

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 3, 1996**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 3, 1996, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Mark F. Schroeder; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Paul W. Hancock; Commissioner Melody C. Miller; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Stephen Plummer, County Counselor; Ms. Becky Allen Bouska, Director, Finance Department; Mr. Gary E. Curmode, Chief, Sedgwick County Fire District #1; Mr. Gary Denny, Sedgwick County Fire District #1; Mr. Phil Rippee, Risk Manager, Office of Risk Management; Mr. Rich Euson, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Marty Hughes, Grants Manager, Accounting Department; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Bureau of Health Services; Mr. Larry D. Jecha, MD, MPH, Director/Health Officer; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations and Ms. Susan E. Crockett-Spoon, County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

**Mr. Roy Rhodes**, Quivera Council Boy Scouts

**Mr. Joe Norton**, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.

**Ms. Helen Harjo**, Director, Regional Prevention Center (RPC)

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Mr. Joe Stout of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**                      **Regular Meeting, October 25, 1995**  
**Regular Meeting, November 1, 1995**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meetings of October 25 and November 1, 1995.

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Commissioners, you've received the minutes of the meetings. What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of October 25, and November 1, 1995

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

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**Ms. Becky Allen Bouska**, Finance Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You've previously received the certification of funds for the expenditures on today's regular, sewer, and fire district agenda. I am available for questions if there are any."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Don't seem to be. Thank you Becky. Next item please."

### **AWARD PRESENTATION**

#### **A. PRESENTATION OF THE 1995 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD.**

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Commissioners, as you are aware of, every year we honor an organization, individual, or group of individuals which we think have shown themselves to be outstanding individuals and contributors to the Community. This year we have chosen the Quivera Council. Mr. Roy Rhodes is with us, he is the Scout Executive, and the Quivera Council is made up of about twenty counties I believe and represents a lot of kids throughout this part of the State. They have absolutely done wonderful things throughout this community and others.

"Today, with the problems that we have in our society with children in trouble, they are a very strong part of a correct bringing up of children, boys in particular. They start clear down at the age of five with Tiger Cubs, and I know I had a son that was a Tiger Cub and it is a good experience for those boys and I know they appreciate it and there are traditions that carry on. This is one tradition, the Boy Scouts of America, that does carry on and it's with the leadership of the people that we've had in this community that make it a success. Today, we want to honor you, the Quivera Council for a job well done, and thank you for your contributions to Sedgwick County."

**Mr. Roy Rhodes** said, "Thank you very much. I accept this award on behalf of the over 13,000 youth in the Quivera Council and we will continue to be a positive

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force in the Quivera Council for the Boy Scouts of America. Thank you."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Madam Clerk, next item please."

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CREATING A LATERAL SEWER DISTRICT WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN (PINEHURST ADDITION).**

**Mr. Joe Norton**, Sedgwick County Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, said, "Good morning Commissioners. This morning we have a public hearing in respect to creation of a lateral sewer district within the County in an area in the far eastern portion of the County known as the Pinehurst Addition. Before you on the screen is a map depicting the general area of the proposed sewer district. It is located immediately north and west of the intersection of Central and 143rd Street East. The petition was received by the County Clerk signed by the owners of 100% of the property proposed to be in the benefit district requesting that this sewer district be created and that the improvement costs be assessed equally among all 32 lots in the subdivision. On the screen before you is a map of the subdivision, and the gang of lots are approximately the same size. Before you now on the screen is the Bureau of Public Services estimate of costs of this project. Under the column labeled sewer, you will note that the estimated project costs are \$101,300, which when divided by 32 lots equally would assume a principle cost per lot of about \$3,166, which over the life of the issue if it is assessed at 15 years at 8% would have an annual assessment of about \$370 per lot.

"Prior to considering the creation of a sewer district, you must conduct a public hearing and receive comment by any interested citizen. Jim and I would be available to answer any questions you may have concerning this project prior to or after receiving public comment."

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**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, thank you Joe. At this time, I'll open up the meeting to public hearing. Anybody that would like to be heard on this item please come forward. Anybody here today that would like to be heard on this item, item B? If not, we'll close the public hearing and limit discussion to bench and staff."

**Mr. Norton** said, "We have prepared a Resolution for your consideration which would create the sewer district and make the levy of assessments on the project cost in a manner which we have previously described, equally per lot among the 32 lots. We would recommend your adoption of the Resolution."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, thank you Joe. Discussion on this item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**NEW BUSINESS**

**C. RESOLUTIONS REGARDING A LATERAL SEWER DISTRICT AND A ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.**

**1. RESOLUTION CREATING A ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN**

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**SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN.**

**Mr. Norton** said, "The first item, C-1, is a companion item to item B, which is a proposed road improvement district in the same area of the County known as the Pinehurst Addition. The proposed method of assessment is the same as it was on the sewer district. We are creating improvements on 143rd Street East, which will in essence allow for an exit and ingress to that subdivision and some turn lanes, accel-decel lanes into that subdivision. We are not creating any improvements within the sub-division itself, merely to 143rd Street East. The estimated cost of the project as you see on the screen under 143rd Street is approximately \$25,600, which when divided among the 32 lots would have a principle component of approximately \$800 per lot which when spread of 15 years at 8% would have an annual assessment of approximately \$93.

"Again, the petition has been signed by the owners of 100% of the property proposed to be included within the benefit district. The statute does not require a public hearing although you may wish to receive public comment prior to considering the Resolution which would authorize the district to be created and to levy the assessments in the manner prescribed earlier."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, thank you Joe. Is there anybody here today that would like to comment on this item? Is there anybody here today? If not, we'll close public comment and limit discussion to bench and staff."

**Mr. Norton** said, "We have prepared a Resolution and would recommend your adoption of that Resolution."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, thank you. Next item please."

**2. RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING RESOLUTION NO. 40-1995, WHICH CREATED A LATERAL SEWER DISTRICT WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN (CREST RIDGE SECOND ADDITION).**

**Mr. Norton** said, "As indicated on the agenda, you have previously taken action to create this particular lateral sewer district in the County, again in the eastern portion of the County, northeast of the intersection of Central and 127th East. Subsequent to considering that creation, there was a public hearing and during the construction process, the owners of the property have replatted that property and the screen before you is the plat map. When the district was created, there were 32 lots within the subdivision. Each of these would equally share the costs of the sewer district. During the construction process, it was determined to replat this into 31 lots. We have now received an amended petition by the owners of 100% of the property, requesting that the costs be split 31 shares as opposed to 32 shares.

"I would view this merely as a technical amendment to the action previously taken by the County Commission. This would have an impact slightly increasing the cost per lot when divided by 31 lots for the sewer, you can see that has a principle component of approximately \$3,513 where slightly less before because of 32 divisions of the property. We view this merely as a technical change, but since it does affect the Resolution adopted previously by the Commission, we had to bring it back for your attention to consider the modification. No public hearing is required, but of course if you desire to receive public comment you can."

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**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Joe. Is there anybody here today in the meeting room that would like to be heard on this item? Anybody today that would like to be heard on this item? If not, we'll close public comment and limit discussion to bench and staff. Joe."

**Mr. Norton** said, "A Resolution has been prepared which would implement the Resolution to change the method of assessment from 31 lots to 32."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

- 3. RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING RESOLUTION NO. 43-1995, WHICH CREATED A ROAD IMPROVEMENT BENEFIT DISTRICT IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZED IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN (CREST RIDGE SECOND ADDITION).**



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**Mr. Norton** said, "A companion item to the last one, again in Crest Ridge second addition, near 127th Street East and Central. The road improvement district was created at the same time as the sewer improvement district and again had 32 assessments. The petition has been received by the owners and 100% of the property requesting that division be made by 31 parcels as a result of the replat. Consideration is the same as the previous one and I would recommend your adoption of the Resolution, after receiving any public comment you may wish to receive."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Joe. Is there anybody here today that would like to comment on this item? Anybody today that would like to be comment on item three? If not, we'll close public comment and limit discussion to bench and staff."

**Mr. Norton** said, "Recommend adoption of the resolution."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Joe. Next item please."

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**OFF-AGENDA: GOTT-GUILDERS ADDITION**

**MOTION**

Chairman Schroeder moved to take an off agenda item.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Rich Euson has an item he would like to bring before the Board today."

**Mr. Rich Euson**, Assistant County Counselor, said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Commissioners. Back in December you approved a resolution for condemnation of several parcels of property in the Gott-Guilders additions for lateral sewers, and since that time we have discovered a couple of omissions that need to be filled in, in order to complete this process.

"The resolution before you contains one legal description, there is another one that needs to be taken up on the sewer agenda. I would recommend this for your approval and ask that you adopt the resolution."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Rich. Discussion on this item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "I have a motion and seconded. Discussion on the motion?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Brief discussion Mr. Chairman. You are simply saying that there are a couple more parcels that we omitted?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "Yes, the project calls for a certain number of parcels and these were inadvertently omitted and not discovered until the plans were compared to the legal descriptions."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Alright. Thank you for the clarification. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Clerk please call the vote."

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thanks Rich. Next item please."

**D. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE, 1994 EDITION.**

**Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief**, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Our Fire Prevention Division, led by Deputy Chief Larry Masters and Division Chief Gary Denny have been working on this for the past year and we are trying to stay hand in hand with consistent model codes in the United States. Recently, you adopted the Uniform Building Code, December 20, 1995, this will maintain consistency in the Fire area, and I would recommend that we would adopt the Resolution."

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**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Chief. Discussion on this item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Chief. Next item please."

**E. OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT.**

- 1. SECOND YEAR RENEWAL OF A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY'S SELF-FUNDED DENTAL PLAN FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMPLOYEES DURING 1996.**

**Mr. Phil Rippee**, Risk Manager, said, "Item E-1 merely approves a second year renewal of a three year contract between Sedgwick County and Delta Dental to administer our self-funded dental plan. Recommended action would be to approve the contract renewal and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about this."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, thank you. Discussion on this item?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Yes Mr. Chairman. Is this just a typical annual

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renewal that we do?"

**Mr. Rippee** said, "Yes, we annually renew these, usually in December, and I was trying to get them all for the 27th of December and had some trouble getting one of the contracts, so I had to put them on for January 3."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And right now we offer two different plans, and I'm not talking about, comprehensive health, not just the dental."

**Mr. Rippee** said, "We offer dental and two health plans, so modifications of each of those."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay. Thank you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Further discussion? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

### MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Contract renewal and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

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**2. CONTRACT WITH PREFERRED PLUS OF KANSAS, INC. TO PROVIDE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMPLOYEES DURING 1996.**

**Mr. Rippee** said, "Item E-2 is a contract with Preferred Plus of Kansas to provide our co-existing health plan for Sedgwick County Employees during the period of January 1 through December 31 of 1996. There are no major benefit changes and I would recommend you approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**3. AGREEMENT WITH BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF KANSAS TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY'S SELF-FUNDED HEALTH/VISION BENEFITS AND LIFE AND AD&D INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMPLOYEES DURING 1996.**

**Mr. Rippee** said, "Item E-3 is merely our agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield

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as it is stated in the agenda to administer our Health and Vision plans and also provide Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance coverages for our employees. I would recommend you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Phil, good job, thanks."

**F. CONTRACT WITH REGIONAL PREVENTION CENTER (RPC) FOR USE OF 1996 COUNTY SPECIAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1996 BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF \$25,100 TO RPC.**

**Mr. Marty Hughes**, Grants Manager, Accounting Department, greeted the commissioners and said, "This morning, we have the contract with the Regional Prevention Center for the 1996 Special Alcohol Funds for the County. This year, the 1996 Budget appropriated \$25,100 for this Contract. The County Counselor's Office has reviewed the Contract and approved it and it is ready for action. And

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also this morning we have with us Helen Harjo, the Director of the Prevention Center, to give us a brief report on the accomplishments they have completed last year with the funds they used. Thank you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Marty."

**Ms. Helen Harjo**, Director, Regional Prevention Center, said, "Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I just wanted to let you know what was accomplished in 1995 with the amount of money that you allotted. Please understand that this is for 11 of the 12 month contract, we have not been able to figure out what happened in December. I am happy to report that at least 100% if not up to 300% of some of our goal objectives have been accomplished. Some of these include literature distribution in the amount of 26,542 pieces, 124 referrals, information and consultation to 396 different individuals was sought and offered. We presented in the County, sixteen presentations with over 61 hours of training and presentations, and of those, 485 were to elementary school students, 459 to middle school students and 169 to high school students. We did three parent training in the County, we offered 140 technical assistance, 23 of those were to social services agencies, 16 to middle and high school youth impacters. I want you to know that although for 1996, the amount has been reduced by a little of \$2,000, the level of service is not anticipated to be reduced. We will continue to offer the same level and quality service that we have in the past and I thank you for the opportunity to speak."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Helen. Commissioner Miller has her light now. Do you have a question for Helen?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Comment and question. Helen, could you just give to the public kind of the main thrust what it is your agency does?"

**Ms. Harjo** said, "Our focus is alcohol and drug abuse prevention, that means that we are not a counseling or treatment agency, we are a staff of seven, we are private, non-profit. Basically, we know that when you serve over 400,000 people in Wichita and Sedgwick County, that we're not going to be able to individually impact everyone. So out-program services are basically training and technical assistance resources and referral to the community. We work through other



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agencies. We work through school systems, with social service agencies, we work in partner with anyone to maximize what can happen in a positive manner for the children, families and communities within Wichita and Sedgwick County."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "And I was listening to your percentages. You said you've met at least 100% and in some instances 300%. Could you give me an example of that."

**Ms. Harjo** said, "Well, we're only asked to do like one parent training in the County and we provided three. Our technical assistance was 200%. We did 140, so I guess it was about 65 or 70 that we were asked to do. We provide service whenever possible. As I said, it is our goal to network and support what goes on in a positive manner in the Community."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And it probably means that staff of seven puts in some time outside of the typical job day."

**Ms. Harjo** said, "We don't have a typical job day. We start at 8:30 and work until 5:00, but it is not uncommon for us to have evening and weekends and we do that on a consistent basis. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful supportive staff that works very, very hard."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I just wanted to commend you on your accomplishments this year and obviously we are looking forward to the upcoming year and you're going to be a couple of thousand dollars short, but I love that spirit when you say services won't change and you'll be able to find that somewhere."

**Ms. Harjo** said, "Right, you know money has been cut back but to the point so far that it will not affect the amount of service we can provide and thank you for your support."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Helen, appreciate it. Other questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Marty. Thank you Helen. Next item please."

**G. BUREAU OF HEALTH SERVICES.**

- 1. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH-CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE GROUP HOME RESPITE BEDS FOR EMERGENCY SHORT-TERM PATIENTS HAVING SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS.**

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson** said, "Good morning Commissioners. This particular contract is a renewal of a contract that we have had for several years now. It has been very helpful. It allows us to have beds available, for example, for individuals who are coming back from the State Hospital and we need a couple of days to finalize living arrangements, or when there is some kind of crisis and we need a place for someone to be until that can be resolved. So they have been used and very helpful and I would recommend your approval."

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**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Deborah. Discussion on this item?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

- 2. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BRUCE J. KOUBA AND EDWARD J. HUND FOR SPACE AT 934 NORTH WATER TO HOUSE THE WOMEN'S ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT SERVICES PROGRAM, TO BE FUNDED BY THE WATS GRANT BUDGET.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, this is a renewal of our lease where we have our Women's Alcoholism Treatment Services Program (WATS). This space has worked very well for us and we're recommending your approval of the lease agreement."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Discussion on this item?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**3. AGREEMENT (1996 CITY SPECIAL LIQUOR TAX FUNDS) WITH CITY OF WICHITA TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,020 FOR WOMEN'S ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT SERVICES.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "This particular item is our on-going agreement for funding with the liquor tax dollars that we receive every year. I would be glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Debbie. Discussion? Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "I don't have any questions Debbie, it is definitely a well utilized amount of funding. I just want to brief the public once again on what the Women's Alcoholism Treatment Services program is. We've talked about it

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before but since we are funding or granting the funding on two instances, I just thought it would be appropriate to do that. Could you?"

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "A quick summary?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Yes."

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "The Women's Alcoholism Treatment Services Program was developed, because in the more traditional programs we were finding that women were not recovering at the same rate as men in the program and as we explored that we found that there were some special needs that were not being met. So this program was developed to meet those needs. There are many things that happen with women that are different than what happens with men who are going through their recovery and we found this to be very successful and I think we were one of the first programs in the State that spoke to this specific need and have received many referrals because we were unique in that regard. There were a lot of successes that were coming out of that."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Other questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin                      Aye

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Commissioner Paul W. Hancock Aye  
Commissioner Melody C. Miller Aye  
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters Aye  
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**4. CONTRACT (1996 CITY SPECIAL LIQUOR TAX FUNDS) WITH CITY OF WICHITA TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,100 FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "This particular contract is for our other addition program, the Addiction Treatment Services. This is on-going funding that we also receive from the liquor tax funds. This particular program is an out patient service. We serve quite a number of people through that program. We also have an intensive out patient program. Be glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, thank you. Discussion on this item?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin Aye  
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock Aye  
Commissioner Melody C. Miller Aye  
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters Aye  
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder Aye

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**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**5. NAME CHANGE FROM SEDGWICK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, this is an item we have worked on for months, or maybe a year, I'm not sure, but I think we have really struggled because everything that we have done has been under Sedgwick County Department of Mental Health, but yet we are licensed Community Mental Health Center, but we're also a licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse provider and we are also now the Community Developmental Disability organization and the one thing that all three of these areas have in common that we focused on are community care, community based services, to keep folks out of more intensive levels of care and also focus on more innovate non-traditional ways of providing those services.

"So that is why we finally came to recommend the new change of Comprehensive Community Care of Sedgwick County. We are also thinking that in terms of that name we can shorten it when people have to answer the phone to "COM Care", so they don't have to get all of this out. I would be glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Discussion on this item? Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. Debbie, I'm going to be support of this. I think you've chosen a good name here. One of the things though that I would hope that you could continue to do either on your letter, your stationary, in some manner, is to have that connection with Sedgwick County. There are a lot of providers of services in this area. A lot of them even have Sedgwick County in their names and for particularly new comers, like I was a couple of years ago, it becomes difficult to tell who the players are and what organizations you are associated with.

"So, as you develop that letterhead and those business cards, I hope that you can

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indicate and on the signs on the building, that clearly this is a part of the Sedgwick County organization, to set you apart from those private providers of services or those non-profit providers of services that are out there helping folks with disabilities and mental illness. Again, I think this is a good change. I hope we can concentrate on that though. Thank you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Other questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the name change.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "What was the shortened version on this?"

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "COM Care."

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

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Further discussion? If not, Clerk call the vote."

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thanks, Debbie. Next item please."

**H. WICHITA WINGS FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.**



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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Commissioners, this is an item that I asked brought to the bench and I have prepared a lovely half hour oration but my cold won't let me talk that long. I knew you'd be disappointed.

"I want to give you a little bit of history first on how we got to my request today. Seventeen seasons ago, the Wichita Wings organization was founded in this community and supported by loyal fans and partners and general partners who were community minded and also financially committed. In those early years, the losses were substantial and we had some partners with deep pockets who continued to fund the organization and kept it here. Over time, however, partners with deep pockets do dwindle and at the beginning of the 92-93 season, we saw a completely different approach to this organization. Stocks were offered and sold to individuals within the communities.

"Now this organization is owned by your neighbors and my neighbors and people who have been long time fans. At the time that occurred, there were a couple of changes. We had a contract written that was a three year contract between the County and this new organization and the Wings organization also started what they called an advisory board of which I am a member. The contract calls for the County, if the Wings lost money in their first season, that the County would contribute to help offset that loss in the amount not to exceed \$60,000 and so \$60,000 is allocated anticipating, of course, a loss. However, in 92-23 and in 93-34, the club operated in the black which was quite a feat. Those of us close to the club knew pretty early on that was not going to be the case in the 94-95 season.

"So several months ago, Roy Turner and the present General Manager of the Wings organization, Jerry Harrison, Assistant County Manager and I met to discuss anticipated losses and the contractual agreement. We indicated to Mr. Turner at that time that we could not make a commitment until we saw the final signed audited report indicating that we did have a loss and until we brought it before the Commission for discussion and consideration. On December 18, each of you received a memo from Mr. Harrison which included our Controller's opinion, his review of the final audited statement that the Wings did in fact have an operating loss of over \$100,000. Also, a note that there was an allocation of

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\$60,000 still available and a copy of the contract was also included.

"For your information, that loss was lowered somewhat because the MPSL office returned a \$25,000 fine amount that they had been holding against the Wings, so the loss is just slightly over \$80,000 as of today. I could have come to you I suppose and asked for an amount, because after the 92-93 season, no amount was specified. It says in our contract that each succeeding soccer season shall be reviewed annually and compensation therefore, if any, shall be determined. So I suppose if I had wanted to, I could come and ask the Board for us to cover the entire loss, however, I am asking today that we authorize the expenditure of the \$60,000 that has been allocated and kind of standing by, if you will, since 1992.

"The reason that I am asking for this is, I believe the County and the Coliseum has benefited from this organization's presence in this Community. I believe that the children of this Community have benefited. I think 17 years ago, when the Wings started, I know there was league soccer because my son played, but I don't believe any high school had a soccer team at that time. Because of the presence of a pro team, I think soccer has grown in this community and not only has it grown, but we boast Northwest High School is a current State soccer champion for boy's soccer. We have also had teams who, if not champions, then runner ups throughout the County. I believe it is a sport that will continue to thrive in our community.

"Secondly, I am asking us to live up to our contractual obligations. We did have a three year contract that ended with the 94-95 season. We continue to have one for the 95-96, but the amount has been lowered on the amount of our contribution. There have been questions as to whether or not the Wings organization will continue next year and I think those questions are yet to be answered. My request is not based on whether or not this team is able to continue next year, maybe its course has run. My request is that with the help of our funding, that the contract allows us to commit that they will be able to complete this season with dignity. Pay the players as they should and if this is the end, so be it, but at least it should be done in an orderly manner. I believe our contribution as our contract allows, will allow them to do that. I certainly hope they'll be back, but only time will time. But I am asking this morning for your approval of the expenditure of the \$60,000 amount as allowed by the contractual agreement with the Wings organization and

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as is currently allocated in our budget. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Alright. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Gwin, I know you may not have an answer to this, but in your opinion, if back in 1992, when this original contract was made, if this provision had not have been in the contract, would the Wings perhaps have considered not signing that three year contract? Was this an important part of that contract?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "It was very important, because I think it had to show a commitment to the people who were going to invest their money in stock, that there was someone else helping back them up if a loss was suffered. I think the organization may have folded at that time."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I am going to be supportive of this request and based on the fact that since 92-23 season we have had them in the Coliseum, being productive, being an important part of the community. I am sure the County has done all right by having them in that facility for the past three years, so thank you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Hancock."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'm going to be supportive also. I know a lot of folks out there that would look at this as not a very wise investment on behalf of the County. I have a couple of questions. It seems to me, remembering back to '89 or '90, that we developed a contract with them that was \$60,000 also, our commitment, but it seems to me that there were other entities that would kick in also and I believe the WI/SE organization and the City of Wichita were included in that contract. Is there any one else that can remember that?"

"No. Well, I think that was the case and I was just wondering why they were excluded from this second go around in '92. But as Tom has said, we've had amazingly good luck with the Wings. We have more than got this \$60,000 back

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over the years from their activity at the Coliseum. They've kept our seats full and they've kept a lot of folks entertained over the years. I think an overview of this, this has been a pretty inexpensive and a well paid back investment the County is about to make so I hope them good luck this year. I wish to see them back next year and with any luck they will be. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "By the way, I wish someone would check out that earlier contract, because I believe WI/SE and the City of Wichita were involved in that."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I kind of remember that too and my sense is that the involvement came as a result of the pressure and the general partners with the deep pockets that someone else help them carry the load, because they had been carrying that for a number of years and when the Wings organization changed to the MPSL there was a much lower salary cap. Salaries in the early years used to be hundreds of thousands of dollars for players. Now we have players playing for as little as \$500.

"So when the MPSL changed, the salary cap changed, the opportunity for the community to own this franchise came about, then it became very important for those potential stock owners to know there was somebody out there to back them up if something happened. For the first two years it was profitable, which was a revelation. I don't think that had ever happened. Last year was not a good year, they didn't have a good product, attendance was down, and so therefore, the loss occurred. I remember like you do. I think there were other people that were going to step forward too."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I think the amount was \$30,000 each if I recall. And we took on \$60,000 after that, but they came before us, so I don't know if that clause is still in effect but it might be interesting to check out."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And for your information, it depends on whether they

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continue or not, but the new contract negotiated has a \$25,000 cap for the County's contribution."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, further discussion on this item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the funding.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Before we go on to the next item, as a tradition, I always try to recognize former elected officials and today we have with us former County Commissioner Billy McCray and former County Register of Deeds, Bette McCart. Thank you for being here. Good to see you. Next item please."

- I. **RETENTION IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THREE POSITIONS INVOLVED WITH MAPPING; AND RESTORATION TO THE CLERK'S 1996 BUDGET OF MONIES TRANSFERRED TO THE GIS DEPARTMENT.**

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**Ms. Susan Crockett-Spoon**, County Clerk, said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I've presented each of you with a short memo about the retention of these three employees to the County Clerk's Office. I would recommend that you approve that and I am available for any questions if there are any."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, thank you Susan. Discussion on this item?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Susan, I would like to have you help me understand a little bit the cost effectiveness and we've got probably three major users of GIS in the County, your office, the Appraiser's Office, and Bureau of Public Services. Can you help me understand how this is going to be a cost effective manner to complete the project?"

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "It's not going to be any different than it has been for several years. We have worked together on this project, the same group of people for a number of years, I don't see that changing at all. We are not, I think some people think we're mapping the same things, we are not. The same people who have been doing both the Clerk's mapping and working toward GIS are still going to be doing the same thing. I think it is a minor change of moving those people back into our office until we get most of the information, or a great deal of the information about GIS into the computers which it is not right now. It will be a while before that happens."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I guess I still feel a little unclear about what is the best thing to do. You know that I really think that you've been doing an outstanding job in the Clerk's Office and I have an occasion to talk to Sheriff Hill quite a little bit, other than that, I probably communicate with you as much as any other elected official I talk to. I know that you and I probably spent at least three meetings where we talked about this for about 35 or 40 minutes at each of these meetings and what I was still really trying to think about and want to consider and deal with this newly created GIS Department in the same manner that we've set up to deal with the Coroner's Office and the 911 Emergency Communication. And in each of those cases we have an advisory committee made up of really the principal user."

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"In the 911 situation, all of those people are involved in emergency communications including the Sheriff, the Chief of Police from the City, Fire, EMS, all of those people work together in an over site advisory position to make sure that works and that's the way the system is set up with the Coroner's Office, to make sure that things that come out of the Coroner's Office meet the needs of the District Attorney, law enforcement, the courts, all of those people that have a stake in it can feel that need to make sure that what they have come out of there is correct. "That was kind of the vision that I had for GIS, is that, I know that our County Engineer, David Spears is going to have a big stake in that project. The Appraiser's Office is going to have a big stake in that process of information from that system and you're going to have a big stake in that process. So what my immediate reaction would be is that it would seem like it would be much more cost efficient if all of those departments would concentrate their resources together and then still have the oversight of the principal users of the system.

"I guess the question that I could be convinced of this morning that we could go for a period of time before we would do that, putting them all together and I'm not sure in my mind I really know exactly where we are in the time line process of GIS. I know we're at the very beginning, but I'm not sure how important it is that we get all of this consolidated this month, but I am confident that some time, six months, nine months, a year from now, it's going to be important that this whole team concept be working on GIS. And right now, you know as well as you and I get along, I'm afraid this is one that I might disagree with you and I'm not certain that we're doing the most cost effective thing. Now if somebody can help me see this is the most cost effective, then I could think about that.

"The only other suggestion I would have is if there is a way we could postpone this for two weeks again to really take a clear look at it, maybe I would learn some things that would help me be supportive. But right now, it just looks to me like this whole group of folks needs to be working together with one supervisor. I know we have a new guy that was introduced two weeks ago, Scott McBride, he's going to be the Director of the GIS so I'm still having some difficulty."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "Let me point out that budgetarily, absolutely nothing is going to increase, we're simply making a transfer. The amount that it costs to run all twelve of those mappers is identically the same. The second point is that

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group of twelve people who are mappers have for the last, well three years since I've been here, and I don't know how many years before me, worked together as a team. They've always worked together as a team, no matter which department they were in.

"The very fact that the information they need happens to be in my office is the reason they are there. But they've always worked as a team, shared equipment and everything, information and all that. They've always shared that, so they've always had that team concept, those things have been happening and I don't see any change at all in those two things. I believe it will go on right the way it is. One other thing I might point out. Not everything our mappers do in my office is related to GIS.

"We are charged with preservation of land records in the County and not everything that we do goes into GIS. A great deal of it does and the information they collect and be sure it is correct, accurate and timely will go in there. But some of the information that we are charged with keeping in perpetuity for the County is not part of the GIS system, it is the current information we put in there. So we still have those functions, whether we have a GIS or not, that is still part of what our mapping staff does."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay thanks. The last thing that I want to share with you is not necessarily in a question form, but in one of the memos that I received from you late last night, we were visiting about the concerns of your availability to deliver service to your customers, the folks that need your services, the people that come to your department looking for whatever it is. All the people if they're going to start a new subdivision or development and want to know where the property boundaries are, they usually start with you. I would be absolutely willing to work towards, no matter what the system was, if we have a different GIS Department that you clearly have all the resources you need to fulfill the requests of the people that come to you. If you are in a system now of providing information to whoever it may be, I would not want that to change. I would want you to have every resource, every map, every plot, every thing that was there for you to make sure that customer, that tax payer, whoever, receives the information that they've been receiving now. So I would certainly agree with you that it's an important fact that a lot of people know where to go get their information. They've been doing it for forty years as you mention and I wouldn't want to change that. That's all I have



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right now Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Hancock."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "My biggest difficulty with this was, I was trying to figure out what the two departments are going to look like when we get done making this reversal and I have here on my desk and I thought it was pretty important to bring with me today, and that was a copy of our budget for 1996. In it is a staffing detail of GIS Department and I'm curious folks, just exactly who are we sending back here?"

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "You mean in terms of the descriptions?"

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Yes, we have two Fiscal Associates, four Digitizers..."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "One of the Fiscal Associates. One of our mapper's job title is Fiscal Associate."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "We have one Administrative Assistant."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "That's one of ours too."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "We have one Mapping Technician."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "That's ours."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "That's the three?"

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "And the Senior Digitizer, the GIS Analyst, there's three Senior Digitizers, one GIS Analyst would have to stay there, one Mapping Supervisor would stay there."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "Yes."

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**Commissioner Hancock** said, "So the rest of them would stay there?"

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Okay, the question is, after we take these folks out of there, what does that do to the future of this department. Obviously, we felt like we needed those folks to create this new department this year and will they have to be replaced if they leave with someone else?"

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "If we were going to physically take them out of the mapping department they might have to be replaced, they are not going to be physically removed and I think our plan, having talked to Scott pretty extensively the last couple of days, is that they would continue to do what they've been doing, which is to work with the GIS along with everyone else. We have both, in the last year, been working with what it is that we're supposed to do, plus working to create a GIS and I don't see that changing at all. That will continue, those people will stay in the same seats they are in now which is where they've been for many years, with the same people doing the same thing, which is working on the GIS. At the same time, we are doing both the Clerk and the Appraiser's work until such time as the whole GIS system is entered into the computer system and is useable, and that will be a while."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "So in actual practice, nothing changes."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "Not really."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "So what's the point folks? I don't get it. I think I understand now what the question is. If they're going to do precisely the same thing what makes the difference who they work for?"

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "Because in my department, those three mappers have things to do that are not totally GIS and I feel responsible for the fact that those things need to continue."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "You feel that they wouldn't do those if they work for Scott?"

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**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "I don't know. That is a total GIS Department."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Why isn't Scott here today?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "We can get him if you'd like."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "It seems to me his opinion as to how this is going to work is pretty important in the question of what we're going to do here."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "We had a couple of long visits about it, but I have no idea."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I agree with Tom. I think that we probably ought to defer this for a couple of weeks. For me at least, I need to understand what the departments are going to look like when we get done and I really don't care who they work for as long as the job gets done and I haven't heard Scott McBride concur that this is a good idea and I don't know. I do know this, a long time ago Commissioner Schroeder and I went to Palisade, New York, and spent one of the most boring weeks that I could ever think about spending and one of the things we learned about was GIS and brought it back and we've been interested in this ever since. We finally got it on the road and I'd hate to hamstring that department right off. I want to guarantee success."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "Let me point out that when I came here three years ago, I am not tech, I'm a social science person, I'm not a tech, and I knew very little about GIS except it was used in the real estate profession in some other communities and I also kind of got bitten by the bug and began pushing. So my commitment is to a quality GIS program for our County, and I think we have the ability and the geographic location and lots of other things that we would be one of the top GIS's in the whole midwest and I think that is where we'll end up. I have some things in my office I want to be sure get the same top quality service that GIS does, but I think eventually we will end up as one group, which is what we're doing now in essence. I think that is the way we'll end up as one group with a quality GIS program. That's going to be some years down the road until it is all completed."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Okay. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

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**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Miller?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Susan, I have a couple of questions and I'll preface with a statement. First of all, I believe you to be a team player. I think you've shown that and in some discussions I've had with you early on when we began exploring about GIS and then being able to consolidate a number of individuals with a certain level of expertise in different arenas to form this GIS Department. You were one that was consistently saying that you wanted to see this happen. That you believed that if indeed it did occur that it would be nothing but a positive for Sedgwick County, so I believe you to be a team player. What I would like to hear from you is what is the driving force for those mappers to remain up under your scope as a Clerk, an elected official with statutorial duties that are defined in our State statutes. What is the driving force? I'd also like to hear, I continue to hear you say that this is going to take some time to gel, it's a new concept, we're just in the process of putting some pieces together and I thought I heard you say early on and didn't jot it down, that this could change, where your mappers are now could change when we get the most information regarding mapping on the computer and are actually up and running into a true GIS Department and in the meantime, it sounds as though you feel that those mappers are obviously doing it right now. They're able to jump over the line and work within another department and work side by side with individuals that are doing like duties and they will work for another director, but yet statutorily it appears as though you would want them to remain in your department for X, Y, and Z reason. Can you elaborate on that for us?"

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "Let me talk first about what they are currently doing at this point and I think the one phrase here that nobody would disagree with is that this GIS is changing, not even on a daily basis any more, but on an hourly basis. As it is growing and being developed, that's the one constant in the program is that it changes every week or so. We went through several revisions of a contract, because the situation changed and what we were able to do and could afford to do, it all changed.

"So it is a changing thing on a daily basis. That's been true for the three years when we first started doing this. Both departments had their work to do that they do for the Appraiser, mapping the ownership parcels, and for us, mapping plats

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and taxing district maps and things like that, but we all began at the same time working toward wanting to do a GIS. We kind of started first with the simple idea that it was a whale of a busy real estate season, there was no way we could hand draw plats any longer and not be two or three years behind, there was no way, in January of 1993. So our first goal that kind of led into the GIS was we have to be able to digitally, with a computer, take these plats and click them into our maps, because we can't hire enough people to hand draw them, and that was how it got started. We have worked with that the last three years and it's grown and evolved into what is going to be a full fledged GIS.

"At this point, the contract that we've worked out with our vendors, a portion of the County, they're going to do that, then after they finish that project, we are learning along with them as they do that, they are teaching us how to do it and we will complete the County. We've made guesses, they've made guesses, I don't know how long it will take, a year or two maybe to get all the information into that computer so that the GIS is actually usable by all of us at that time. We'll have a part of it in six, nine months, a year, I really don't know how long, we're learning that as we go along. At the same time that we are doing that, we still have functions that we have to do that we provide that may or may not be part of the GIS. It may be, it may not. Our preservation functions are probably not going to be preserved in the GIS. That's not at this point legal to do it in a computer fashion, it's a paper thing at this point. We maybe put it in, print it out, then we have to do it by hand or something. Our preservation function is not going to be done at this point in time on the GIS, it can't be, the State doesn't allow that.

"I think that brings us to your second question and the other one was the driving force of the mappers and I think their driving force, it's just like everyone else in there, they want a quality GIS program. The material and information that we are gathering, keeping, and putting together at this point, some of it will eventually go into the GIS and I think they are as committed as I am to be sure that the information down the road when we get ready to integrate everything, is going to be accurate, timely, and correct information. A couple of the most important things about a GIS is the information needs to be accurate, timely, and updated regularly. We still have to perform those functions, and I don't want that to get lost in the shuffle and neither do they."

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**Commissioner Miller** said, "That does shed some light on some cloudy area I have. I happen to feel that by deferring this action or the recommended action that I'm not sure that would be in the best interest of the GIS Department for one. Secondly, I happen to believe that we have the information at our ears length right now and at our finger tips to make this decision, so I am hopeful that we will be able to give a decision on this today. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Susan I'm sorry I had to leave with a coughing fit when you were making your presentation. I guess my first question would be, these individuals were to be under a new GIS Department and were approved as such when we approved our budget. What's happened in your thinking between when we approved our budget and today? What made you change your mind, because I think if you didn't agree with that, you would have stopped us in the budget cycle and said wait a minute, this isn't going to work."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "A couple of very mundane points, number one, my anticipation is that it would work that way. A couple of things happened in the interim that made me think it might not work that smoothly. Remember, we're learning something about GIS every single day about what goes into it and what it's going to take on our part and what it is going to take on the vendor's part. Some of those things changed as it did the whole year that we've been working on this. Every time we sat down to a meeting it seemed like it wasn't the same meeting we were in the last time, but that's just how fast the technology works and how much we were learning at that time and we'd stop and alter and change. So some of those things changed."

"The other thing, quite mundane, but quite true, that I had some surgery this summer and I simply wasn't there for a small period of time when some of the things were done, so when I came back it wasn't exactly the way I thought we were going to do it and I was really concerned about whether or not the upkeep of the information that we normally do has to go into GIS and which we have to do permanently is going to be there. It was really quite that mundane, just missing some time in August I think and that's when the budget I think was done. I simply

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wasn't here for a good part of that month."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you Susan. I also have some similar concerns that I think if I'm going to make a decision that's going to affect a department head and his or her department I would certainly expect that department head to make him or herself available to answer questions. Since Mr. McBride is not here today, I don't know that I'm going to be comfortable making a decision until I have the opportunity to hear his side. He may tell me some of the same things that Ms. Crockett-Spoon does. He may have a completely different opinion of what the impact of this is, but I'm disappointed that he's not here this morning. I'm surprised that he's not here and I'm not prepared to make a decision until I have an opportunity to hear what he believes the impact of this change will be on his department. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Susan, I haven't heard from any department heads that said that they couldn't count on you to get the job done that needed to be done and I'm glad to hear that. They've all said that they can work with you and expect that you will provide whatever information they need in a timely manner. I have not heard that from anybody. This is a very flexible organization as we all know and we've done a lot of things the last few years that are probably outside the norm because of our capabilities and our flexibility to do different things."

"It sounds like to me from the memo that I received from the Manager, that he's concerned that his department won't get the information in a timely manner, you're concerned that you won't get the information you need outside of GIS from those individuals, so I think it just comes down to a matter of trust and I'm kind of like Commissioner Hancock, it really doesn't matter who does it as long as it gets done. But your point is what's kind of throwing me in your direction, is that you have things that need to be done by those people. They don't have anything other than GIS functions to be done for their department."

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**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "One thing, I don't feel that it's a matter of trust, I think it's a matter of creating something that we're all green as grass about except for one or two people and our vendor and I don't really think it's a matter of trust. I think maybe it's a different way of looking at it and some feeling that we want to be sure that what we contribute is accurate and solid, but I haven't gotten any personal feeling that it's a matter of trust."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "I'm sorry, maybe it was a bad choice of words, but what I read in the memo was that they were concerned they would not get the information in a timely manner when they needed it. As a matter of fact, whenever you had time, you would provide the information to GIS, that's what the memo was that I saw. And that was a concern, so bad choice of words. What I am suggesting is that, and I would like Scott McBride to be here too, I'm surprised he's not, but maybe we need to look at a trial basis for six months. I think this organization has done that in many ways in other departments. If we could try it, where these individuals would remain with you for a six month period, if it doesn't work, we'll all know it doesn't work. And that's not going to devastate the organization I don't think. But I have a feeling that we're going to find out it will work, but it will be more convenient I'm sure to have everybody in the GIS Department, but at the same time, I think that they would be able to accomplish their task and you would be able to accomplish your task under the organization as you see it."

"So I'm just making a suggestion Commissioners that we try it for six months and if it doesn't work, we come back and take a look at it and then we'll know for sure. Here we're sitting here trying to make judgements on something we really don't know. Tom says he's not sure if it's the most efficient way to do it. Let's try it and see if it is or isn't."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "One of the things that may impact that decision, it's just like the creation of the GIS from day one, is what we learn and where we are three months, six months, a year down the road. That has been changed a number of times and I think as our staff, all the mappers up there learn to do this, three



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months, six months, nine months down the road, we may know what we're capable of doing and have a sense of how long it will take us to get the initial information into the computers."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "This is obviously going to be a learning process for all of us and we'll find out in a short period of time, probably less than six months how well it's going to work or not going to work and I don't think any of us are afraid to bring it back to the bench if we see this isn't working and I don't think you would be afraid to do that. From my understanding of what you see the mission of this department and what you've done here since you've been here is very reflective of the quality that comes out of that Department."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "My ultimate goal, Mr. Chairman, is a quality GIS program and I think the major users are probably going to be David Spears and the Public Works department and I think they need it, but as a realtor, and as a past teacher, and a social worker, there are things that the GIS Department can answer for us that we can't answer without the pictures that those different layers of information that we will have will be able to tell us. I see it as something the school system can use, lay out bus routes, project social-economic groups, kids, it just has things that once we get it all together will just, well it certainly excites an old teacher and I know we've talked about, there are some things in terms of the school system that are incredible.

"So my ultimate goal is to have a real quality GIS. I probably would want to take it a little further than what the County would in terms of using it for Public Works and these kind of things and share it with the rest of the citizens in the community in terms of the school system, WSU and some other places like that. Because we're going to be able to do studies very quickly and information gather that we haven't been able to do in the past. We've got the information here to do it, we just don't have a method that we can present it and do it, so please try to keep in mind that my ultimate goal is to have that and probably to have more than what the current people working in GIS are thinking we want to have."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay. Two quick questions then. Is there any

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duplication of effort if it is done in the manner in which you're asking?"

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "I don't see it as any. We don't really map and collect the same information at this point."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Is there any additional cost to do it in the method that you are asking us to do today?"

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "No. The same people, the same amount of money."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Susan. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. Mr. Chairman, thinking about this six month proposal that you've made, and I think I might be able to support that. One of the things I would have to see though and that is to make sure that GIS does not hire three mappers to replace these three. I would want to make that kind of limit on it that we need to look at it in three months to see what is happening. My suggestion though would be, and I just throw this out as you did, is if in maybe three or four weeks we would ask that Scott McBride, as the director of this department come back and share with us how he will address every one of these concerns that the Clerk has concerns about.

"How is he going to address the legal responsibilities, how is he going to address the customer service responsibilities, how will we address the requirements that the Clerk's mappers have that aren't related to GIS, in a real detailed plan and have that back in three or four weeks. So I am going to say that would be my offer as a suggestion of what we might do, but I could probably support yours as long as we were clear that we are not hiring any other people in the six month time period."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "If we hired them, they would have to hang on a hook somewhere. There is no more space, absolutely none."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "I wouldn't be in favor of doing a six month trial and hiring people either, that wouldn't make any sense because that would be a duplication. Commissioner Miller."

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**Commissioner Miller** said, "Just in response to the trial basis, I have no problem with that and I'm hopeful that we will actually make a determining decision here. Correct me if I'm wrong, a trial basis? Aren't these mappers basically doing the job right now with the exception of being under the helm of the newly appointed director, Scott McBride? So that would be the very difference is to understand and I agree with you Commissioner Winters that Scott McBride does need to be able to look at each of these concerns here that our Clerk, Susan Crockett-Spoon has, and respond to them from a director position because he will be at the helm of that newly created position and department. But I don't believe there is repetition, I don't believe there is duplication. I believe these mappers are basically doing what they're going to be doing right now and a trial basis needs to be somewhat defined in terms of what we are looking for during that trial basis because I think it is going on right now, except for under the helm of Scott McBride."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "We have in six months, or if the vendor has completed his portion of the project that he is doing and we are on our own at that point with their assistance, doing the rest of the County, if in six months that's true, we will have a much better concept that we have right now about where things are headed and how they are going to shake out. How much time is it going to take us to do all of this?"

"How long will we end up having to maintain services in three areas, what we're each doing now plus the GIS? The more quickly the mapping staff catches on and is able to finish out the rest of the County, and then there are a couple of other projects of things that we left off purely because of cost that we thought our mappers could learn to do but they are things that we use all the time in mapping. As soon as we get to the point where we are actually doing that, everybody will have a much better concept of how long this process is going to take and how long it will take down to where we are using GIS for all the mapping questions we are using now."

"Right now, I don't think we know. The vendor is doing it. We're working with them, they're sharing stuff with us, we're learning, but we've not been turned loose yet to actually do with the rest of the County what they're doing in a project area of the County. So it kind of depends on where we are six months from now. If the vendor is gone, we could have some much better sense about where things are."

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**Commissioner Miller** said, "Understood. Thank you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. Is there someone else here in the room who can help me confirm what Susan is saying that the idea that if we wait six months we'll know a lot more and it won't throw us off course in this really brand new created office? And I look to the Manager, Bill Buchanan, or Bob Rogers or Jerry Frantz, the Appraiser is here, or David Spears. Does anybody have an idea whether a six month, I think we're getting real close to thinking that six months delay in this process, putting it back for six months might be a workable process, but will that really delay the GIS process any if we take Chairman Schroeder's recommendation?"

**Mr. Jerry Frantz**, said, "I would say that in all probability that this is not going to delay the GIS process. I do believe, however, that it is something that needs to be done. Our contractor, M. J. Harden, Property Valuation Division of the State, have both recommended, as a matter of fact the ILL on a study they did for this County in 1992.

"They also recommended the consolidation of all mapping operations. The other four major large counties in the State of Kansas have all their mapping consolidated in one area and I believe it is very much to our advantage to do that, whether we wait six months or we do it now, I think it's going to have to be done eventually. It is pretty much standard operating procedure in this industry to consolidate all mapping operations particularly of a GIS operation. It makes absolutely no sense whatsoever to have any kind of mapping operation separated in any way from the GIS, so ultimately it's going to have to be done, now or later. But as far as the question of waiting for six months, I don't think it is going to have any negative impact to wait for six months."

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

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "I guess I need to clarify that I am not suggesting that we just wait six months and then do it. I'm suggesting that we take a six month period and see if it works this way and if it does, fine, and if it doesn't, we need to fix it."

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**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "I would like to ditto that."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Good clarification."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "And I want to make sure that we're not duplicating or that there's extra cost or the information isn't coming out in a timely manner. Those are the kinds of things that I'm going to be looking at that I saw were a concern in the memo. And I want to make sure that those are covered and that's all I'm suggesting Commissioners. That maybe we take six months and give her the benefit of the doubt and goodness gracious, if it doesn't work Susie, you know we're going to have to change it. I'm just trying to be fair about this and give everybody the benefit of the doubt in this process."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "If we did move these people back for six months, then I would assume that would give, we've been talking about Scott McBride here, he's a brand new department head, I guess that would give him time at the end of that period to say Commissioners, this is how we can make this work with these mappers under the Clerk or here's how I recommend we make this work without them."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Right. He may see that it doesn't work and he may see that it does. I think that gives everybody time to see how this department really is going to work and how it will work together."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "Well, we have a few pluses. It's worked together fairly well in the last three years without a director and we've all kind of pulled together as a team and made it work, so it certainly ought to work a whole lot better with a director."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "And I would hope Susan, that if the time comes if we do vote to do something like this, that you will be very supportive of coming back and doing it the right way because we're seeing that we're having some problems."

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I would hope that we would get your support in that process. I know that is hard for you to answer."

**Ms. Crockett-Spoon** said, "Let's see what the situation is in six months."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Alright, very good."

#### **MOTION**

Chairman Schroeder moved to approve retention of employees in the Clerk's Office and restoration of monies to the Clerk's 1996 Budget and review it in six months to see if the process is working in that fashion.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Discussion?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "The review will happen in six months?"

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "In six months."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Yes, I do have some questions for the Counsel. Mr Plummer?"

**Mr. Stephen Plummer**, County Counselor, said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Who will, do we need to know to know at this time who will be and what will be the criteria as to whether or not this works? Will we as the governing body, the Director, Scott McBride, or are we just leaving that undone?"

**Mr. Plummer** said, "Well no, you are the governing body, it will be at your discretion to decide what was working and what wasn't."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "So ultimately, we'll simply make that decision with the input."

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**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Yes, that's exactly what I'm recommending. If Scott comes back and says no, it's not working, if Susan comes back and says yes it could work better another way, Jerry Frantz, David Spears, I don't care who it is, if they come back with recommendations to form a better department, I think that's what we need to look at and consider."

**Mr. Plummer** said, "I'm a bit confused, are you shifting these employees for six months or are you shifting them for the budget year but you're going to look at it and consider shifting them back in six months? I think that is Commissioner Hancock's question. Is this a six month deal?"

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I think you're trying to shift them for the year and with a promise from somebody that we're going to review it for reconsideration in six months."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "That's what I said when I amended it and I hope I made it clear, maybe I didn't."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Are we not shifting them until we make further recommendation. To me it's open as to how long they are going to be there now, we didn't put a time limit on how long they are going to be there. We're shifting them back."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Yes, for the 1996 budget year."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "But it will be up for review within six months."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Correct."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Mr. Plummer do you have a comment?"

**Mr. Plummer** said, "No, I wasn't entirely clear what we were doing, I think I am clear now."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Commissioner Gwin."

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm going to vote against the Motion for a couple of reasons. I believe that I still have not heard from Mr. McBride and would not be comfortable voting until I visit with him about it. And I am sure that in the budget process, we had lots of discussion about this department and what this department was going to need and I am just not comfortable at this time making a change so I'll be voting against it."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Hancock."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I am not going to support the Motion either Mr. Chairman. I have not heard from anyone in this room tell me today that anything would be any different any other way. Susan herself said that things are going along fine and I don't understand what the problem is here."

"The problem to me has not been defined, other than who they work for and we went through a budget process with careful consideration I thought about this new department and there were agreements made. Susan said there have been changes in GIS since then, but at the same time everyone said everything is just fine. So what's the problem. I don't think we've defined that and that's why I think Scott McBride should be here to tell us if there is a problem or he thinks there might be one if we leave things the way they are or if he perceives any problems associated with the Department if we make these changes that have been requested today. So I can't support the Motion."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Other questions or comments? If not, Clerk call the vote."

#### VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	No
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	No
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	No
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye



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**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Motion fails for a lack of majority. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm not ready to make this a motion yet, but I would like to consider that we request that Scott McBride come back to us in four weeks and give us a detailed report about how his office is going to address all of the concerns that our Clerk, Susan Crockett-Spoon has, and that he tell us how he is going to be able to work with these mappers to make sure that if there is work that needs to be done that they fulfill the Clerk's requirements that it gets done. How he is going to ensure that the Clerk will have all the resources necessary to meet the requests of the customers that come to her office."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "If he can't do what they need, then what would be your next step?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "That's a good question."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Do we just leave it?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I think the thing that I'm trying to come to in my mind is that this newly created GIS Department can meet the requirements that the Clerk's Office has and that the information that is needed to be distributed to the taxpayers and the public, the requirements that will come out of that GIS Department will fit those needs just as they will fit the needs of David Spears, the Engineer, when David eventually needs to know where all the utilities are in a certain section of the County, he's going to want that information and in a form that he can use. I guess we have a new director here and it maybe is kind of putting him on the post.

"I think if he would have been here today it still would have put him on the post to come up with a clear idea that we could really look and analyze what his projects are in relationship to the Clerk's Office. But that's a good question Mr. Chairman, if the Clerk and he can't agree on that in four weeks, I don't know what the solution is again, but I think right now the direction of the Commission is to forge ahead with the process that we planned on in the last budget season which was in August of

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1995 and now so far the Board hasn't seen fit to change that direction, but I'm just wanting to try to accommodate the Clerk to make sure that information that she is concerned about is available to her."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Very good. Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "With all due respect to Commissioner Winters, I believe that is somewhat the crux of the issue here. I believe that the Clerk, Susan Crockett-Spoon has clearly stated that there are some duties that are simply not dual duties, that the GIS department would be doing ultimately when it is at its peak capacity, that are indeed endowed upon the Clerk's Department, her actual office and to ask Scott McBride to address those concerns to me would more or less be broadening the scope of GIS, which if I understand, it's going to primarily be GIS and to me that is probably just the crux of the issue here, is where is the division, and I believe Ms. Crockett-Spoon was trying to make that clear that there are dual responsibilities for those mappers that she is wanting to come back into her department fiscally, not physically. Physically, they can float anywhere and perform whatever duties and expertise but fiscally, responsibility wise, to be able to come back into her department. Just a commentary. Thank you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Commissioner Hancock."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. I think the question asked was what are you going to do if you get an unsatisfactory report. Come four weeks and I tell you what I'm going to do, I'll turn these folks over to Susan and away she can go. I don't have any problem doing that. In spite of what Mr. Bartel says, this is not a political issue, this is just a plain old down right common sense issue of what works best for the County. That's how I feel about it and I don't want to make this a political issue, so hear me very well out there. I want it to be successful, but I also have things in mind for this County and one of them is GIS and I want it to be successful and I don't want to cripple it right off and I want to give it an opportunity to succeed and it doesn't seem like we're doing it. If I'm not happy with the answers that Scott McBride can give me and I'm not happy about with what I'm hearing from Susan as a result of some of this then turn the folks back over to her and away we'll go. We'll try it again later, I have no problem with that."

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"GIS is designed to serve everybody. It is not designed just to serve GIS, it is a service department that we have created to provide services to everyone in this County who needs mapping done and that is it. And it's like Susan, her mission here is to provide mapping for a number of reasons here in the County and that's good. The statute does not say she has to have the mappers working for her. She has to have them done and completed according to statute and so we created a department to assist her and to perform those functions and all types of mapping for a number of different departments and provide all kinds of maps and provide that service to Susan.

"Folks are literally sitting in the same chairs they were before, the same space, doing primarily the same function, but with a little bit different mission and I don't hear anybody telling me this isn't going to work. I don't hear anybody giving me any definitive information that this is going to fail. This seems to me like a suspicion that it might and if it does and if we can't get confirmation that it is going to work in four weeks which is a short time, fine. The Clerk can have these three people and we'll go on down the road."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Mr. Chairman, I agree with Commissioner Hancock and the fact is that I want to do all that I can to make the Clerk, Susan Crockett-Spoon complete her job successfully."

#### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved that Scott McBride, Director, GIS bring a report to the Board of County Commissioners in four weeks detailing how he and his department will address each concern that Susan Crockett-Spoon has expressed regarding the transfer of three mappers.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion.

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Discussion? Four weeks, do you think that's enough time to see how it is going to work or not, because maybe they don't know what the problems or concerns will be, maybe we ought to take 60 to 90 days to look at it

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so he can have more to review it. I don't think in four weeks they are going to know much of anything?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I really wasn't making it in terms of looking at how it is going to work, I was looking at a report that the Clerk is going to know how her concerns are going to be addressed and how it is going to work long term, we'll review again as through the year's budget process or some time through the year we'll be looking at that question."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Do you want to come back in six months and look at how the whole process is working?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I think we could clearly do that and particularly if we have an advisory committee in place. I mean if there is something not happening that the advisory committee needs to have happening, I'm sure we'll hear about it. Just as if there is a problem in 911 dispatch situation, if one of the departments that is using that has a problem, we hear about that."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Sure that's fine, okay, let's forget it. Further discussion? Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "If Mr. McBride does not have a vision of what his department's responsibilities are, then obviously we have a problem. If Mr. McBride can't systematically set down and answer or address concerns as to how his department is going to fulfill all of its responsibilities to whomever then we have a problem. I am not going to be very happy if he can't answer those concerns and if he can't and if some of the concerns get an 'I don't know' answer, then obviously it is going to make me look at that department differently. I have no problem asking or with Commissioner Winters motion. I seconded it for discussion purposes so I could listen to some of the discussion, but I have no problem asking him to come and talk to us."

"As I said before, I thought during the budget process that these questions had been answered. I assumed that they had and I also assumed that the people who were the stakeholder in this new GIS system were helping to create it to assure

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success. I'm not very happy at this moment because that security, the assuredness that I felt earlier is leaving me, but I'm going to support Commissioner Winter's motion because I think not only does Mr. McBride need to be able to answer some questions some have occurred to me that I think I'm going to need to ask. Thank you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Tom do you want to restate the Motion?"

**MOTION**

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Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Further discussion? If not, Clerk call the vote."

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Jerry did you have something you wanted to say?"

**Mr. Gerald Frantz**, County Appraiser, said, "As a member of the Advisory Committee for the GIS and also as a County Appraiser, certainly our department has a vested interest in the success of this GIS so I will give you my personal guarantee along with Bob Rogers and the other members of that Advisory Committee that you will get exactly what you need in that four week period. I will

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also guarantee you that this GIS is going to work. I am addressing your concern, Commissioner Gwin, you have no reason whatsoever to be concerned about the success of the GIS. It is going to be successful. The Clerk has been involved in the planning of this, she's been a very major part in the planning of this whole process. She will continue to be a major part in the GIS process as a member of that Advisory Committee and a major stakeholder in the GIS. This thing is going to work and it is going to work the way that it is put together right now and I'll give you my personal guarantee for whatever that is worth."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thanks Jerry. Next item please."

#### **J. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.**

**Dr. Larry Jecha**, Director/Health Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you is our November monthly report for the Health Department. City Council during the month of November approved the North Industrial Corridor agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and designated taking this out of the super fund site and do it in a similar fashion as the Gilbert-Mosley. This has gone all the way up and it is ready to be put on the federal register, although as you know, there's been a delay in publishing the federal register because of the close down of the government. So there may be a little delay in there, but it is going along very nicely.

"The Air Pollution Index was excellent for November. We bring that up. We do meet the highest category usually of excellent and this is good not only for the health of the citizens, but it is an incentive for attracting new businesses to the area. It's nice to know that we are still obtaining good ratings in the air pollution index.

"Mid-Continent Recycling located south of Pawnee and West Street continues to shred tires at a fairly good rate. There were a million tires out there and there's only about a hundred thousand left. Unfortunately, the market opportunities aren't quite as great as we had thought and still a lot of those are on the site, they're shredded though now instead of whole tires. Lack of markets for processed tire material and lack of effective use of tire fund money in other parts of the State is

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sure to make the "waste tire fund" a topic of debate in the upcoming legislative session. We've just had, a couple of weeks ago, KDHE come and look at our program and we're doing fine in our area and hopefully we can continue this program but I think there will be some action probably at the legislative level. We'll just have to keep our eyes open and see what happens in that area.

"The mobile waste oil collection trailer was taken to two neighborhood clean-up programs organized by Wichita State University volunteers in conjunction with our staff. It was extremely successful with over 1,500 gallons of waste oil collected. It is nice to be able to work in conjunction with other agencies and do these kinds of community projects.

"The Children's Dental Clinic is mainly a preventive program but occasionally we can use our services to get people in need in to see dental services. An example was a child that had a large cyst in the sinus area and displaced several permanent teeth. We were able to make special arrangements for oral surgery for these individuals, so we do that type of case management in our Dental Clinic.

"We're still shooting for the February Molardrama as we have every year. We have a \$500 donation from Wichita Employees Friendship Fund. We're still looking for about \$400 more to provide the dental floss we'll need for those 5,000 second graders. So that's an event we always look forward to.

"The demand for flu and pneumonia shots was large in November as you know and we did a lot of sites throughout the County and I think we are serving our clientele out there very well as far as providing immunizations.

"Our prevention of prematurity program mentions that this is one to identify high risk women to prevent pre-term labor and this went very well. We had 24 in the November program, 27 were screened. Four women reported for early pre-term labor systems were treated and stopped. Just these four alone, saving 6½ weeks of gestation saves about \$205,000 in prenatal infant costs. These are the kinds of programs that we feel are very successful, we like to publish a little bit so people know we are doing good things out there in preventing high costs of our health

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dollars.

"The Children's Primary Care Clinic increased a lot in November. I think this was due to the massive viruses that we were seeing during the month and it is doing well and this is the program that is in conjunction with the KU Medical Center in the evening.

"The only other thing I'd like to mention, as you know, we're going to feel some crunch with different budgets, you see less federal and maybe less State spending. We've just realized that the State is no longer going to provide any video support or pamphlet support for any of the agencies in the State so they're out of that business. It's just one of those things for which we'll have to find other avenues. It's costly to us. I think that is just the beginning of some of the things we'll see on down the road.

"With that, I open up for questions."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you Doctor. Questions? Comments?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Just briefly Doctor. How will that, just as an example when you say no video, impact us?"

**Dr. Jecha** said, "We have our own video department and most of those education pamphlets for our patients and clients and everything. We have about 50 of those. Of course, more departments pamphlets. We do in house and we're a large health department, we can do that. Some of the small health departments can't. We have about 50 that we do get. Tuberculosis that we don't use massive numbers of, we just use a few and some of the cases we only need a video once a year, it is nice to have someone at a central level purchase that, it may be a \$1,000 video, instead of all the health departments in the state having to purchase that when you only use it once a year. So those are the kind of things that affect it.

"There are other forms I think they won't have to provide. It would have a major impact if they quit providing the WIC forms. It is federally mandated that they do and I don't have a reading on that, but it would cost us about \$29,000 only in WIC program. Hopefully at least they will have to provide those types of forms."



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**Commissioner Miller** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Other questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thanks Doctor. Next item please."

- K. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH ASPHALT CONSTRUCTION CO. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 622-1 THROUGH 9; OLD U.S. 54 BETWEEN 263RD STREET WEST AND THE KINGMAN COUNTY LINE. CIP #R-71. DISTRICT #3.**

**Mr. David Spears**, Director, Bureau of Public Services, said, "Item K is a Modification of Plans and Construction for the road improvement project on old U.S. 54 between Viola Road and the Kingman County line, designated as R-71 in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has been constructed and is ready to be finalized out. There will be a net decrease of \$87,121.51 due to variations in planning quantities from actual field measurements. The specific items and

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explanations are on pages 174 and 175 of the back up information. Recommend that you approve the Modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you David. Discussion on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "You can sure tell when you go from Sedgwick to Kingman County on that road. That's a good project."

**Mr. Spears** said, "Have you been on it?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Yes sir I have, it's a very nice project."

**Mr. Spears** said, "Thank you."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "You're welcome."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Further discussion? If not, Clerk call the vote."

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thanks, David. Next item please."

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**L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' DECEMBER 21 AND DECEMBER 28, 1995 REGULAR MEETINGS.**

**Mr. David Muci**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "First, you have before you the minutes of the December 21 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are six items for consideration.

**(1) RESURFACE PARKING LOT - 905 N. MAIN - CAPITAL PROJECTS  
FUNDING: 1995 CAPITAL PROJECT**

"Item one is resurfacing of a parking lot for 905 N. Main for the Department of Corrections and Capital Projects. It is recommended to accept the low bid of Ritchie Paving in the amount of \$14,342.39.

**(2) FIBER OPTIC CABLING - INFORMATION SERVICES  
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES**

"Item two, placement of fiber optic cabling for Information Services. It is recommended to accept the low proposal of Communications Technology Associates in the amount of \$13,220.

**(3) 1996 SUBURBANS - FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

"Item three, 1996 Suburban vehicles for the Fire Department. It is recommended to accept the low bid of Schofield Brothers with trade in for \$61,569.90, that's for a quantity of two.

**(4) CONFINED ENTRY EQUIPMENT - FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

"Item four is confined entry equipment for the Fire Department. It is recommended to accept the bid of DBI/Sala for the DPI Tripod Model and for the DBI Wench for

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\$2,225.85. The only bid of Roco for the SCI Interspiro Model and the SKEDCO SKED Rescue System for \$3,780. There were items that we received no quotes for and we have proceeded with the purchase.

**(5) CARPETING - BUREAU/CENTRAL SERVICES  
FUNDING: 1995 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

"Item five, carpeting for Bureau of Central Services. You will note that no bids were received for this particular item and we have expedited the purchase to meet their needs.

**(6) POWER FILE - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/PURCHASING DEPARTMENTS  
FUNDING: AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

"Item six is a power filing system for Affirmative Action and the Purchasing Department. It is recommended to accept the low quotation meeting specifications of Records Retrieval in the amount of \$12,393.

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**(7) REPLACE CONCRETE SLABS - CAPITAL PROJECTS  
FUNDING: 1995 CAPITAL PROJECT**

"There was one item which did not require action at that particular meeting and that was to replace concrete slabs for Capital Projects at Judge Riddel Boys Ranch. That was tabled for one week for review.

I would recommend you approve the minutes of the December 21 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Mr. Counselor, do we need to take these separately or can we do them together?"

**Mr. Plummer** said, "You can do them together if you wish."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Why don't we do them together."

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**Mr. Muci** said, "Okay. Next, December 28th, there are seven items for your consideration.

**(1) 800 MHZ RADIO TOWER ANALYSIS - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS  
FUNDING: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES**

"Item one, 800 MHZ radio tower analysis for Emergency Communications. It is recommended to accept the low bid of Tower Technology Incorporated for \$8,850.

**(2) UNIFORMS - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS  
FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

"Item two, uniforms for Emergency Communications. It is recommended to accept the low bid of Western Uniforms for an estimated total purchase in 1996 of \$15,000. That is based upon a base uniform purchase.

**(3) ALPHANUMERIC PAGERS - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT RESERVE**

"Item three, alphanumeric pagers for EMS. It is recommended to accept the low bid of Advantage Communications for \$19,451.25.

**(4) SNOWPLOWS (TRUCK MOUNTED) - MOTOR POOL  
FUNDING: SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND**

"Item four, truck mounted snowplows for Central Motor Pool. It is recommended to accept the low bid of Berry Tractor for \$16,281.

**(5) 1996 INSURANCE RENEWALS - RISK MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: RISK MANAGEMENT**

"Item five, 1996 insurance renewals for Risk Management. It is recommended to accept the quotations as noted from Liberty Mutual for Property Insurance, Emergency Medical Services Liability from Western World, Mental Health insurance from PHICO, Kansas Coliseum Liability from TIG, Vehicle Liability from the Hartford Group, and Excess Workers Compensation Insurance from Employers

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Reinsurance. That is a total for 1996 of \$308,674.

**(6) RADIO EQUIPMENT - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING: SHERIFF**

"Item six, radio equipment for the Sheriff's Department. It is recommended to accept the sole source bid to match existing equipment of Motorola Incorporated for \$10,882.

**(7) REPLACE CONCRETE SLABS - CAPITAL PROJECTS  
FUNDING: 1995 CAPITAL PROJECT**

"Item seven, replacement of the concrete slabs for Judge Riddel Boys Ranch. It is recommended to accept the only bid of Descon Incorporated with alternate #1 in the amount of \$8,442.

"I would recommend that you approve the minutes from the December 28 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts as well."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Miller, your light is blinking, do you have a question?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "I do, regarding the first set, item number five, carpeting for Bureau of Central Services. Just a point of clarification. When no bids are received we just simply expedite and go out and purchase?"

**Mr. Muci** said, "That is correct as per Charter Resolution number 50 you'll note section 3.A. which gives the Purchasing Department in conjunction with the using department the authority to move on and forward."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "And is it something that the Central Services Department has picked out?"

**Mr. Muci** said, "Yes absolutely, we worked with the department to make sure they get exactly what is needed."

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

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Any other questions or comments? If not, do I hear a motion to approve December 21 and 28 Board of Bids and Contracts?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts for December 21 and December 28.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**M. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**1. Utility and Highway Permit Agreements.**

- a. KG&E, A Western Resources Co. is submitting application requesting permission to make an overhead crossing of MacArthur approximately 300 feet west of Hoover Road. Waco Township. Utility Permit No. 130-95. Road No. 628-22. District #2.

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- b. KG&E, A Western Resources Co. is submitting application requesting permission to install a 40-foot pole on the north side of 31st Street South approximately 1,400 feet west of Webb Road. Gypsum Township. Utility Permit No. 131-95. Road No. 626-33. District #5.
- c. KG&E, A Western Resources Co. is submitting application requesting permission to replace and relocate lines and poles on Greenwich Road starting 412 feet north of Central and continuing north 1,453 feet. Minneha Township. Utility Permit No. 133-95. Road No. 835-O. District #1.
- d. Ritchie Associates, Inc. is submitting application requesting permission to install an 18-inch storm sewer extension in White Tail Addition. Minneha Township. Highway Permit No. 032-95. Road No. 837-O District #1.

## **2. Right-of-Way Agreements.**

The following tracts of land have been granted by Easement for Right-of-Way at no cost to the County. These Easements were requested by the Director, Bureau of Public Services, prior to the approval of Platting Exemptions.

- a. Road Number 628-15, Owners: Richard R. Ward and Patricia A. Ward, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 2 West, more specifically located on the south side of 39th St. South (MacArthur Road) and east of 183rd St. East. Illinois Township. District #3.
- b. Road Number 628-15, Owners: Greg S. Crumley, Dorothy L. Crumley and John E. Dugan, located in the Northeast Quarter



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of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 2 West, more specifically located on the south side of 39th St. South (MacArthur Road) and west of 167th St. West. Illinois Township. District #3.

- c. Road Number 646-12, Owners: Larry Oliphant, located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 29 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located on the north side of 111th Street South and west of 215th Street West. Viola Township. District #3.

### **3. Floodway Reserve Easements.**

The following tracts of land were granted by Floodway Reserve Easement at no cost to the County. These easements were requested by the Director, Bureau of Public Services, prior to the approval of Platting Exemptions.

- a. Owners: Richard R. Ward and Patricia A. Ward, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 2 West, more specifically located south of 39th Street South (MacArthur Road) and east of 183rd Street West. Illinois Township. District #3.
- b. Owners: Greg S. Crumley, Dorothy L. Crumley and John E. Dugan, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 2 West, more specifically located south of 39th Street South (MacArthur Road) and west of 167th Street West. Illinois Township. District #3.

### **4. Right-of-Way Instruments.**

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- a. Four Easements for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 608-19; 45th Street North between Maize Road and 119th Street West. CIP #R-215. District #3.
  - b. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 817-G through N½ J; Meridian from the north city limits of Wichita to the south city limits of Valley Center. CIP #R-169. Districts #1 and #4.
5. **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.**

<b><u>Contract Number</u></b>	<b><u>Old Amount</u></b>	<b><u>New Amount</u></b>
V95030	\$395.00	\$473.00
C862017	\$265.00	\$265.00
C901023	\$250.00	\$258.00
V903005	\$456.00	\$404.00
C87102	\$303.00	\$173.00
V93118	\$175.00	\$294.00

6. **Orders dated December 20 and December 27, 1995 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
7. **Addition of the positions of Chief of Physical Evidence, Fire Arms Examiner, Serologist and Trace Evidence Analyst to the District Coroner's Staffing Table (Staffing Table) and deletion of the positions of Pathologist, Part-time Medical Transcriptionist and one Medical Investigator from the Staffing Table; thus adding one and one-half positions to the Staffing Table.**
8. **Consideration of the Check Registers of December 22, 1995 and January 1, 1996.**

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**9. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
950844	Affirmative Action	Transfer
950845	Register of Deeds	Transfer
950846	County Clerk	Transfer
950847	Economic Devpt	Transfer
950848	Capital Projects	Transfer
950849	Capital Projects	Supp. Approp.
950851	Local Emergency Planning Grant	Transfer
960000	Juvenile Intake And Assessment	Supp. Approp.
960003	Court Alcohol and Drug Fund	Supp. Approp.
960004	District Court Drug Test Fund	Supp. Approp.
960005	Corrections	Transfer
960006	Corrections	Transfer

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, said, "Commissioners, you have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you would approve it."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Discussion on this item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the consent agenda as

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presented.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Any other business to come before this Board? If not, we stand adjourned."

**N. OTHER**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**MARK F. SCHROEDER**, Chairman  
Fifth District

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

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**BETSY GWIN**, Commissioner  
First District

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**PAUL W. HANCOCK**, Commissioner  
Second District

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**MELODY C. MILLER**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

ATTEST:

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**Susan E. Crockett-Spoon**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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