms. Cissell** said, “That’s right. And we also have case managers through Sedgwick County who would link clients up with resources such as these. But yes, the targeted case managers working with the Medicaid clients would also link them up with these resources.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay. I’ve got to keep it real simple for me to understand these things. Thank you very much. That’s all I have.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Well certainly, if you look at the list here and remember back to budget time, I mean, we got into pretty heated discussions over senior services with the Meals on Wheels and the number of decreasing meals that were going to be provided. I think we’ve had pretty good dialogue on many of these issues, prior to getting here today. So, what is the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino      Aye  
Chairman Tim Norton              Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, "Thanks, Monica. Next item."

**D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**1. GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PROVIDING FUNDS FOR A TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PROGRAM.**

**Dr. Cindy Burbach**, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm standing in for Peggy Baker. We're kind of short staffed and so she's out doing TB testing this morning.

The contract that you have before us is an ongoing state pass through money for TB control. It's called the Indigent Care grant, but basically that's designed to help pay for taking x-rays and reading x-rays for those people in our TB target community that can't afford to do that. And if you have questions, I'd be glad to answer them.

What I'd like to say is that this is a very small grant. We've got several grants in TB that come from various sources and two or three of them are connected to K.U. This one is connected to K.U. because that's where our x-rays are taken and that's where Dr. Minns comes to read them and consult with us.

You'll be seeing, in the next few weeks, a combined contract with K.U. that's going to combine several of these grants so that we can have a really enhanced connection with K.U. on this program, but until then we've got to keep approving these small pieces until we can put them all together."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Tuberculosis is still on the rise in Kansas?"

**Dr. Burbach** said, "We're still chasing it, yes."

**Chairman Norton** said, "As an aside, this was interesting to me that I was playing Trivial Pursuit with my family over the weekend and I was not aware that tuberculosis kills more people, worldwide, than pneumonia or emphysema or other lung related diseases."

**Dr. Burbach** said, "And the bulk of those numbers are in developing countries, because it's still a major, major killer in developing countries. It's not a major killer here, in terms of pure numbers,

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but it's a major concern, because they're going in the wrong direction.”

**Chairman Norton** said, “Right.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the grant award and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, “Next item.”

**2. AGREEMENT WITH DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED PROVIDING DATA COORDINATION SERVICES FOR THE KANSAS INFERTILITY PREVENTION PROJECT.**

**Dr. Burbach** said, “And this is a small contract that we have with a research company that is helping us and KDHE, or Kansas Department of Health and Environment, to research infertility based on gonorrhea and chlamydia. Our lab produces lab results testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia. This helps defray our expense of taking that data from our system in our databases, feeding it into a database that goes to KDHE. It's been an ongoing, long-term contract. We're basically just helping keep data for an ongoing research project in this area.

The money . . . it does roll over from year to year. It was first designed to help us buy computers that were needed to help manage this data. The next use for this money, in my estimation, will be to get enough of it, which shouldn't take terribly much, the last two or three years worth and

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actually contract with our KIPHS system to upgrade the KIPHS program so that the data can be moved directly from one system electronically to another. That will take some programming. To me, that's my long-term goal and we hope to get that done in the next six months."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Who started the project? Is it a state project?"

**Dr. Burbach** said, "KDHE started it and they've contracted with this company to kind of manage the data, but its got to go to the state first."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. And what are they hoping the outcome . . . how long will . . . when's the project over . . . or when is the . . . yeah, the prevention, it started in 1990, when is it over?"

**Dr. Burbach** said, "I don't know the answer to that question."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "What are they hoping to achieve?"

**Dr. Burbach** said, "I'm assuming that they're hoping to show if infertility can be related to gonorrhea and chlamydia incidents and I do not know the answer to that question whether they will ever decide that, now we know and that we can quit collecting this data. I don't know that."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Could you ask them?"

**Dr. Burbach** said, "Sure, I can ask."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Just to . . . maybe they've forgotten about it and it's just going on and on and maybe it's time, after 13 years, that you would think they would have got enough data to come up with something."

**Dr. Burbach** said, "Research sometimes feeds on itself, you're absolutely right."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Yeah, would you find out?"

**Dr. Burbach** said, "I will do that."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "That'd be great, thanks."

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**Dr. Burbach** said, "Right now it's not costing us more than it's giving us to collect the data."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "No, I understand that. It's just, I'm sorry, but I know this is state money so we say, 'Oh, that's great' but it's still taxpayers' dollars and the thing that got to me, they started this in 1990, thirteen years later when does the results of the project. Anyway, maybe it's the last day of the year and I'm going crazy. That's all, thanks."

**Chairman Norton** said, "What is the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, "Thanks, Cindy. Next item."

**E. ADJUSTMENT TO THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS STAFFING TABLE TO REINSTATE TWO RADIO SHOP POSITIONS.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Diane Gage and I are going to do a tag team, because she has the details by which we developed this agenda item. The agenda item is to approve two positions that have been eliminated from the budget. When you adopted the budget in August, we reduced the radio shop by two mechanics and subsequent to that there had been several meetings and a plan put together about how to reinstate those. Diane is going to explain that and then I'm going to come back and tell you where we are and what I would hope you would approve today."

**Ms. Diane Gage**, Director, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said,

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“When we met, back in July, between the time that the proposed budget came out and the approved budget . . . or the budget was approved, we met with all of the customers of the radio shop and explained to them what the impact would be. And at that time, the priority for the radio shop would be to continue, obviously, supporting the 800 megahertz system, support the public safety radios. However, there were some services we were going to have to cut in order to get by without having the extra two positions.

We would no longer be able to repair video cameras, vehicle sirens, any medical equipment, radar units and we would no longer be able to do the installation work on radios put into say patrol cars, fire trucks, that type of thing. The priority would be focused on maintaining and keeping public safety radios going and then, if time allowed, repairing non-public safety, say Public Works’ radios, that type of thing.

Well, when we met with all of our users, they said, ‘How much does it cost for these two radio positions’ and we came up . . . the figure at that time was around 105, \$110,000 when you figured in benefits. They looked at the number of radios that we had on the system and said, you know if we all kicked in \$25 a radio on the system for a maintenance subscription fee type arrangement, we could pay for this and still keep these positions around to serve these other needs, because it’s going to cost a lot to go outside and do it.

Within the county we would probably be doing the installations over at Fleet Maintenance, but there are quite a few radios that we do installations for Public Safety, they are about \$1,500 a vehicle if we were to go outside to do that.

And so that plan came about. We have been working it since then. The county departments are looking for monies within the current budget to support this and we do have support from the county departments. The smaller communities think that this is a very good idea, because they could not afford really to go out and do this elsewhere and it’s very limited. And then we’ve been working with our neighbors across the street. They’re our biggest customer right now and that is still in the works with them right now.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “So, the status today is that we have currently enough funds, enough commitments in place to guarantee one position and we have one person, remains on the pay roll, and we are certainly requesting that that position be reinstated today so that we don’t have to do anything drastic. What I would ask you to do is to approve the second position, although the funding has not been guaranteed at this point, I fully expect it to be guaranteed by the City of Wichita’s commitment. If that does not occur, we aren’t going to fill the position and we’ll be back to you in a report. We will not fill that position until we have a firm commitment.

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We've been in discussions with the City. There's been a couple of areas of communications have not flowed very well and we fully expect this plan to be implemented within the next several weeks."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Okay. We have a couple of questions. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Bill, I understood and I'm remiss because I didn't follow up what happened yesterday over at the City Hall, but wasn't there an agenda item where they were supposed to approve it and there was something about rents or back and forth. What ever happened to that item?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "That was delayed."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "They deferred it. So what you're saying to us is we've got funding, notwithstanding what Wichita decides to do for the one position, approve both with the caveat if we don't get the funding . . ."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "That position will never be filled. The second position is empty currently."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, all right. That makes sense to me."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "With or without this position, county equipment will be installed and maintained through our positions that we have now. Is that correct?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Under that priority order. This is a . . . we are continuing to honor the philosophical underpinning that this is a countywide service. The prioritization is public safety vehicles first, those things. As long as we have some subscribers to the system, then they'll get in the queue, Public Works, inspectors, those building inspectors, Code Enforcement, those kinds of people will also be . . . if they're paying a subscription. If you don't pay, you don't get service."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay, but this service we provide, even at the maintenance level, is for all the communities, for the maintenance, not the installation, but the maintenance on the equipment. So it's a county service that includes all the communities."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "For installation, if you want to have it installed, become a subscriber."



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**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay, so we're still providing a countywide service and this is really what we've talked about, to some degree, as a functional consolidation to some degree and that we are providing service, countywide, under our umbrella and it's just a fact that we're, because of budget constraints now, the installation side of it, we need to figure out a way to do that is what this is all about. All right, thank you."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "He had to use that 'c' word again the last day of the year. Let me ask it in just Kansas kitchen English. We, the county . . . tell me if I'm right here, had a need for our own internal use of maintenance and repair of a lot of various radios so we had to . . . something like our Forensic Science Center, instead of just being parochial and just getting it down to just ours, we built in some capacity and because of the synergy that we have, we're offering that capacity to other cities so that we can make it more efficient. Is that correct?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Wow, kept it short and sweet, I like that. Well, that's great because that shows another way that we're trying to be more efficient."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioners, the 9-1-1 system had always included the radio repair. Sedgwick County assumed a countywide responsibility for that in '94 and then expanded . . . and the commitment to the City of Wichita, when we assumed that responsibility, we indicated that we were going to do a countywide system and if there were a charge for any piece of the system, it would be leveled across the system. And so that's how we ended up where we are today."

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

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "And one last question, this is just a labor service that we're providing, parts and equipment and all that is being charged to the various departments. I mean, in our maintenance agreement, we don't provide parts and labor to all these various . . ."

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**Ms. Gage** said, "No, we're just providing the labor piece of it right now. Parts they are billed back for."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay, good."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Okay, at this point, if there is no other discussion, I would entertain a motion."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the adjustment to the Emergency Communications staffing table.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Norton** said, "I have a motion and a second. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "And that is two positions adjustments, right?"

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

**Chairman Norton** said, "Any other discussion? Clerk, call the roll."

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioners, Diane reminded me that she does not want to hear any of your names tonight on the 9-1-1 system."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "We don't either."

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I remind you that I still have a constituent that would appreciate it if you say 'Call 9-1-1' to right below it list the phone numbers so he would know how to call 9-1-1."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Unless I walk into a mailbox going to my neighbors, I won't be there. Clerk, call the next item."

### F. PUBLIC WORKS

#### 1. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER TWO, FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECTS: 616-17-110 BRIDGE ON 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH BETWEEN 135<sup>TH</sup> AND 151<sup>ST</sup> STREETS WEST. CIP# B-223. DISTRICT #3.

**Mr. Jim Weber**, Deputy Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In Item F-1, we're requesting your approval of a modification to our contract with Dondlinger and Sons for construction of the bridge on 13<sup>th</sup> Street North, between 135<sup>th</sup> Street West and 151<sup>st</sup> Street West.

On our original design, we had shown a channel change to straighten out a kink in the channel and prevent erosion around the bridge. When our permit was issued by the Division of Water Resources, they included a requirement that was requested by Wildlife and Parks that would leave the channel in its natural condition to save a number of large trees.

Heavy rains this fall caused high water, that eroded the banks, and eventually took out the trees that Wildlife and Parks were trying to save. But we now need to restore the creek and it's appropriate to make the channel change at this time. Our contract with Dondlinger and Sons would increase by \$32,062 and I would request your approval of the recommended action."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Mr. Chairman, I am familiar with this bridge and this project. Part of this was the reason that this whole project needed to be done correctly in the first place. I'm going to support this change and would be glad to answer any other questions if anybody has them."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Well, my question is then are we straightening out the channel then?"

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**Mr. Weber** said, “Yes.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “All right.”

**Mr. Weber** said, “For a little short distance.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “But the trees are gone.”

**Mr. Weber** said, “The trees are gone anyway.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Okay, well I mean we got what we wanted but we’re having to pay more to get it. Is that the deal?”

**Mr. Weber** said, “Well, we would have paid for it in the original . . . If we’d left it in the plans, we’d be paying for it. We’re just putting it back in.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Okay.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the modifications of plans and construction and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, “Next item.”

**2. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE, FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT – IDLEWILD STREET CONSTRUCTION. CIP# D-3. DISTRICT5.**

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**Mr. Weber** said, “In Item F-2 we’re requesting your approval of the final modification to our contract with Cornejo for the Idlewild street construction project in Oaklawn. In this modification, we’ll decrease the contract by \$1,296.50. The changes are due to variations in planned qualities from actual field measurements and I would again request your approval of the recommended action.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the modification of plans and construction and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, “Thanks, Jim. Next item.”

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**G. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Amendment to Lease Agreement with Towne Center Shopping Center, LLC and Vutec Corporation providing an extension of the lease for property housing Treasurer and Appraiser services at 206 Greenway Boulevard, Suite 14, Derby, Kansas.**
- 2. Amendment to Lease Agreement with Mid American Credit Union providing an extension of the lease for county-owned property at 525 N. Main.**

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- 3. Amendment to the Lease Agreement with IPC Retail Properties, LLC providing an extension of the lease for property housing the Treasurer's Office at Brittany Center, Suite 370.**
- 4. Notice of Hearing for March 3, 2004 post annexation public hearing for an area generally located north and south of Kellogg and Maple, between 119<sup>th</sup> Street West and 167<sup>th</sup> Street West.**
- 5. Notice of Hearing for March 3, 2004 post annexation public hearing for an area generally located in the Rainbow Lakes Addition.**
- 6. Amendment to the 2003 Capital Improvement Program to increase R175 BM-1 Overlay.**
- 7. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of December 24 – 30, 2003.**

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

**Chairman Norton** said, "What is the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino      Aye  
Chairman Tim Norton              Aye

**Chairman Norton** said, "Is there anything else to come before us today? Commissioner Sciortino."

### H. OTHER

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well I'd like to just reflect a little bit on the year. I think that we've had a year that really tested all of us on how to manage in tough times, and I am very pleased, I think, that we were able to meet that challenge. You know, a lot of people were moaning and depressed and down and I think we stood here, sat here as a board and looked at it as an opportunity to really excel and it was kind of exciting, in a way. If I could preface what I mean by that, so many times when things are going great and money is just coming in and you know even a mediocre elected official can be made to look good and even mediocre managers and staff can be made to look good, because the money just solves so many deficiencies. But it's in tough times that the real value of staff, of management and even of us, the policy makers, really is focused on.

And I think that I would like to publicly compliment Bill Buchanan and the entire county employee pool that you all were able to provide all of the necessary services that our people have a right to request of us and you did it in a very tight budgetary times and it meant longer hours, it meant more attention to nickels and dimes and I think, not to try to pat us on the back, because . . . but I do think that we were up to the task of actually making tough calls and saying 'I'm sorry, we can't fund this anymore', we have to reduce these and none of us are qualified in playing God, but it was uncomfortable but we did it and I just think that it was exciting, in a way, to be able to be part of that and still achieve the goals that we set out for, but did it with a lot less money.

So, I feel very gratified, very honored, I'm going to say the word humbled but nobody is going to believe that, to have been able to have been given the opportunity to serve the constituents in my district and to a lesser degree all of Sedgwick County for one more year. That's it."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Well, and in reflection on this past year, I would just like to make a personal comment. Well, as a rookie, freshman commissioner, I think I need to say thank you to the county staff and all those who worked hard to educate me and bring me along and to my fellow commissioners. There's a lot to learn in this job and as you come in here fresh from an election victory and you think that you're prepared and you're pretty cocky and right away you find out there's a lot you don't know and you need a lot of help and you all have provided that for me and

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made this an enjoyable year, in spite of the difficult budget times that we've had to face and so I want to say thank you to the staff and thank you to my commissioners and thank you to the culture that's been created here that makes it easy for a new guy to get in step. I appreciate the year that you've given me."

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

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, thank you. Just on this last day of the year, I'd certainly want to say Happy New Year to all the staff and employees of Sedgwick County. As commissioners, we do appreciate the hard work you do every day. It's important to this community. Your work is important to the community and our constituents and I'm pleased to have been a part of it for this last year, look forward to next year and hope we have a great next year. So to all employees and citizens of Sedgwick County, have a happy holiday, Happy New Year. Be safe this weekend."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And Purple Pride, January 2<sup>nd</sup>."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I didn't say that."

**Chairman Norton** said, "Don't put words in Commissioner Winters' mouth. Well, I have just a couple of things to finish up the year. We met this week with the lieutenant governor. County Manager Buchanan was there and the City of Wichita and some Friends of McConnell to talk about base realignment and closing. That is certainly an economic development issue that we'll continue to attack and be a part of, as we look forward to 2005 when the commission will come together and deal with base realignment and closings. We certainly understand that McConnell is a very important and viable economic development and military capable entity in our community and we'll do whatever we need to, as Sedgwick County, to be wholeheartedly supportive of the mission of McConnell and the air force base out there.

But I did want to let constituents know that we've thoroughly engaged the community and the city and the Friends of McConnell and the state in that dialogue as to what we do and what our role is as government in making sure that, locally, that McConnell is healthy and continues to provide their mission here.

The next thing, as Ben kind of reflected on the past year and so did Dave and Tom, I'm going to hold my reflections until next meeting, which will be my final one as Chair. I did set out some visions and some goals when I first became Chair and I'd like to reflect on those, but I would like to do that next week, if you would indulge me, to kind of talk about the things that we set out to do and then put a boiler plate to it and see if we really did it and I think we'll be happy to know that we've achieved most of the things that we set out to do this last year and I appreciate that, but I'll



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reflect on that next week, if that's okay.

And finally, I'd like to wish all my fellow commissioners and staff and particularly the citizens of Sedgwick County a very happy and safe New Year. It has been a tough time for many, many individuals and we hope that 2004 will be better for them and we know that a big reason that it will be better is because Sedgwick County is working every day to make it better. And so, with that we're adjourned."

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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**TIM NORTON**, Chairman  
Second District

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Chair Pro Tem  
Third District

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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Commissioner  
First District

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Don Brace**, County Clerk

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