

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

July 2, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim Norton; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development Department; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Chris Kautzer, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Sheri Boeken, Office Administration, District Attorney's Office; Ms. Sandra Reichenberger, Women, Infant and Children Program Manager, Health Department; Mr. Gerald Frantz, Interim Director, Health Department; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Public Safety Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Major Brian Neitz, McConnell Air Force Base.
Captain Tricia Paulsen-Howe, McConnell Air Force Base.
Mr. Otis Milton, Executive Director/ President, Urban League of Wichita.
Mr. Steve Shaad, Vice President, Wichita Wranglers Baseball.
Mr. Steve Martens, Chair, Economic Development Steering Council.
Ms. Sue Schlapp, City Councilwoman, City of Wichita.
Mr. David Holt, General Manager, Wichita Thunder Hockey.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Major Lawrence Gosselin, Chaplain, McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, June 18, 2003

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2003.

Chairman Norton said, “What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18th, 2003.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, “We’ll wait just a minutes before we call the next item. All right, Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

AWARDS

A. AWARDS.

- 1. PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE AERIAL REFUELING TEAM, REPRESENTED BY MAJOR BRIAN NEITZ AND CAPTAIN TRICIA PAULSEN-HOWE.**

Chairman Norton said, “Colleagues, I am pleased to be here today and this is the first chance I’ve had as Chairman to be on this side of the podium, and I do it with great honor and humility, because we’re honoring some true heroes today.

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On April 7th, 2003 a four person crew from McConnell, Captain Tricia Paulsen-Howe, navigator, Captain Nathan Howard, pilot, Tech-Sergeant Tim Pitman, boom operator and Major Brian Neitz, aircraft commander, enter hostile air space to help the scene of a combat search and rescue mission north of Baghdad. They were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on April 11th, 2003 by Lieutenant General T. Michael Mosley, combined forces air component commander. These are true heroes.

You know, in today's society we honor politicians, we honor movie stars, we honor many, many people but truthfully, those are false heroes. These are the real, true American heroes. They didn't have to fly into that hostile air space. It wasn't part of their original mission, but they understood that in battle some rules are off. The dealing with the stress of this kind of situation we will never understand. They are the true heroes of McConnell Air Force Base, they so honor our community.

And you know, I didn't asked ahead of time maybe where they came from, but today they are sons and daughters of Sedgwick County. We honor them because they are part of McConnell and McConnell is so important to our community.

We've got a medallion that we give out and we don't give it out frivolously. Four times, I think, is all we've done that. And I know this is a very small token for what they've done for our country, for their fellow servicemen and for us, but I would like to call Brian Neitz and Tricia Paulsen-Howe up to the podium and present them with this medallion honoring them as true heroes from McConnell Air Force Base."

Major Brian Neitz, McConnell Air Force Base, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We appreciate your thanks and a lot of times people do a lot of things and a lot of times the most important thing that you can get is thanks. Everything that we've gotten is a whole lot more than we ever expected, a whole lot more than we ever actually wanted in fact.

The mission was well worth it. We would do it again if we had to, but keep in mind that there's hundreds of thousands of people that do what we do and they would have all done the same thing, I'm pretty much sure. Everyone we talked to, everyone we worked with has expressed support and said how they would be more than happy to do what we did. And this is really a great recognition of us as tanker folks and tanker people, that we do go in harm's way and we do put what's on the line sometimes and get the job done."

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Captain Tricia Paulsen-Howe, Mc Connell Air Force Base, said, "I guess the only thing I would add is that we didn't do this alone. We had a lot of help and support from both the people at home and all the other airmen and the maintenance and support people where we were. So, this is just us kind of at the tip of the spear, but there was a lot of things that had to happen for us to be able to do this. Thank you very much, on behalf of everybody."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "All right, thank you. We have a Commissioner that would like to make a quick comment. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Well I have the distinct honor of having McConnell as part of my district and I've been up in a 135 and a DC-10. Well the DC-10 tanker I liked, because you can lay back in the chair and you have a lot of fun, but the boom operator in a 135 has got to be on his belly.

But I also know how slow and straight you have to fly that thing in order to fuel up people. You can't make a lot of maneuvers. It's like a World War II bomb run. Once the bombardier takes over, they've got to fly straight in order to get the product delivered. If I understood it right, there was an F-15 that was really sucking air that you had to make an immediate decision as to how to get that person into the line to fill him up, or her up, whoever was flying the plane. And was there a plane down, or there was a plane down and they were flying cover for that pilot so they could extract them and you came in to give them the gas so they could go keep kicking ass. And I just want to tell you, we're real proud of you."

Captain Neitz said, "In fact, it was very poignant in that the person that we gave that gas to, it was his friends that were on the ground that got shot down."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, you are true heroes and those that gave their lives over there, I'm convinced that they're not dead. I think their spirits are inner-woven in every fiber of that flag and they're embodied in every word, every word of our national anthem and every word of our pledge of allegiance. Thank you very much for serving us."

Chair Pro Tem Winters said, "Yes, thank you all. All right, we'll just go ahead. Chairman will be back here in a moment. Madam Clerk, will you please call the next item."

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**2. PRESENTATION OF THE URBAN LEAGUE “UP WITH PEOPLE”
AWARD TO RON HOLT.**

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Rather than to have me do this presentation, I’d rather have . . . come on up here Otis, Otis Milton, the Executive Director, President of the Urban League, whose agency gave this award to Ron Holt and Odis has been a friend of the County for as long as I can remember, so we’re delighted you’re here.”

Mr. Otis Milton, Executive Director, President, Urban League of Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m delighted to be here. Each year, our organization honors an individual who sets him or herself apart by giving and helping others. Ron Holt is just one of those people.

Over the years, as many of you may know, Ron has given freely, he’s given so much and asked so little in return. His services cut across all segments of the community, the arts, social services, health care and the like. So on behalf of the Urban League, our board, our stakeholders, I’m just delighted to present our Up With People award to Ron Holt.”

Mr. Ron Holt, Director, Culture, Entertainment and Recreation Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you, Otis and thanks to the Urban League and all the folks who were instrumental in nominating and selecting me for that award, to the Manager and the County Commissioners. It is really an honor to have received this award, but as I said the other night at the awards banquet, I have been truly blessed to be part of a wonderful community. I’ve been truly blessed to have a supportive and nurturing family and I’ve been truly blessed the past year to be a part of a great organization, the Sedgwick County governmental organization, with people who are committed and dedicated to providing services above and beyond the normal call of duty to make sure that the citizens of this community are served in a way that, again, gives us the quality of life that we so much enjoy in the Sedgwick County/ Wichita community.

So thank you very much for this honor, but it really is representative of the kind of people and the kind of community we live in. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Norton said, “Don’t run off, Ron. I just have to say that we’re very proud of you. We’re extremely proud that you’re part of our organization and for me, personally, I’m proud because you’re from Arkansas too. Thank you, Ron. Commissioner McGinn would like to say something.”

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Commissioner McGinn said, "I was just going to ask, you need to start counting what awards you haven't won and the reason I say that, it's like Otis said, you know you cut across this whole entire community. You don't focus on any particular area and I think that's great, to be so broad like that and so visible and a great role model for our community. So, thank you, Ron."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And the fact that he's from Arkansas proves he's human, because we all have defects of character."

Chairman Norton said, "That hurts. Clerk, call the next item."

DONATION

B. DONATION OF SKY BOX SEATING, VALUED AT \$1,200, BY WICHITA WRANGLERS, TO BE USED BY THE WICHITA HOUSING INITIATIVE FOR SERVICE COORDINATION AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, WHICH IS COORDINATED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm extremely pleased to be here today to talk about this donation. Wrangler Vice President and General Manager Steve Shaad donated air-conditioned box seats for the comfort of residents of facilities or housing complexes that currently receive services under the WISCAT program, which is a program that is a partnership between the City and the County Department on Aging, using federal funds through the HUD program, the Ross Grant program.

And so, they donated these box seats for residents of these apartments who have difficulty climbing stairs and tolerating heat. The donation benefits the residents of these facilities, who can now go see Wrangler baseball games and are able to do that in the heat and without the stairs and those kind of barriers to their enjoyment of this great opportunity in our community and it benefits the County Department on Aging, the entire county, and certainly we want to publicly thank the Wranglers and Steve Shaad for this donation."

Chairman Norton said, "Didn't bring Wilbur with you today?"

Mr. Steve Shaad, Vice President, Wichita Wranglers Baseball, said, "No, Wilbur couldn't make it. He had to work. They could do without me, however. This is hardly deserving of an award, but as you can imagine, when we found out there was still some people there who liked baseball and hadn't been to a game, we were more than happy to accommodate them. If we had to give them sky boxes to get them to the game, we were more than happy to do so.

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On a serious note then, I think we'd received word that this group gets to do a few things, get out of the house, they need some assistance and that there had been several requests for a baseball game but they just didn't see how they could accommodate them, given the heat and stairs and we had some sky boxes available. More than happy to take care of them, so more than happy to do it. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Just one comment, Steve. I just wanted to again compliment you on the organization. If people haven't been out to Lawrence Dumont Stadium, either this year or in a few years. If it's been a few years since you've been there, you need to go to the stadium. It is a great place, win/lose or draw. Hopefully, the second half is going to be a little better than the first. But we were out the other evening and just had a great time with one of the rotary organizations that was out and Steve, you've got a good organization. The facility looks terrific. We wish you the very best and certainly appreciate this donation to the community."

Mr. Shaad said, "Well, thank you very much."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I mean, everyone is saying nice things about Steve and the Wranglers, but you guys are being mean to these other teams here lately."

Mr. Shaad said, "Six straight."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Not only six straight, but by a fairly decent margin, and it's hurting their ego and I think you ought to let up on them a little bit."

Mr. Shaad said, "Well, do you know who we beat last night 19 to 3, Ben."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah."

Mr. Shaad said, "Arkansas."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's what I was trying . . . I was trying to give him a bone."

Chairman Norton said, "Now listen, Steve. You don't have to jump on this bandwagon."

Mr. Shaad said, "Tim was talking about Arkansas but I just had to throw that in."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "You're doing a heck of a job, Steve."

Mr. Shaad said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Steve. Well, now that I've been brutalized for a second time, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Annette. Before we move on, I'd like to recognize Sue Schlapp. Did she leave? Well, I recognize her when she comes back in, but I would like to ask the Manager to take just a moment and recognize our new planning director for Sedgwick County, John Schlegel who is here, and I don't know how long he's been on the job."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "He's been on the job one day, right?"

Chairman Norton said, "Well then, most problems are solved, I guess."

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Commissioners, you recall that this process

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began some time ago. We hired a firm to help us search the nation. We had 64 applicants. We had 16 or 18 states represented, four different countries, a group of professionals that were clearly qualified to do this job and after a series of just exhausting interviews, these candidates probably interviewed more times than John cares to think about. There were three or four panels a couple of times each and so they went through the process.

The selection came down clearly to John Schlegel, who comes from Las Vegas. John's background is he worked for the private sector in development, part of the private sector so he has that kind of experience. He's worked for City of Las Vegas and he's worked for Clark County, the county around Las Vegas. And so that experience, besides his education background and demeanor put him head and shoulders above the rest. And so John has been on the job one day and maybe not quite an expert, but I'm sure by the end of the week will be. John Schlegel."

Chairman Norton said, "John, would you tell us about the Comprehensive Plan? Not to put you on the spot."

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, said, "Sure, go ahead, pick on the new guy."

Chairman Norton said, "Welcome."

Mr. Schlegel said, "Well, thank you and I'm very glad to be here. It really is a long road from Las Vegas to Wichita, but we finally made it and, in more ways than I can say, I'm really glad to be here."

Commissioner Winters said, "Glad to have you here."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, John and we look forward to a long term relationship and seeing you pretty often."

Mr. Schlegel said, "I'll try to make that happen. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks. Clerk, call the next item."

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NEW BUSINESS

C. PRESENTATION BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STEERING COUNCIL.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to let you know who is here today and to introduce our presenter. Sherry Wolford, Chair of the Chamber is here, Mike Gurman, interim president of the Chamber, Dave Wood, economic development director and Bernie Cook, intergovernmental coordinator. I'd also like to introduce Steve Martens, who is the chair/ president/ guy in charge of the interim steering council."

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Steve Martens, Chair, Economic Development Steering Council, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Appreciate being here today and invited back, very excited to be able to address the commission and present what we believe is the structure that will work for our economic development. I know that all of you had an opportunity a week ago Tuesday to attend a workshop, so we're not going to go through that presentation again. What we have for you today is the governance structure and just talk through that very briefly, if that's all right, Mr. Chair, and work through.

As you are aware, and I'm very pleased to report, a week ago the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce endorsed this plan as on board. Yesterday, the Wichita City Council is on board, and so very pleased to be here today to ask for your endorsement of the plan.

As it has been presented, if we maybe take the top portion of this chart, our economic development strategy would be overseen and reviewed by a board of investors that is a public/ private partnership made up of units of government, the city, the county, the school districts, regional partners from communities that are outside of this area, counties that surround Sedgwick County, as well as members of the private sector.

The 'big three' as I like to refer to it, in terms of funding, would come from the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, and the private sector. Based upon the preliminary work from our consultants that were in town the first part of this year, it is our belief that we can count on, from the private sector, a minimum of \$500,000 a year for a five-year commitment. And so we're hoping for an operating budget for our economic development effort somewhere above \$1,000,000 and that is an improvement over where we are today and I think it's a step in the right direction.

On a personal note, I will share with you that I believe that number probably needs to be approaching a million three to a million five to get us fully competitive, but we'll work up to that and I think we can clearly get there.

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The Board of Investors, as I said, is a public/ private group, will be made up of individuals or organizations that contribute on the private side. Let's talk about that for just a moment. We have established a threshold for buy in to the Board of Investors on a five-year commitment of \$2,500 a year. And you'll recall, the previous group that we had, WISE, that was a very large number and very few businesses participated because of the size of the number. We believe bringing the number down to \$2,500 is going to allow a lot of businesses to participate. We want a lot of businesses to participate, expect a lot of interest and activity.

I would also comment that in terms of achieving the \$2,500, there's no set formula. If, for example, several businesses elected to pool funds to have a seat on the board in a shared sense, that clearly is allowed. If a trade organization or a professional organization chose to represent its members by making an investment and having a seat on the board, that's a possibility. So I think there's several ways that we can go about it and get possibilities. Clearly, we want inclusion, that's the bottom line to this process. We need the private sector fully engaged.

You'll recall, from the study session that went through last summer that was presented in October, the private sector leading this effort is a critical component. That's where we come in with the steering council. We are in the process, as we look at that, the interim steering council is 17 members.

We're proposing for the permanent steering council we reduce that to 11. Clearly, as time goes on, if that needs to be enlarged, I think that's a very easy process and can be handled. The private sector, there will be six individuals that will be on the steering council, two of those will be from the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce. The other four will be elected from the board of investors.

On the public sector side there are five board members, two from the City of Wichita, two from Sedgwick County and one from one of the outlying areas that would participate. So the board of investors would be an organization that we see meeting three, possibly four times a year, being very involved in discussing, developing and voting on strategies for economic development, very engaged in the process.

The steering council would be a little more like an executive committee. They're available to be called on a moments notice if there's a prospect, or immediate action that needs to be addressed, they would be the group that would make sure that in the contract . . . we're going to talk a minute

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about this on the actual economic development component, but that the objectives of how our economic development plan is being implemented and what's going on is being taken care of.

So that's really the top part of the slide. The bottom part deals actually with performing economic development and from this, we come out with a very clearly defined process, with benchmarks and accountability, so the entire community, the entire region will understand what our mission is, what we're trying to accomplish with economic development.

We have, under this particular proposal, or an idea that has come out and gained a lot of interest is actually breaking economic development into two components. We've labeled it the external component and internal. The external component is the business of going out and recruiting new businesses to come to this area to locate their businesses. That's more of a national or global effort in trying to attract new companies to bring jobs to this area.

The internal component is one that more clearly defines and prioritizes economic development in support and assistance with businesses that are already here. I know that you have heard from many people that have concerns about businesses that are here and maybe feeling they are not getting the kind of support and attention they deserve. I can tell you that as I've gone around the community and made my presentation to various civic groups, that's been a point that's come up many times. And I'm very pleased, because I believe this internal component allows us to formalize the ability to recognize businesses that are here and provide them assistance, provide them a place to go to work so they can expand and they can create new jobs. So I think it works very well to break those apart. Clearly, they're equal components, but I think it allows us to focus on both and give us the best of both worlds.

Then the box with the dotted line represents what we have labeled resource partners. Typically, this will deal with work force development, training and other initiatives. The organizations, and this is not an all inclusive list, this is just a representative list, but these organizations basically have their governmental already in place. That's why there's a dotted line, clearly, a close coordination effort between those agencies and organizations and the strategic steering council and the board of investors. The economic development would be delivered on an annual basis, a contract with the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce to oversee the economic development process and to be sure that that is implemented. The steering council is the group that will ride herd to be sure that we are achieving our objectives and getting in place what needs to be done.

That, in a very brief overview, is the proposal. I'd be more than happy, Mr. Chair, to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Any comments, questions from Commissioners? Commissioner Unruh."

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Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, Steve. You’ve already addressed some of the concerns that have been brought to my attention by different constituencies and, as you know, I’m closely associated with the Wichita Independent Business Association. Their concerns had to do, primarily, with representation on the board, and as you mentioned I think, that they’re going to try to get a group of their folks together to make a pool contribution so they can have representation on the board of investors and I think that will work for them. The issue was that many small businesses just don’t have the resources to contribute \$2,500 for a five-year period. The other issue that they had had to do with regional representation and I think that’s addressed and you talked about the internal component of this plan. All of that’s good.

My question, after all that, is in some of your definitions in your marketing plan indicate that your primary mission was going to be to focus on attraction and retention of what you call ‘contributory industry’. And the that’s defined as manufacturing, warehousing, distribution and business services. I guess, what I’m saying, in light of the fact we’re trying to be inclusive of small business, it seems like the mission is still focused on larger business. You know, half of the employment in the United States is small business and they provide so much to the health of the economy. There’s still a concern that maybe they’re not . . . some of their concerns are not going to be addressed. So I guess I’m asking you for a comment on all that.”

Mr. Martens said, “Okay, and first, I believe that the conversations that I’ve had with Mr. Sommes from Wichita Independent Business Association and some of the members of that organization, I’ve been very impressed by their innovation and how they’ve approached this and put together ideas to participate and be involved, and I think that speaks very highly to this plan, that we’re getting individuals that are meeting and they’re talking about we want to be a part of this. This is very important, we want to participate, we want to be included and I think that is a great signal of the interest that this new proposal has within the community and particularly within the private sector to get them involved.

As it relates to business types, in the work document, and the document that the board of investors and the steering council will be looking at will be various clusters and initiatives. And it’s my belief, Commissioner, that with the internal component and that now being defined and concerning myself as a small business owner in Sedgwick County, I believe that we must and will recognize that component within that section and provide support and make that a priority and go forward. It’s certainly a priority with me and I believe having this plan allows us to address each of these

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various components. We don't lose things in the shuffle. There's a way, at the end of the day, to reconcile and know where resources have gone, what efforts have been made and what our successes have been."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, thank you. And your assertion that small business is going to be included, coming from a small businessman, is encouraging and I don't have any caveat about not being wholeheartedly in support of this. I just want to express the concerns that many are fearful that, as this thing moves along, they're not going to be part of the plan."

Mr. Martens said, "And to have a plan in place that allows inclusion in a process that companies and individuals and organizations can be a part of, from where we are today to where this puts us for the future, I think is the absolute right road to be on."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. That's all I had, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, thank you. Well, I'm going to definitely be supportive of this concept. I know you've put a lot of hard work into this, Steve. I really like the component of getting the private sector involved and where they could have some . . . not only input, but infusion of money too. That's always a good product. The thing that I don't recall if I talked to you specifically on it, but one of the things that I hope the steering council when they're thinking about how to attract new businesses, instead of a shotgun approach, perhaps we could look at some of the assets that we have and decide to go after a particular industry that may not even be thinking of moving. For example, we grow a lot of wheat. Maybe a milling company would be somebody and if we got that, maybe we should attract a bakery company for Heartland Bread or something.

If I understand it right, if we grow wheat, we can grow barley. Maybe a brewery would be something. I mean, seriously, if you think about it, instead of just exporting our raw product, if we keep that product a few more steps until the end product and then we can sell the end product. So those are the kind of 'out of box' thinking that I'm encouraged that with your involvement we're going to be thinking about.

Am I right in my assumption that what we're deciding to do will probably have a target date of January 1st, so we're trying to put this into our 2004 budget. Is that what, if I understand it right?"

Mr. Martens said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, that's good. That's all I had. Thank you and good luck and

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thank you again for all your hard work.”

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

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. I too just want to say thanks, Steve, for all your work. You started this about a year ago and I’m sure there were times where you were wondering why you were even doing this and taking the lead. So, I appreciate all the dedication that you’ve given us.

And I also want to thank two of our commissioners, Commissioner Winters and Commissioner Norton for being a part of this process and helping as well, appreciate their input and time.

Steve, I remember you giving this presentation . . . not this one but an earlier one several months ago and we looked at other cities, like size or similar within our state and outside our state. And it seemed to me, if I recall, this public/private relationship is really not uncommon and the one I’m thinking about is Topeka and I may be wrong here, but I was thinking they’re putting like close to a million dollars of sales tax revenues into a program like that. Is that correct?”

Mr. Martens said, “Yes.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay. Well, and so that’s why I feel comfortable that it needs to be a public/ private. I like the fact that the public sector is in for a certain amount and then the sky is the limit for the private side and so, to me, it’s up to our private industries, our businesses here in our community to say how great do they want this to be. Where do we want to go with this, and it’s those dollars that needs to take us to a higher level and not just government, but I’m glad we’re a participant.

Some of the questions that were raised and I think Dave had talked a little bit about and you had also kind of briefly touched on those, but I heard out in the community a few things. One had to do with minority groups, how do we get to play in this. You know, in the past it seemed like a lot of times boards were always looking for diversity and that kind of thing. And as Commissioner Unruh talked about yesterday at our staff meeting, the Wichita Independent Business Association, well they have an organization, a group of people together that can pool their money and get that representation on the board.

And I would guess that that could work the same way with our minority business development council. They can pool their money and put somebody on there. The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, that kind of thing too. So, I’m hoping that we’re moving in that direction, because I think diversity is certainly important to have on the board.

The other thing that I heard a lot about, as you did, you just shared that every time you went out and

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talked to different groups is that internal component. A lot of people think, when they hear 'chamber' they think we want to bring the big businesses to our community. Well, we certainly do but we also want to make sure we retain and help our businesses that are already here grow. And so I certainly like how we have an external/ internal component spelled out and says what this can be and that people can actually put their dollars towards those things for the future growth of the businesses that we already have here.

So, I like what I see. I'm excited about what it could mean for our community and the growth of business and industry here, because as we all know, it means more jobs and the success of our community. So, again thank you Steve, to you and all those that helped on this project. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Steve, I'd say thank you to your involvement in this also. There have been a number of us working on this for quite a while and when you stepped up to the plate, we really kind of needed some leadership to get us focused and right down to some plans on paper and you've been very diligent in getting that done.

I'm going to be very supportive of this plan today. I think we've got something here that we can certainly work with and if it needs some adjustments on the fly, I think we'll be able to make them, because I think we have so many people realizing that job creation and job retention is on everyone's mind. I mean, we've got to be about this business.

And I also have heard these questions about how am I going to be represented in this job, and I have two thoughts about that. One, for the beginning, this is principally a fundraising mechanism. We're trying to raise dollars to put into economic development and if your firm, or as an individual you can afford to do that, wonderful. If you're not in a position to do that, that's all right also, but we've got to get some private money raised to put with the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County as we go on this course.

But if you're still concerned about that, I think you can even look at your Board of County Commissioners and I think we've got a group of Commissioners here that couldn't be a better cross-section of folks to be involved in some economic development issues. We clearly have two commissioners, Commissioner Sciortino and Commissioner Norton, who have been involved in rather large organizations over their career. I mean, coming out of business and industry that thinks nationally and globally, so Ben and Tim have been there.

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Dave has been involved in a multiple auto repairs all across the city. Carolyn and her husband are in agri-business very directly. I operated a trucking company from the early '70s to the late '80s. I mean we've been involved in both small business and large business. Two of us are going to be sitting on this steering council and I think we're going to be representing a whole host of folks, large, small and the general citizens. So I think some folks concern about actual representation, I think they need to remember that this is principally trying to raise funds so we can get in the game, get in the action and two, there's going to be some people sitting there that understand small business, that understand large business and understand partnerships being a part of making this thing work. So, I think this is a good start. It may not be the end answer, but boy we've got to get started soon and so I'm anxious and Steve, I think the crafters of this model, even though it looks complicated in the beginning, once you start to break it apart, the components of it are not that difficult to understand. So, I'm going to be very supportive today."

Chairman Norton said, "Great. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, I was remiss. I also wanted to publicly congratulate both you, Tim and Tom, on the work that you put in. And what you said, Commissioner Winters, is very true. If any individual group that maybe couldn't afford to put the money into it has any concerns on what direction it's going, you right, they have five elected officials, two of which will be on this board and call us and we'll certainly see to it that your concerns are voiced.

But Steve, the other thing I want . . . you know, I think it was mentioned, I don't know by whom, that maybe this was the second team and I think you've just proven, like Avis did, when you're number two you try harder. You did a hell of a job."

Mr. Martens said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, I've been ultimately involved in this from the very beginning, as has Tom. And the thing I see about this is that this steering council is going to be agile, responsible, fluid and malleable. I mean, I think that it's not going to be a rigid, 'Here's the way it is', it's going to be this way for the next 30 years. I think we have got to be quick to turn on a dime. We have to understand the economies globally and locally and I think this steering council will give us the ability to do that. That's number one.

The second one, the steering council can be the ears to the community. They're the folks that are

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listening. The economic guys that are going to deliver this are going to be down in the trenches dealing with locals to help them grow their business, are going to be working with site selectors to bring in another business. But the steering council can be above that fray. They're not going to be in the trenches. They're going to be the advisors, the people that insist on cooperation that brings people together to do economic development and can be ears to the community. So I think that's exciting.

Finally, I think if you look at the other partners, when you look at R & D, that brings to mind WSU and NIARE and the things that they're doing. If you talk about infrastructure, that's the City and the County making sure that we're at the table with other things like IRBs and roads and water and sewer and those things that are infrastructure that companies need.

And then finally, you talk about workforce and early on we understood that to lure new companies or to grow existing companies, you've got to have a very well trained workforce and I'm real proud that we've got another linkage there because Tom is now, through REAP, is working on workforce development and we are actively involved in KTTI board. So, when you talk about workforce development, we're not only working at the level of the steering council, but we're down into the guts of this whole thing trying to make those things happen too.

And I don't know if Tom wants to comment on workforce, but that's an integral part of this. I see, as we work internal and external economic development, you're going to have to push towards workforce folks to make sure there's a good, trained workforce. Large companies are going to come in here and look at us and go 'Number one problem we'll have and the number one expenditure we'll have after building the building and the capital is workforce, is payroll and who do you have that can do the job for us?' And that's going to be an extremely important issue. And Tom, I don't know if you want to comment on that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I would make one comment that one of the things that's happening on the state level is Lieutenant Governor John Moore is taking a very active roll in how workforce development is going to be delivered over this state. And so we have this coming together at the same time as we have some redirection in the workforce alliance board that is responsible for federal funds from the Department of Labor that come into the Workforce Investment Act.

There's going to be a new program to make sure those funds are directed to the best possible availability in region four, which includes Sedgwick County, Butler County, Sumner, Cowley,

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Harper and Kingman. And there's going to be a real emphasis to make sure that when companies come and say, 'Well, what can you do for workforce development' that we have a whole availability of how that question can be answered and there will be folks that are key leaders in the economic development activity can turn for assistance to several other resources. And all of this is kind of coming together at the same time. So if we can all get it to fit, I think we're going to be well positioned. But again, this is the time to be moving forward and John Moore has talked about the difficulty of changing this in the past. There's been a number of attempts to work on this, all not very successful. But I think he is someone who is in a position now that is really going to push this forward and he is not going to let up with it until some reform has happened that hopefully will be very positive."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It's like the stars are aligned correctly."

Commissioner Winters said, "I think they are."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "This time it's going to work."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, the final comment I had, this is . . . I mean, this leads us into fundraising. It's important that people put monetary capital into this from the private side, but I would urge all business men, everybody that has a stake in the economic development of this community, to put in their intellectual capital, bring their best ideas to the table. You know, share it with the steering council, because I don't think the 11 people are going to have a monopoly on all the good ideas. We need everybody to be at the table, small businessmen, academicians and large businessmen because I've got to tell you, I joined Target when there was like 35 stores, now there's 1,200. All businesses start out being small businesses and grow to be big businesses and we have to work on that from wherever we pick them up. So, very important."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I'm excited about Mike Gurman's involvement with the Chamber. I mean, I think that's going to be a whole new day over there too. I think he's going to help a lot."

Chairman Norton said, "So, thank you Steve. What is the will of the Board?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Mr. Chairman, I'm prepared to make a motion. I guess I would just ask staff, is the motion that we have before us in our recommended action similar to the City's action that the City took yesterday?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So, meaning we still have a few details and this is just the concept,

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right?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “That’s what it says.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve participation in the Economic Development Plan as presented, subject to a contract to be placed on a future Commission Meeting agenda.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you, Steve. We really appreciate it.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And thanks to the others who were here for this presentation.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you Cheryl and Mike and Dave and Bernie for joining us today and I would like to recognize Councilwoman Sue Schlapp who, when I introduced her last time was out of the room. So, welcome to our chambers today.”

Ms. Sue Schlapp, Councilwoman, City of Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I love the way you do everything here. It’s great. Hey, can I join the B team?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “She’s a small business owner.”

Chairman Norton said, “You’re welcome to come to the podium and address us, if you’d like Sue. Thank you for crossing Central Avenue, as dangerous as it can be, to come and join us today. I appreciate that.”

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Ms. Schlapp said, "You guys are very friendly over here. I was just going to comment on that. You're a little less, what . . . formal maybe. I appreciate . . . It's great. You introduce everybody when they come in the room and you guys do a great job. I'm really . . . coming across is wonderful. I get to get away from all my nonsense and see what you guys do."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Want to trade nonsenses once in a while?"

Ms. Schlapp said, "I want to know about the teddy bear."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's a long story."

Commissioner McGinn said, "No you don't."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, I'll cut you off now, Sue. We're very proud to have you as a colleague across the street and you're welcome back anytime to join us and help us through the process too, because you know what, we're all in the same boat."

Ms. Schlapp said, "We're in the same boat and it's great to work with you guys. I appreciate it."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And what's this across Central competition tournament, tennis or something that I'm hearing around here?"

Ms. Schlapp said, "Are you in? July 19th, Genesis Racket Club."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Can I be the ball boy or the net boy with my finger on the net to see if it's a lead or anything?"

Ms. Schlapp said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Sue. Clerk, call the next item."

D. RESOLUTION APPOINTING TIM R. NORTON AS SEDGWICK COUNTY'S VOTING DELEGATE TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE TERM SEPTEMBER 1, 2003 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2005.

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So moved."

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Second."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just have a question, I guess, for the Manager. In the past, it seems like we've approved for each convention or whatever. Are we just kind of streamlining here? Because generally, I mean, it had been the Chairman. I mean, it's just different. I just wondered why we were doing something different."

Commissioner Winters said, "I do not think this is what it says it is. I think what this is is we need to elect, from the State of Kansas, a national representative to the NACO, nationally and that person to be recommended is Lonny Addis from Labette County. Lonny has been on the board for the past two years and the Kansas board is asking for him to continue and we need to vote for him and this is authorizing our Chairman to cast that . . . to be our voting delegate to vote for Lonny Addis."

Commissioner McGinn said, "For the NACO convention."

Commissioner Winters said, "No, for a board term of two years for Lonny Addis."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. We've just never done it this way."

Commissioner Winters said, "I've never seen this before."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Lonny is going to serve the board for two years. All this does is give the Chairman the authority to vote for him at the conference that we're not going to attend."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, but I mean, are we saying that the Chairman will be our voting delegate for a year and a half?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, it's just till the end of the term as Chair. If there's a special meeting of the NACO board, we wouldn't have to do this again."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay."

Mr. Buchanan said, "We could have done it for a ten minute period."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I've got it."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "I guess the reason I asked is . . . and I don't think we vote in the fall. I think we vote in the spring. Generally, we have a delegate to KAC or whatever and that's why I was just . . . This big timeline was different than we've done in the past."

Commissioner Winters said, "When we, in the fall, when we attend the annual meeting of the KAC in Kansas City, we'll need to delegate another series of voting delegates for that meeting."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Right. And for the record, we're not appointing Tim to vote for a specific person. We're appointing him to be our voting delegate, hoping he'll vote for the right person. But he hasn't cast his vote yet."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, that's right but we'd hope he'd cast . . ."

Chairman Norton said, "I will not be a rogue commissioner. I will vote with the will of the Commission."

Commissioner McGinn said, "We just want you to vote for the guy from Kansas, not Arkansas."

Chairman Norton said, "Who hasn't gotten me yet? Anybody here? You're next, Bill. Stand in line, take a number."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, Mr. Chairman I'd make just one other quick comment and

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many people probably listening do not know Lonny Addis. Lonny Addis is from Labette County and does an excellent job representing commissioners and all county officials on a national level. So I doubt if they pick this signal up in Labette County, but Lonny just does an excellent job.”

Chairman Norton said, “He’s very passionate about his work as a county commissioner.”

Commissioner Winters said, “He certainly is.”

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

E. HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPPLEMENTING OF A QUALIFIED MORTGAGE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM; AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ELECTION NOT TO ISSUE \$5,000,000 OF QUALIFIED MORTGAGE BONDS.

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This morning, this issue is a renewal of the Kansas Mortgage Savers program. We renew this about every two years. It’s a mortgage credit certificate based on the family’s income and their size, their annual income. They get this mortgage credit certificate, either 15% or 20%, on the amount of interest they’ve paid on their mortgage in a year.

Our average sales price in this program is \$67,0000. The person, if they were getting a full tax credit, would get \$400 a year through the life of the loan over 30 years. If you have any questions, I could answer those.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see none at this point. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FINANCE PLAN; AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, 2003 SERIES A, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS.

Mr. Snapp said, "Commissioners, this program is one that we do every year and this year we've been able to issue two programs. This is the first year that we've been able to use continuous allocation. We'll issue this up to six increments. Again, we serve . . . this is a low to moderate income program, but most of the families we serve are low income households buying their first house. Expect to serve about 900 people with this program. If you have any questions, I can answer those."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no questions. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Brad. Next item."

F. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT MONITORING PROCESS.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to talk about the contract monitoring process and today with me I have contract monitors. And I would like to introduce folks and they're going to hate me for this, but I would ask them to stand up. Here's Monica Cissell, please stand up, from Department on Aging, and she does Aging mill levy contracts. Jeannette Livingston from COMCARE. She does mental health and county prevention fund contracts. Mariann Fountain, she handles . . . as you know, we have a contract with the City of Wichita and we do monitor the City liquor tax contracts and Mariann takes care of those. Jan Schwartz handles the contracts with the CDDO. We know that's a big job. Chris Kautzer, Department of Corrections, handles those contracts, does a lot with prevention, a lot of the juvenile stuff. Chris Champagne, who also is with Department of Corrections, works on the contracts. Next to her is Joan Flynn and Joan does the Older Americans Act and Senior Care Act contracts. Jenny Reynard is next to her. Jenny handles the contract with the senior centers. Next to her is Valerhy Harmon, who does physical disabilities and transportation contracts. And you have to know, I appreciate the work they do every year.

Also, in the division, we have a contract monitoring policy and they meet on a regular basis to look at contract monitoring division-wide and how we're doing that business. Now, to give you an idea of the number of contracts that happen or occur within our division, in Aging they have 158 contracts for 7.6 million dollars. CDDO has 49 contracts for a total of 35 million. Corrections has 25 contracts, for a total of 2.5 million. COMCARE has 65 contracts of 15.4 million and 18 of those contracts are the City liquor tax contracts for 1.7 million and then crime prevention, which is 13 contracts for \$1,000,000.

The funding sources for these vary. They can be federal, state and local funds. There also can be

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unique expectations and so there isn't a one size fits all. They can be everything from Medicaid fee for service contracts to independent contractors to grants.

The philosophy of the work that's done on this is really a focus on accountability. We know and understand we're working with tax dollars. We encourage a successful partnership and we strive to build a real positive working relationship, in terms of good communication, if there are issues to target those early and timely resolution of problems. And I think it says a lot about the contract monitors, in terms of having over 300 contracts, that probably I get to deal with two or three a year, in terms of any kinds of issues, questions or concerns.

The contract monitoring policy, as I mentioned it's division-wide and it certainly sets the tone, defines expectations. It outlines the procedures for corrective actions and complaints and it also provides flexibility so we can tailor that, because we have different expectations. Sometimes the funding source has certain expectations that have to be met. It is really based on a technical assistance model.

We also . . . and monitors have done a great job of developing a risk assessment. The idea is to take a look, when appropriate, to see if an agency is potentially having or might have some difficulties. Those that might score in a moderately high or high risk will get more attention and time from the contract monitor.

We look at financial viability, do we have an organization that has less than a month's reserve or not an adequate credit line. We look at past performance, have they continually had difficulty meeting their outcomes. We look at organizational experience, do they have the experience to do this job and what kind of experience have they had. We look at staffing levels, do they have adequate staff to do the job and do they have a lot of turn over. We also look at regular board meetings, do they have them, is a quorum present, do they take minutes, do we know what's happening with their board. We look at agency growth. If there's been a tremendous amount of growth, sometimes they can be at risk, and we look at accreditation and licensure. Quite frankly, if someone has been through an accreditation or licensure process, then they probably require less monitoring.

We also look at human resource practices, what's their staff training policy and records. Are they keeping current? Do they do reference checks? Are there job descriptions? Are there appropriate criminal background checks done? Well, we have people working with children. They need to have appropriate criminal background checks. Is there an EEO and Affirmative Action policy.

We also take a hard look at financial controls. We look at the approval of the financial controls. Do we have two people that sign on a check? Is there a separation of financial responsibility or can one person do the full financial transaction? We always have concerns if we see that. Is there invoice approval before payment? We look at expenditure controls and account transaction

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documentation. Are there in fact the receipts, those type of things, to back up an expenditure? Is it appropriate? Is it in the right line item? Is it approved? And we also look if there's an independent audit. We look at program level evaluation. We review the data collection method. Is it appropriate for what they're collecting? What is the tool that they're using? Are they using a tool that in fact measures what they're telling us they're doing. We look at their goals and outcomes. We look at who is being served and how often. We look at the records. What's in the records? Are they appropriate records? Can we, in fact, verify that what they're saying happened is happening? We look at program staff qualifications. Do they have the appropriate qualifications to do the job? We may interview direct line staff. We certainly look at consumer satisfaction and we may do stakeholder interviews.

I want you to be aware that we do have a series of corrective actions if in fact there is any difficulty. First and foremost, we always provide technical assistance. We want the people we contract to succeed. Our next step, if that's not successful, is we may need additional documentation and so we will request that. We can withhold payment until corrective action is taken and we may discontinue referrals. And of course, if none of this works, the ultimate would be recommending termination of a contract.

We believe that the keys to affective contract monitoring, number one is good communication, clear expectations, consistency and emphasis on accountability. We want to make sure that the tax dollars are being appropriately used. We believe that our work with these agencies and groups are so critical because they're the ones that make sure and help an elderly person perhaps not go into a nursing home, that the child with a mental illness not have to go into a hospital, help a juvenile turn from a potential life of crime, assist someone in graduating from high school. Those are the kinds of things that we focus on and we always remember that it's all about partnerships. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I just want to make a comment that I appreciate the presentation. I think it's reassuring to me, as a new commissioner, but it's reassuring to the public in general to know that this huge amount of money isn't disappearing down some black hole. That there's someone who is watching the program and watching the dollars and demanding accountability and we have nine folks here who are in charge of that process and I think that we can take confidence in the fact that our tax dollars are being spent wisely and we are demanding accountability and we're watching the store. So, thanks for the presentation."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

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Commissioner Winters said, "I too just want to echo Commissioner Unruh and I appreciate you bringing the contract monitors to the meeting room. We have occasion to see some of them. I know in the past I've worked with Valerhy on some transportation issues and Chris on juvenile justice and Jeannette on juvenile justice, but it's good to put a face with the rest of you and see the things that you're about. It is very important to us to make sure that, really at times, a pretty significant amount of money we're putting in various organizations and we're certainly concerned about wanting to see that those funds are expended to the very best benefit of the taxpayers. So, Debbie, thanks for the little update on how part of that monitoring takes place and thanks for bringing the monitors to the meeting. It's good to be able to say to you you're doing pretty important work and if it wasn't there, we would be a lot less confident than we are. So, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, I too want to say thank you for the presentation and to see the monitors. I know, as Commissioner Winters said, we recognize a lot of the faces and actually have worked with some of the contract monitors and I know the five years that I've been here, you talked about some of these things that we provide technical assistance, I've seen that. We've asked for additional documentation. I've seen that. I mean, I just think that's important, that we need to be watching the tax dollars very closely and I'm glad that we have people sorted out into all those different areas that are diligent about that."

And another area I thinking about, you know we have Ron Holt who also oversees our recreation and parks and makes sure that those dollars are expended wisely as well. So again, thank you for the presentation and it's good to see all the contract monitors here today. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I sound like a big echo, but those keys to effective monitoring are right on and good communication right at the beginning both parties know exactly . . . or they know exactly what's expected of them. Consistency on how you deal with them. I mean that is crucial to be able to I think really give the public some comfort that maybe we are stewards of their funds and we are trying to see to it that the dollar that we're investing on their behalf is getting the most use out of it. In essence, we're the entities customers, because we're the ones that are contracting with them and I'm very comforted with the presentation and I thank you for making it for us."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Deb. What is the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Deb. Next item."

2. CONTRACTS (20) TO PROVIDE SERVICES ALLOWING OLDER PERSONS TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES.

- **ADVANTAGE HOME CARE, INC.**
- **AFFORD-A-CARE, INC.**
- **ALL SAINTS HOME CARE, INC.**
- **ASSOCIATED HOMECARE**
- **BLESSED HOME HEALTH CARE AND STAFFING SERVICES, INC.**
- **CARE 2000 HOME CARE**
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.**
- **DEPENDABLE ASSISTED LIVING, INC.**
- **HOME HEALTHCARE CONNECTION**
- **KELLY HOME CARE**
- **LINK TO LIFE**
- **LOVING HEARTS HOME CARE**
- **MEDICALODGE HOME CARE**
- **PROACTIVE HOME CARE, INC.**
- **PROGRESSIVE HOME HEALTH CARE**
- **RESOURCE CENTER INDEPENDENT LIVING**

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- **RIGHT AT HOME**
- **ST. RAPHAEL HOME CARE, INC.**
- **VIA CHRISTI RIVERSIDE HOME CARE**
- **WICHITA LIFELINE, INC.**

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Senior Care Act program provides needed assistance to individuals age 60 and older to help them remain in their home. This is a program that’s a matching program. We get state dollars. We get county local dollars and then we get program income.

The services is for individuals who are at the function . . . they have functional limitations that require them to need assistance to maintain in their home. These are individuals who want to remain in their home. With a little bit of services, they are able to do that. The services are, like I said, state funded. We get matching funds from Sedgwick, Butler and Harvey County. It’s a service under the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging and provides services in the tri-county area.

Some of services these individuals can receive are case management, assessment, attendant care, homemaker, respite care and services for lifeline services. So this is a . . . these are for contracts, 20 contracts with providers. We operate this program with a vendor model where the individuals, the clients themselves get to choose their provider out of the list of vendors. So these are contracts with vendors. It’s a fee for service. They’re reimbursed at a unit of dollars per service, depending on how many services. So it keeps it competitive and it keeps the providers on their toes to provide the best service they can so they can get more of those services available out there.

The program . . . this year we did pretty good for the state budget. We were worried at many points in time, but it ended up we did fairly good with this and with the program income. It’s a sliding fee scale program. It looks at the individual’s income and looks at their liquid assets to determine their co-pay amount. So, we haven’t gotten the final dollar amounts but we’re projecting approximately a total budget of \$1,427,524.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Approximately?”

Ms. Graham said, “Yeah, roughly, it’s a guesstimate, because some of the match dollars that we’ve budgeted in in Sedgwick County has already approved that for the budget year and that is mill levy funds of \$57,327 for Sedgwick County mill levy match for a portion of that. No additional funds are requested and we request that you approve the vendor contracts with the 20 providers that are listed.”

Chairman Norton said, “Do have some questions. Commissioner Sciortino.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, not a question, just a real quick comment. One of the elements that I really like is that we’ve gone out and got competing services so that a client can pick and choose. They don’t have to say, ‘Okay, well if you want to, you have to go to this one’. They have a choice of more than one that they can choose from and I think whenever you give anybody some ability to have some control over their own lives, that makes them feel much better about the whole program in general, and I like that element of it very much. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thanks. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. Just to dovetail a little bit on Commissioner Sciortino, it seems like what we’re really providing is not just a specific menu of services, but we’re providing these folks an opportunity for independence and dignity and a personal sense of independence and value and I think that it’s difficult to put a dollar amount on that and this is a lot of money, but it’s a worthwhile thing for us to do for the citizens of Sedgwick County and so I’m very much in favor of it.”

Chairman Norton said, “I think this program is one of those programs that we know if we don’t do this, there’s implications down the road for this group of people that is much more costly to the state and to the community than keeping them in their homes, keeping them somewhat independent and keeping them out of nursing homes, which costs a heck of a lot more.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Mike Pepoon is now real interested in this program too for some reason, since yesterday.”

Chairman Norton said, “He’s crossed over, hasn’t he.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “He has, he’s now part of that group.”

Chairman Norton said, “So maybe Loving Hearts Homecare would be something he would be interested in?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, that would work.”

Chairman Norton said, “What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Contracts and authorize the Chairman to

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sign.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you, Annette. Next item.”

3. AGREEMENTS (13) TO PROVIDE SERVICES CONTAINED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN.

• WICHITA A.C.T.S. ON TRUANCY	\$266,013
• OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY	\$94,718
• USD 259	\$73,911
• FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE	\$59,130
• COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS	\$63,626
• HILLTOP IMPROVEMENT ALLIANCE	\$70,087
• OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY	\$131,007
• KANSAS CHILDREN’S SERVICE LEAGUE	\$135,135
• KANSAS CHILDREN’S SERVICE LEAGUE	\$91,515
• FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE	\$167,668
• WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY	\$7,000
• OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY	\$173,249
• KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES, INC.	\$102,466

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Ms. Chris Kautzer, Systems Integration Coordinator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This past April, you approved our community funding plan grant application for local juvenile justice services during state fiscal year 2004.

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The Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority has now approved our district's application, so I am here today to request your approval on the contracts that will provide for the continuation of existing JJA funded services.

The services that will be provided for this fiscal year are the Community Truancy Immunization Project. This is a collaborative effort to address truancy in a coordinated manner. There are six different agencies that provide services to students, those that are already truant or at risk of becoming truant. Several of the agencies here also provide services to the family. The six different agencies involved in this project are: Wichita A.C.T.S. on Truancy, the District Attorney's Office, USD 259, Family Consultation Services, Communities in School and Hilltop Improvement Alliance.

The family group conferencing program is operated by the District Attorney's Office. This is a restorative justice diversion program and it involved a network of skilled facilitators that actually conduct family group conferencing and accountability plans for juveniles that are charged with certain crimes. The District Attorney's Office, as I mentioned, is the lead and they do subcontract with Inter-faith Ministries for the actual coordination and facilitation of conferences.

The JIAC case management program is provided by Kansas Children's Service League. This is a case management service that is offered to youth who have been to the Sedgwick County Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center a second time or more and currently have no case management services.

Another program administered by Kansas Children's Service League is the parent training program. This program utilizes two evidence-based curriculum to serve children whose preventive need is defined by the situation of their parents. They will accept referrals from agencies such as . . . supervising agencies such as the Sedgwick County's Department of Corrections, adult probation, state parole or SRS. They also accept referrals for parents that are in substance abuse treatment centers or are currently involved with Functional Family Therapy, which is the next program I'd like to talk about.

Functional Family Therapy is a blueprint for violence prevention program. It helps reduce supervision failures among youth that are on diversion, on probation, that may be on home-based supervision or currently receiving case management services with the program I mentioned before, JIAC case management.

And these are our ten prevention contracts. We have two intervention and graduated sanctions contracts. The first one is with the District Attorney's Office and that is the diversion/ immediate intervention program. The program is designed to give an opportunity to certain youthful offenders to accept responsibility for their crime, to receive rehabilitative services and sanctions. It also gives them an opportunity to provide restitution or another restorative justice measure to the victim of the

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crime. And to the last, intervention/ graduated sanction program is detention advocacy service. This is a contract with Kansas Legal Services. This is another case management program, but it is designed to address the over-representation of minority and low-income youth in secured detention. This program also helps reduce the likelihood that a juvenile offender will spend unnecessary time in detention.

And finally prevention, we use prevention and intervention/ graduated sanctions funds in the amount of \$7,000, contract for Wichita State University. This is to provide program evaluation and consultation services. These are the services that Dr. Craig has been providing for several years now.

We're asking you to approve these contracts and authorize the Chair to sign and I'd be happy to address any questions you have."

Chairman Norton said, "I don't see any questions right now. Are there any questions from the Commissioners? Comment?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I'd make a comment or two, I guess. And Chris, these are the programs that Team Justice or our Juvenile Correctional Advisory Board wrestles with and looks at and studies, determines whether they're on track, on course and they're the group that sets about monitoring whether there's outcomes that are desirable. But these are the ones that Team Justice really works with. Is that correct?"

Ms. Kautzer said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "And the money that funds them is state money, coming from Juvenile Justice Authority in Topeka."

Ms. Kautzer said, "Right."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. Well I think there are a number of good programs here. I don't know that I know all about all of them, but if anybody has any questions about any of them, I'd certainly be glad to. I see Mark Masterson is here and of course Chris knows a lot about each of them also."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I see Family Consultation and I'm looking in the backup. It has a truancy program and a functional family therapy. That's why they're listed twice on that."

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Ms. Kautzer said, "That is correct."

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

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I have to . . . I assume I'm correct in making this statement, that since we are now being entrusted by the state to oversee the funds that they're bringing here, that they're completely comfortable with our monitoring program and with our way of . . . in other words, we give them regular reports and what have you and they're comfortable that we're overseeing what they have entrusted us to oversee, and that is the state taxpayers' dollars? Is that right?"

Ms. Kautzer said, "Yes."

Mr. Buchanan said, "If I may add something, if you recall Commission, several months ago the legislative post-audit committee did an audit on this program around the state and, because of Chris' work and Mark Masterson's work and Debbie Donaldson's work, this program came out a shining star, our program and Sedgwick County was the shining star of the state that was used as an example of how to do it and how to do it well."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So then my assumption is correct. We're doing it correctly. Okay, great. That's all I had."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "You know, I don't want to go through here and make comments about each one of these programs, because I think they're all doing good work. You know, I did hear a bit of discussion about one of the programs that the District Attorney's Office is involved with. Family Group Conferencing, which is really the restorative justice, I mean hold kids accountable.

And again, I don't know all there is to know about it, but I had an opportunity to visit with Sandra McQuellehan a couple of months ago about this and talking about getting victims and the people who have committed some kind of crime together in the same room is pretty scary to think about, but I tell you, Sandra was so enthusiastic about the good things that come out of that. That it was a

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real kind of testament, I think, to what that one program is doing in holding some young people accountable and figuring out how they can pay some things back, and yet still assuring victims, sometimes the victims have the feeling that they were targeted, singled out, which is usually not the case. But talking about all of the interactions that go through that process, I think that's just one program that, from what I can tell from my brief experience, seems to just be doing pretty well.

Of course, I was speaking with one person who was very enthusiastic about her job, though it was good to see somebody like that work on the project, so I'm sure there's good things we could say about each of them, but I thought I would mention that one."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. How much is the total dollar amount here, Chris? Do you have that?"

Ms. Kautzer said, "I don't have that available. I will get that to you."

Chairman Norton said, "I hadn't added it up in my head."

Ms. Kautzer said, "Now, we have more that we don't contract out the services, so I don't know what the total is, including those."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Layered onto this though is money that Sedgwick County puts into other prevention programs and we continue to layer that in with this money that comes from the state. So we have a real dedication to prevention, not only the JJA monies, but the other prevention monies that we provide at the county level, which is very important.

Talk about the other programs and how we've looked at the outlooks for all of them and are starting to build a capacity to look at all of those the same way. That's something you've worked hard on over the last year I know."

Ms. Kautzer said, "Yes, and we do, because we share some providers with the county prevention fund, and so we try and make sure that the outcomes . . . we work real hard with Jeannette Livingston and make sure that the outcomes mesh and we're trying to measure the same thing for the same type of program."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino tells me that it's about 1.4 million in this group that we're looking at today. Of course we put in more than a million in prevention funds, which is pretty exciting. When we have the conversation about we know we're looking at jail and incarceration, trying to get upstream and prevent people, young people from getting in the system is so critically important to our county and hopefully these programs will continue to hammer at that

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particular problem in our community. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Chris. Next item."

G. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA HOCKEY, INC. FOR USE OF KANSAS COLISEUM FOR THE 2003-2004 HOCKEY SEASON.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're real pleased to bring this agreement before you today, because it will continue our relationship with the Wichita Thunder for the next two consecutive hockey seasons. As you know, the Thunder are a major tenant, and they are good for the Coliseum. But more importantly, good for our community. They've been very competitive over the years and we're very pleased to have this relationship continue. At this time I'd like to introduce David Holt, the general manager of the Thunder and we'd be happy to answer any questions that you may have."

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Chairman Norton said, “Okay. Doesn’t look like a hockey player to me.”

Mr. David Holt, General Manager, Wichita Thunder Hockey, greeted the Commissioners and said, “No, I can barely skate backwards. I appreciate the opportunity to really meet you guys, the commissioners, formally. I just got into the community about three months ago, so I haven’t had a chance to meet you one on one. I look forward to doing that this summer and then, of course, look forward to seeing you at the games this winter.

So we appreciate the opportunity to continue in our relationship. We have made some changes in our front office, some things that, from a community standpoint, you’ll start to notice is we’ve really renewed our effort to do various charities, be a lot more visible in the community. My goal is to strive to make the organization really a first class organization that the entire community can be proud of. And then of course everybody is concerned about the quality of play on the ice and we have a young coach that’s currently in Canada recruiting and we look forward to having a very competitive team this winter, so we look forward to seeing you.”

Chairman Norton said, “And you’ve got a new logo and you’ve kind of . . . just a new look and everything.”

Mr. Holt said, “Trying to let everybody know that there have been some changes. We did change our logo. We have new jerseys that will be unveiled when it gets October. I think the fans will be excited about that. I mean, we’ve really made some changes, really a complete overall of what’s been going on the past 12 years. And what I look to do is just continue on the tradition that the Thunder has established and, again I think in the next . . . at the end of this season, you guys are going to be very proud of us and the entire city will be proud of us because of what we’ve been able to do within the league.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you very much for being here today. Commissioners, what is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, John. Next item."

H. GRANT AWARD BY THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY, THROUGH THE KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, TO BE USED FOR PROSECUTION OF METHAMPHETAMINE CASES.

Ms. Sheri Boeken, Office Administration, District Attorney's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Requesting acceptance of a HIDTA grant award in the amount of \$50,000 that will partially fund one experienced drug attorney in the exclusive prosecution of Meth-amphetamine cases. I'm available for questions."

Chairman Norton said, "How many cases do we prosecute presently, Sheri? Do you have that off the top of your head?"

Ms. Boeken said, "No. I'm sorry, I don't, but I can get that information for you."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, it has continued to be a problem in the State of Kansas and Sedgwick County and I just know that we've got to be concerted in our efforts."

Ms. Boeken said, "It has. Mr. Jennings is one of Ms. Foulston's chief attorneys and he has been placed in this grant position to oversee this program and the prosecution of these cases. This grant was originally funded by HIDTA and it was made known that it was a one time award. It was then funded for a second year by the Byrne grant, and subsequently HIDTA came back and said, 'You know, we're pleased with the program and we have these funds that we would like to award to this program so that it may continue'. So I know that the grant funder is very pleased with the results in the prosecution of these cases."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, it's so important to work with the Sheriff's Department and Wichita to make sure that these drug labs that are in the back of trunks and are in farm houses and

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everything are taken care of and prosecuted to the highest extent on the law to get that taken care of.
What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to Accept the grant award.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Sheri. Next item."

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I. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. AGREEMENT WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT OF KANSAS FOR PROVISION OF THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WIC FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2004.

Ms. Sandra Reichenberger, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Manager, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Sedgwick County Health Department has received from KDHE the new WIC program contract and agreement in the amount of \$1,225,831 and I might mention that these are all federal dollars. And we are asking that you approve the agreement and sign all the necessary documents.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Can I ask what’s the significance of saying they’re all federal dollars? I don’t understand that.”

Ms. Reichenberger said, “This award is federal money coming. WIC is funded out of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, the Health Department receives funding from a variety of sources, some of which is state dollars that are direct state dollars. Some of which are state dollars that are really federal dollars that come through the state and the third contract is a direct grant from the federal government. And so, I think it’s helpful to understand that this one is a direct one from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, not through the state.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “That’s the point I was trying to make was that this is a direct relationship between us and Washington D.C. It’s not filtered through Topeka.”

Ms. Reichenberger said, “Well, there is a state WIC agency that handles the state funds. These federal dollars are handled at the state level, passed down to us.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Oh, okay.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see no other questions. What is the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Sandy. Next item."

2. ADJUSTMENT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE TWO REGISTERED DIETITIAN POSITIONS, BAND 321.

Ms. Reichenberger said, "The dollars received in the new contract is actually an increase from last year in the amount of \$122,380. And with these additional dollars that we are receiving, we would like to adjust the staffing table to include two more registered dietitians to work in the WIC program. And we would like to ask for your approval and authorize the chair to sign."

Chairman Norton said, "How many registered dietitians do you have in the program presently?"

Ms. Reichenberger said, "Presently, including myself, there's 5.6 FTEs, and so these would be two more dietitians. We also have registered nurses working in WIC also."

Chairman Norton said, "One of the things we continue to see is that there is still, as many people as we serve in this program, there's still a large population out there that is not getting any services that could qualify. Is that correct?"

Ms. Reichenberger said, "Right. Currently, the state requires us to stay within 98 to 103% of an

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assigned caseload and that assigned caseload, with the new contract, is 11,289 and I can tell you with the recent May statistics, we are already at 103% of that assigned caseload, so we continue to grow.”

Chairman Norton said, “What do you estimate is the population of underserved or not served that are still out there?”

Ms. Reichenberger said, “Probably around 6,000 in Sedgwick County that would be eligible for WIC.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Six thousand that aren’t presently being served?”

Ms. Reichenberger said, “Right.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Just a quick question. These are grant funded, and so when they come in they know that if the grant is exhausted, that they . . . I don’t want to say they’re exhausted too, but maybe they are. They go away with the grant.”

Ms. Reichenberger said, “Yes, they are told that, yes.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. Any other questions? What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the adjustment to the Health Department Staffing Table.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

- 3. ADJUSTMENT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE ONE ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER POSITION, BAND 325; TWO LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE POSITIONS, BAND 220; AND ONE OFFICE SPECIALIST POSITION, BAND 115.**

Mr. Gerald Frantz, Interim Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In response to the two most recent rounds of budget reductions, the Sedgwick County Health Department presented two proposals, both of which were approved by the County Finance Department. The first was consolidation of five health stations, of our five south stations into one large health station and the second was to expand immunization and health assessment programs such that the department will generate an additional net revenue of \$186,000 and will enhance service delivery to residents of Sedgwick County.

Expansion of the program includes \$7,209 for equipment and supplies, and four positions: one Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, two Licensed Practical Nurses and an office specialist. The ARNP position would be utilized primarily to allow the Free To Know program to expand their breast and cervical cancer screening. By providing additional screening we will now not only save will save more lives, but we will also increase revenue generation for that program.

The two Licensed Practical Nurses positions will have as their primary assignment expanded immunization projects, such as the school entry required immunizations made available on-site at school through Sedgwick County. They will also be used as support for existing registered nurses, freeing their time to support the nurse practitioners in providing school sports physicals, and we've already come up with an agreement with 259, that are required for all student athletics for any sports played, and that includes the bands within 259 and other districts within Sedgwick County. All three positions will be cross-trained such that they can provide a variety of services in addition to those described above. The office specialist will provide clerical support for these off-site clinics, as well as to augment our third party capabilities.

Bottom line is we're looking to increase revenue by about \$372,000 and the cost is half of that, about \$186,000. And we've already, this year, seen increases in revenues with the programs we've

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put in place and this will allow us to further increase revenue generation. So that was our part of the budget reduction thing. In the first part, we gave up some positions and the second part, we said we were going to start generating more revenue and that's our plan for the future as well, 2004 and beyond. So we ask that you approve these positions to our manning table."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Just one quick question, Jerry. Does the business plan you put together for these folks to be involved in this revenue generation, does it have a checkpoint down the road? Will there be some kind of really analysis about what these individuals are doing and what they're able to produce? And I would assume at some time, I mean, if the plan didn't work, there would be an adjustment. But I guess my real question is, is somebody really going to monitor the activity of these individuals?"

Mr. Frantz said, "Yes, we've put monitoring systems in place. The first checkpoint will be after the flu season immunization this year. About six weeks ago, we put in place a position that's job is to go out into the community, into the schools, into the businesses to drum up business, if you will. We've been very successful. The most successful venture we've come across so far is this school physical thing with 259 and the other schools. So we have scheduled dates already in place for doing things we haven't done in the past. The next big one will be for our marketing person to get out to the businesses and the schools in the community with the flu shot immunization program.

So, in approximately December, we'll take a look and see exactly where we came out of all this. We know that revenue is up about 20% so far this year, so we're very optimistic. But if it doesn't work out the way it's supposed to, certainly there's no sense whatsoever in keeping these positions in place."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. Well I'm going to be supportive and it sounds like a good plan. I just would be confident that somebody's going to be watching how it works. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Any other discussion? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the adjustment to the Health Department Staffing Table.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Jerry. Next item."

J. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE MINNEHA TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #1.

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision, in accordance with county standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case Stagecoach, Stagecoach Court, Summerfield and Sundance Court, located in the Savanna at Castle Rock 9th Addition, will become the responsibility of Minneha Township. The Minneha Township Board was informed that this resolution would be on the County Commission agenda by letter, dated May 28th and I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Dave. Next item."

K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2003.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The referenced meeting resulted in five items for consideration today."

**1) RESCUE TRUCK- FIRE DISTRICT
FUNDING: FIRE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT**

The first item is a rescue truck for the Fire District. Recommend the only bid meeting specifications from Pierce Manufacturing for a not to exceed total of \$328,692.

**2) TENDER TRUCKS- FIRE DISTRICT
FUNDING: FIRE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT**

Item two, tender trucks for the Fire District. Recommend low bid meeting specifications from Pierce Manufacturing for a not to exceed total of \$395,062.

**3) DIGITAL VIDEO/ AUDIO INTERVIEW ROOM RECORDING SYSTEM- SHERIFF
FUNDING: GRANT FUNDED/ LLEBG COURT SMART**

Item three, digital video/ audio interview room recording system for the Sheriff. Recommend low proposal meeting requirements from CourtSmart Digital Systems for a negotiated amount of \$56,400.

**4) FORENSIC COMPUTER SYSTEMS- SHERIFF
FUNDING- EMCU GRANT**

Item four, forensic computer systems for the Sheriff. Recommend bid meeting specifications from

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Digital Intelligence in the amount of \$26,097.

**5) SYSTEMS FURNITURE- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

And item five, systems furniture for Facility Projects. Recommend the quote from Goldsmiths in the amount of \$99,167.04.

Would be happy to answer any questions and recommend approval of these items.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioners, I’m not sure that I’m going to be able to support the equipment purchase from the Fire Department. We’re right in the middle of budget discussions and part of that discussion revolves around the possible elimination of one of the fire stations in the district and elimination of personnel. And I think it’s going to take a pretty good strategic financial plan to try to keep the Fire District as whole as possible in giving as good a service as possible and I’m not comfortable in spending \$683,000 right here when we’re in the middle of the planning stages of how we’re going to make budgets work.

If after we have a budget completed and things are in place, after the first of August, after August 6th, then I would consider that that be the time that we should consider making this purchase. But, as Commissioner Sciortino has often said, this budget issue that we’re in now is . . . this is a real deal problem that we’ve got and I’m not comfortable spending this amount of money until we have the whole financial package for the Fire District wrapped up and we know exactly what we’re going to be for the long term, at least the long term of 12 months of 2004.

So, right now I’m not going to be supportive of making this equipment purchase. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I could consider thinking about delaying it, but before I do I need to have Bob Lamkey come up here and answer some questions. Bob, yesterday we talked a little bit about some of these items that were on here today and it does seem like it’s not a very good time to be having this equipment on here.

I have two questions. One has to do with the repair records that we’ve had on the ones that are currently out there that we’re trying to replace, the cost of repair and the ability to get some of the equipment that we need for that. And then the other question I have has to do with, I guess this is on a program, we put the fire department on a program for equipment renewal and how the effect,

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this is already in the CIP, how it would affect operations anyway.

So I guess the first question has to do with maintenance and repairs.”

Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Public Safety Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Both of these . . . let me speak specifically to the tenders, because those are the ones that we talked about specifically. Both of the tenders that we have here, one is a 1976 vintage, the other one is a 1978 vintage. In the last 12 months, both have accumulated more than 1,000 hours of downtime for maintenance and repair. One of them right now, the 1978 vintage, has a pump that has a seal problem and a leaky tank. The investment to repair that would be about \$25,000. We’re kind of nursing that one along. So, they’ve been down a considerable period of time relative to the rest of the fleet.

We’ve invested seven or eight thousand dollars in the last year for 332. We’ve invested \$12,325 in maintenance on that one and on 334 it’s been about 7,000 in terms of dollars in investment in those particular vehicles in the last 12 months. Your other questions, ma’am?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay, that’s on the tenders, which carry the water.”

Mr. Lamkey said, “Which carry the water. The rescue vehicle, the current rescue vehicle is a 1982 vintage. Again, it’s fairly old and we need to look at replacing that process.

I recognize that this is a very difficult and challenging time with regards to the budget. Part of the process that we worked, in looking at the Fire District vehicles, unlike the rest of the vehicles in the fleet, they’re not part of our fleet reserve, so we don’t have a reserve program. We’ve looked at trying to do that over the last few years, but the investment in that, on an annual basis, according to Fleet Management, would be somewhere in the tune of \$400,000 a year ad infinitum in that process.

So in looking at those issues, with regards to the Fire District, we worked with Finance last year and developed essentially a ten- year scheme. We have a number of vehicles that are aging and, in fact, last year we purchased some vehicles under this process.

And so we’ve laid out a lease purchase program. The investment in these vehicles is \$723,000 less in discounts. We would pay them back over eight years at about \$119,000 a year for the next eight years, should we move ahead. And again, I have a great deal of respect for the circumstances that we find ourselves in and appreciate the difficulty in making this choice now. We certainly can defer this. The consequence would be it would start the process again and delay the deliver process

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of these till probably the end of next year, based upon about a three month bid process and an eight or nine month delivery process.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “On the rescue truck, what . . . Does it have a high maintenance record?”

Mr. Lamkey said, “No, it doesn’t. It’s just that the truck is not meeting our needs. It, in fact, was something that was kind of put together and cobbled together.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “What does a rescue truck do?”

Mr. Lamkey said, “The rescue truck, basically we have people that do high angle rescue, water rescue. An example would be the rescue that happened down near Mulvane, baby Jessie, that would carry all of that kind of equipment.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “How many rescue trucks do we have?”

Mr. Lamkey said, “We have one rescue truck. We have a joint rescue operation. Both our hazardous materials and our technical rescue are joint operations with the City of Wichita. And again, in looking at this process, if I were to discriminate, the tenders clearly are the most important of these acquisitions, but it is also time to replace the rescue truck as well.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay. Since this is a lease agreement then, if we said ‘No, we’re not going to do this today, we’re going to keep the Andale station open’ or those kind of things, what kind of help would this offer that endeavor? I mean, it doesn’t does it?”

Mr. Lamkey said, “It’s \$119,000. Because we’re borrowing money, it’s not money that we have to apply to that solution. What we have to apply to that solution is the \$119,000 that we would pay in lease payments.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Right, 119, okay. So that’s about all that would do for that area, right?”

Mr. Lamkey said, “Correct. Again, this is a very complex issue that you’re dealing with, but that is correct.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay, thank you.”

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Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, first of all, I was thinking it was six something. If I added it right, we're talking \$723,000."

Mr. Lamkey said, "\$723,000, that's correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm having a big problem, like Commissioner Winters is saying, with the timing of it. I'm also having the problem, and I'll have a problem as long as I'm on the bench, as to we want a vehicle that will carry water and we have, you know, 30-40 thousand dollars difference between the bid we took and the one we didn't take. I don't know, not meeting specification, to me if the thing runs and the tank holds the water, its meeting the specifications of getting water on the fire site. That's an over-simplification. You don't have to say anything. I'm just talking.

I see the difference between the rescue fire truck, somebody bid it \$288,908 and we took the highest bid of \$328,692. Not meeting specifications, whatever the heck that means, but that's real money, okay.

Now I know the \$119,000 a year, given our budget, staff could think 'You know that's really not too impact-ful' but by God, you start adding 100,000 here, 100,000 there, no pun intended, pretty soon it's real money and to a citizen thinking that we're going to lose a fire station, they're going to think, maybe erroneously, 'Well, gee if they could have deferred this purchase' . . . they don't understand all this . . . 'for a year, we could have kept our fire station open for a year'.

I'm not going to support this and I'm not going to say I'll automatically support it when it comes back in September or whatever, I mean assuming it doesn't . . . I don't know where it's going to go now, but I just think we're giving the wrong message when we say, 'Yeah, we understand we're in a crisis, but we still want to buy the most expensive product'. It's just, to a layperson, that maybe the County's just giving lip service to really understanding and internalizing that we're in a financial crisis. You know, and I'm sure all of us are getting the phone calls from Andale, the e-mails from Andale. These people are frightened and scared that they're going to lose a fire station. We're talking about laying off firefighters. Well, by golly, they're concerned, I think would be a safe word, about their livelihood.

It cascades with all the letters and stuff we've gotten from seniors, 'Please don't stop this service' because everybody that is receiving a service from us believes that that's the most important service to receive. So, a rhetorical question is what would happen if we deferred this for a year? If we limped the tenders along for another year, would that really put citizens in danger that the truck couldn't get there with the water? The rescue truck, is that something that we could maybe defer

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the rescue truck for a year and get the tend . . .? Is there any other . . . can we lease? Well, I guess we are leasing it through the way we're working it. But I mean, are there ways of prioritizing needs to wants?"

Mr. Lamkey said, "I guess let me answer that question this way, what we have done in the Fire District since I've been the Public Safety Director is exactly that. We've deferred the acquisition of equipment because of the budget scenarios and a respect for that process over a period of time. Measuring risk, it's hard for me to say that these trucks won't be just fine as they are for the next year. I can tell you that these two vehicles have at least twice the downtime of any other tenders in this process, the delivery water to rural areas, areas that don't have it, so these are front line firefighting apparatus in terms of delivery of service.

You asked me to prioritize. Clearly the tenders are more important to the delivery of service than the rescue vehicle. However, what we have done is deferred this for a number of years. Typically, for tenders, they would have a 20 year life cycle. Well, one of these is 27 years, the other one is 29 years. Getting parts is harder to find. So, deferring it for a year, I guess I would tell you, looking at the financial picture of the Fire District, it probably wouldn't make any difference as we're standing here talking, in next year's budget in the overall scheme of things.

Now, the complexity of the issue we have today, I certainly can respect the need to have a better understanding, but again \$119,000 is a lot of money. There's . . . the cost of money that is very low right now, so there's that opportunity to make those kinds of investments when the cost of money are low, because lease purchase, quite frankly, are the way that we're going to buy these things over the next few years. So we've worked hard to develop a plan.

The timing is awful. We started this process last year, without the division that crystallized during the period of time, in terms of developing the specifications, making sure we didn't have proprietary specifications. Certainly, the purchasing director can tell you that the lowest vendor on these was not responsive and both in terms of responding to questions that they had after the initial bid and providing us the information that we needed to have in order to assess whether they were delivering a valid bid or not. And to this date, they haven't and so, part of what we have here is the basic fidelity to our purchasing process and fair competition with regards to vendors and being responsive to what we have laid out as requirements."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, I got it. Let me ask one other question and I'll stop. You stated that if we did defer this, or defer our decision on this that it would have to start the whole process over. Are you telling me that a guy that's sitting here that sees that he might get \$723,000, if we were to call them and say, 'Look we may need a month or so more, but we'll hold you as the preferred thing, Bob, if you could give us the 30 day extension on it' that you're saying they're going to say, 'Hell, no, that's it, if you don't take it now you've got to start the whole process over' knowing that they may not be the winner? I mean, has there been any thought . . . is that an

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ironclad thing that it would . . .”

Mr. Lamkey said, “I guess I’ll defer to the Purchasing Director to answer those questions, sir.”

Ms. Baker said, “To the individual or to the firm that we’re looking at, we could certainly ask them a month. A year, no we might as well . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’m not saying a year. I’m saying we were talking about deferring our decision on this until September or until after we get the budgeting process done. But I was told that if we did that, by Mr. Lamkey, we’d have to start the whole process over. Do you believe that?”

Ms. Baker said, “Generally speaking, yes. And that is that we have asked vendors, when they submitted their bids, to hold the pricing firm for a period of time and that time will expire at the end of this month, the 22nd. If we do go back to one vendor and ask him to extend it, yes we could do that, but the others would protest in that it was unfair, even though award has not been made. We do have one vendor that has not been responsive that has not clarified all of their specifications, but that would still open the avenue for him to say, ‘You’re not being fair in your process’. You’ve laid out what your process is and now you’re taking exception and you’re doing something else. We can address that if you want, but beyond a very short window of time, cost becomes a factor. You know, material costs, production lead times, very long lead times and in this particular round, we had some difficulty. We didn’t receive very many bids. These manufacturers are backlogged. They have full production schedules and for the bids that were received, they were just working them into their production lines. So, for them . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, but it’s been pointed out to me that, if I’m reading it right, will prices be guaranteed for additional . . . oh, additional units through December 31st, 2003 and everybody answered yes.”

Ms. Baker said, “These vendors said yes.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, does that not mean that he’d guarantee this price through December 31st?”

Ms. Baker said, “It means that he would guarantee this price, but what we’d be looking at is lead time issues and be going back to the table discussing the length of time that it would take to get the vehicles.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, but then it isn’t the whole process, it would just be when we would get the product. Is that the . . .”

Ms. Baker said, “Exactly, and what Bob is referring to, if the process starts over, then if these bids are rejected, the process starts over. You re-submit your bid out to the public, to the street. It comes back. You have an evaluation period and they usually take . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, but why would we have to re-let it out for bid?”

Ms. Baker said, “It’s just one of the options you have.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, we have an option to let it out for bid or we can . . . we haven’t taken action on this bid. We could take action on this bid. Okay. Well, anyway I think I’ve made my position. I’m not going to support this today, but it depends on . . . I’d like to hear what other Commissioners have to say.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you. I would agree that this is a difficult time, timings not good. We’ve got difficult budget issues to deal with, but the question is are we going to be able to deliver fire protection if we don’t proceed with this. You know, you’ve indicated these are 27, 29 years old, whatever the number was. On a vehicle of that age, are parts available to keep them maintained? Can we keep them on the road? I mean, the downtime is substantial. Is that because we can’t get parts or it continues to break? What’s the answer from one of you?”

Mr. Lamkey said, “That’s an inordinately difficult question, because it’s one of those kinds it depends. What we have discovered, it is more difficult to get parts for these older vehicles. Some of the time that they’ve been down have been awaiting parts. They’re not off the shelf, so we scrounge, we search, and we work those processes. I have every confidence in our fleet folks and their ability to do their job. I honestly can’t predict that process. I think there’s . . . they are high maintenance vehicles relative to the rest of the fleet. I don’t have any reason to believe that they won’t continue to be high maintenance vehicles, but I can’t tell you with great faith that if a pump

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fails, we won't be able to find one some place. It's just that I would expect that we would see the same amount of downtime."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. But for example, on the issue of the pump that's leaking, if we deny this request today, we have to go ahead and fix the pump?"

Mr. Lamkey said, "We don't have to fix the pump."

Commissioner Unruh said, "We don't have to."

Commissioner Winters said, "We've got 32 weeks if we bought them today."

Mr. Lamkey said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So we're going to have to fix the pump either way."

Mr. Lamkey said, "We're going to have to maintain these vehicles for as long as we have them. I mean, that's the reality."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What happens if a vehicle is in the shop and we have a fire? What happens now? I mean, we're talking about . . . because the overall scary thing is, 'Oh my gosh, if we don't do this we're throwing everybody at risk'. We've got a vehicle in the shop for repair and there's a fire that needs a tender, what happens?"

Mr. Lamkey said, "We have second line units. We have a couple of second line units that back them up, so there are a couple of other units that we would use in this process. We have tenders at six of our stations."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "We have that new tender/ pumper thing at 36. I remember shooting the gun on top of the . . . when we got delivery of that."

Mr. Lamkey said, "We have tenders at six of our stations and we have a spare that's a '98 vintage . . . '78 vintage, I'm sorry, and a spare that's an '84 vintage and they're down the stream in this whole replacement process. Typically, what we do is we'll take vehicles that have exceeded their first line capability and move them into the back line. So we have a couple of back line vehicles that fill in the spot while we work this process."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Well, it doesn't sound to me like anyone is convinced that we

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don't need them. It's just an issue of timing and if we wait six months to make this decision, then instead of getting the trucks in nine months we get them in 15 months and we have to renegotiate our lease agreements, I assume, in light of the new . . .”

Mr. Lamkey said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “I don’t know. I just come from a background where equipment . . . you can’t do the job without equipment. And I’m inclined to say that if this equipment is failing and we have to provide fire safety and we’ve deferred the purchase long enough, that I’m inclined to support it. My business background, if I have an air compressor that goes out in my background, I can’t run my shop. If I’m in the fire business and I don’t have a fire truck that works, I can’t put out the fire. So my basic question is, can we put out fires for 15 months if we deny this.”

Mr. Lamkey said, “We will put out fires for 15 months if you deny this, but again, I think there’s . . . we will do what we’ve done and that is do our best jobs to maintain these vehicles. I cannot guarantee you that we won’t have failures. We do have some spare vehicles, which again are back line vehicles. They’re as old as these and we put them there to take care of the routine maintenance issues, not to put them on the front line. Okay, so spares are back line, not front line vehicles. And so, I put my hand on my heart and say will they work all 15 months, I think they’ll be down for extensive downtime and we’ll be scrambling. Am I going to throw a burning baby here? No, I can’t do that.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “All right. And you also, I suppose, can’t project what the extra expenses we’ll have in repairs and maintenance as compared to that leased vehicle.”

Mr. Lamkey said, “I will tell you this, the one vehicle that causes the most repairs, we spent twelve grand on it last year and that is the vehicle that is limping along today.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “And that is 10% of our lease payment. Okay, that’s all I have now.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay. Well what comes to mind here is the company called Two Guys and a Truck and I’m sitting here thinking maybe we’re going to have two guys without a truck. And especially when we’re talking about hauling water and so that’s the concern I have. You say a thousand hours down and to me that means nothing in relationship to a year. I have to know how many days was it out of service, you know.”

Mr. Lamkey said, “Forty-eight days.”

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Forty-eight days out of a year it was completely out of service."

Mr. Lamkey said, "Two of them were out."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Two were out, okay. And so, that's my concern is, in learning more and more about fires and how quick to respond and we serve an area that doesn't have water and so that's why we need tender trucks. I mean, if you've got firemen and you don't have a water truck, it's . . . I guess all you can do is go watch it. And so, in looking at these repairs, particularly on this one that's over \$12,000, I'm wondering if we need at least one to get started or something. But I mean that's just a thought. I'll continue to think about this delaying for one month on maybe some of these other vehicles. I need to be convinced, since this rescue vehicle, what . . . you explained yesterday that some people just wouldn't answer some of the questions we had on the RFP and I don't need to know that right now, unless we're getting ready to . . . we're going to approve it. If we delay it, you can get back with me, but I need to know what bells and whistles aren't there for you on a rescue vehicle that we have to have to have a good rescue vehicle and that's why we're not taking the low bid.

On the water truck, in a way the same thing. I know water trucks have to have the capacity to hold water and then they have to have the capacity to pump it. What else are we getting with that and do we really need it and that's why we're not taking low bid on that. So I know there's been difficulty in getting answers to our questions. I think that's the problem, but I just don't want to be buying a Cadillac when we can get along just fine with, you know, a Chevrolet or something."

Mr. Lamkey said, "I guess I would tell you, I got teased once before by the fire unit about making comments about Volvos and BMWs and I will tell you that what we're buying are not . . . I very specifically got involved in that process, as did Purchasing, to make sure that the specifications were mission driven and that we weren't buying parade or display vehicles in this process."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And that's fine. It's just that when I see on paper that we're not taking the low bid, it tells me there's something different and so I need to know that.

But the other side of the story is back to I'd sure hate to be in the paper someday, a fire was three miles from a fire station and the problem is it burnt down because we couldn't get a water truck there in time. So that's the concern I have."

Chairman Norton said, "I see other lights. Are you done, Commissioner McGinn? I see other lights but I would like to entertain that maybe I have a few comments before I go through the second round. Is that okay with the group?"

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Mr. Chairman, can I make an idea that I make a Motion that we approve the Board of Bids and Contracts with this exception and then we can discuss this exception. I don’t think there’s any questions on the rest of the items on the . . .”

Chairman Norton said, “If there’s a second.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts with the exception of items one and two.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, “Okay, can I indulge? First of all, tell me how we bought . . . we’ve bought recently some other new equipment for the Fire Department. What was the process we went through to buy those, because it seems like to me we knee jerked and bought them under duress that the other had failed, they fell apart and we had to buy them right at the last minute to keep equipment running. Am I wrong there?”

Mr. Lamkey said, “No, we purchased an engine, two engines in that process. The engines, of course, are . . . as you know, those are the ones that people typically think about. We went through a process last year in which we had, our availability rate for engines dropped significantly and again, old equipment not working well, put good money after bad, so we approached you all about the ability to take some of the dollars that the Fire District had and purchase an engine and we did that. I think the last one that we purchased was a demo, essentially was one that was out there that was . . .they were both a demo, so they were basically stock fire engines that vendors had that they

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were taking out. We got very good prices by going through that process and so, again, part of the deferral process that we've had, we find ourselves in a position where now we've got significant failures and our engines are down, and so we came to you and you supported us acquiring those engines."

Chairman Norton said, "But what I'm getting to is we didn't have a long term bid process on that, we didn't go through a lot of scrutiny. It came down to equipment was failing and the Commissioners bought those two pieces of equipment kind of out of sequence for what we're trying to do today."

Mr. Lamkey said, "That's correct."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. It is not untypical for us to have specifications. We've gone through EMS vehicles where we had a huge dialogue about a low bidder that we fought with because they wanted to tell us . . . in fact I think they came back a couple of times and were very critical of the Commission for picking a higher bid because we picked the ones that had the real specifications that we thought were important to deliver the best public safety to the consumer, but to also have a great working environment and great equipment for the people that had to deliver the service. Is that correct?"

Mr. Lamkey said, "That is correct."

Chairman Norton said, "So having specifications and trying to follow them and excepting the higher bid because the specifications we've determined, through an arduous process, is not untypical."

Mr. Lamkey said, "That's correct."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. It seems to me that there is a conundrum here between people and equipment and in many cases, where you don't want to buy a new computer for somebody sitting at a desk, fine. You know, nobody's life is going to be at risk. They may have to access information some other place, but that's okay. When you talk public safety, where people and equipment come together, good equipment and well-trained people, you deliver the best, most powerful service to our citizens. If either one of those malfunctions, if people aren't trained, don't know their

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protocols, don't follow all the disciplines, people get hurt. If they show up and don't have good equipment, yet know all the training and all the protocols and the disciplines they should follow, they don't deliver good service. So there is a place there that you have to have both and it's incumbent on us to decide that.

I agree with Tom and Ben, this is a very sensitive budget time. Goodness gracious, I think we've just anguished over this for months, long before we even started the budget process, because we were fighting it last year. But I think we need to look long term and systemically as to what we're doing with equipment and we have a plan. It is important to move forward and no different than what we've been talking about with the Coliseum. It's tough times. Coliseum is in bad shape and we're anguishing with that, something that we are accountable for. Same thing with equipment.

I probably could very easily vote for the tenders. I'm still vacillating a little bit about the rescue equipment, just based on how much it's used and whether we can still provide relatively good service with the vehicle we have now and maybe re-look at that, but I think it's maybe important to talk about the tenders at a very deep level, even though it is uncomfortable in these tough budget times.

The final thing I would urge us to do, and I've said that several times, we need to sit down as the Board of County Commissioners serving as the Fire District #1 Board, along with staff and the key people, and develop a strategic plan for the next twenty years for this fire district. We can't keep just saying 'Well, we'll buy something here and we'll look at staffing here and we'll go out and market ourselves to small communities', but the truth is, in the next five years the fire district is going to change. The boundaries are going to change, how we deliver service is going to change and I don't believe that we have a long term strategic plan on how to deliver the service, how to make sure that we have equipment and people and a mission for the fire district. So, beyond this one issue today, I would challenge us to have a workshop, do something to figure this out so we don't have this debate as a continuing kind of thing.

I could probably be supportive of tenders today. I'm still a little if-y on the rescue vehicle unless I hear more powerful information. Now, Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, after listening to Commissioner Unruh, Commissioner McGinn and you, I mean I recognize that our fire department is very heavily dependent on tenders and I think I'm to the point where I think I could agree with your suggestion.

But I tell you, it's very frustrating to me to be put in a spot where we've got a 27 year old vehicle out there and Bob, the only thing I can say is I don't think it's irrational for us to not think about replacing that, but I don't know how we got there. And I know the fire district has got financial

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problems. We deal with them every year, but 27 year old equipment is not a good place to be in. And I feel like I've been put in a bad spot because of it. So, I agree Mr. Chairman, I think you've got a solution to proceed with the tenders today and if you take us that way, I would support that. I don't feel like I could vote for the rescue vehicle though. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, you know, the trouble is whenever you start talking about making adjustments in a budget, people will immediately give you the worst case scenario, 'Boy, wouldn't it be horrible to be on a fire and have no water' or if you dare make an adjustment in the Sheriff's deputy we're going to have a jail with no bars on the . . . I mean, they always go to the most horrible possible scenario. I don't believe that for a minute."

We are in a position where we don't even know what the fire district is going to look like next year. We're talking about eliminating an entire fire station. I've heard laying off 11 firemen. To paraphrase what Commissioner McGinn says, we might end up with two trucks and no men. But I do agree with Commissioner Winters that I don't know why we've waited for something to be 28 years old. This is almost like the last time. It's falling apart, we've got to replace it now. There should be, in the fire department's strategic overall plan some kind of a replacement policy. I don't know if we have it or not or we have and we're not using it or whatever."

I would be okay, I guess, with supporting the two fire tenders and leaving the rescue vehicle for some future thing, except that I still am uncomfortable with spending the money and not knowing what the fire district is going to look like next year. I mean, if we eliminate an entire station and 11 men, are we going to have the need for additional . . . I mean, I'm sure the fire district will say 'Yes, we need the equipment, regardless of if we have 11 people or not' so I guess I could support a modification of this where we approve the fire tenders and leave the rescue vehicle alone."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I'll just agree that I can support the two tenders and delay the rescue truck. It's a tough . . . for all the reasons that have been expressed, it's a tough time, but I've always been told if it was any other way, it would be different, but it's not different. This is the way it is and we've got to provide fire protection and the works been done. We've got great financing available to us. I think it's time to move on with it."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner McGinn."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "I know we haven't made a decision on Andale, but that's not even a place where one of these tenders will go. They have water, right?"

Mr. Lamkey said, "That's correct."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So it's going to go to a place where there isn't any water presently and you have to carry water. And so those will probably stay, even though we look at that and I thought I heard somebody also say we've got others in line that are about as old."

Mr. Lamkey said, "That's correct. We have a replacement plan in concert with Purchasing that we've developed to remedy the issues that face us today and in the future."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So, I mean, if we close stations or things like that, they're just going to be replacing older ones anyway."

Mr. Lamkey said, "That's correct."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Well I see no other lights. Any other questions or discussion? I guess at this point I would entertain some more discussion. I think we need to maybe resolve what we're going to do with a motion on the rescue vehicle. Am I starting to hear that we might want to . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, we could take . . . these are two separate items. We could approve one item and . . ."

Chairman Norton said, "Defer the other one?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, just not . . . Deny the other one. Deny it and then if we want to bring it back up later, we can bring it back up later."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve item number two of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Yes, Mr. Manager."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Mr. Chairman, I would recommend that you defer item number one and give us an opportunity to see if the contractor will maintain that price for a while and also to determine, if it's delayed, what that might do . . . we do have a purchasing plan for vehicles and what that might do for the future and three, allow us to put the budget together and finalize a recommended budget, either including or excluding this purchase. So a deferral will allow us to do all that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "You're saying defer indefinitely?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to defer approval of item one indefinitely.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Chairman Tim Norton

Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you. Any other discussion? Carolyn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Oh wait, you've got Consent Agenda. Never mind. I have to leave and I want to be first under 'Other'."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, obviously you're first. Man. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

L. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Six Utility Easements for Savanna at Castle Rock Ranch 9th Addition Project. District #1.**
- 2. Temporary Construction Easement, Easement for Drainage and Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project 618-36, Central between 143rd and 159th Streets East. CIP #R-252. District #1.**
- 3. Plats.**

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2002 and prior years have been paid for the following plats:

Northlakes Commercial Addition
Eck Tenth Addition

- 4. Lease Amendment for space used by the Health Department at 1530 South Oliver.**
- 5. Lease Amendment for space used by COMCARE at 7700 East Kellogg.**
- 6. Donation by Wal-Mart Foundation of \$100 to be used for Sedgwick County Emergency Management's "Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services" Volunteer Team**
- 7. Order dated June 25, 2003 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 8. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of June 25 – July 1, 2003.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Other. Anything else to come before us? Commissioner McGinn."

M. OTHER

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, you know the 4th we're going to celebrate Independence Day and there will be lots of activities, as I'm sure you'll all have in your districts as well. A lot of communities having celebrations and things going on, but two items I guess I'd like to share is the Riverside group always has a big pancake feed but I want to let everybody know that it's not at the park because the park is under construction and Exploration Place opened their doors so that people could use that facility. So the Riverside Pancake Feed is at Exploration Place this year and it's always a wonderful event and great opportunity to meet people.

Also, Park City is having their big celebration with a parade and it sounds like a pretty nice parade is what I heard at their chamber. It starts at 10:00 and it will go down 61st Street, I think I've got that right and starts at the school and ends up at their park and that's at 10:00 at Park City, if you want to see a parade and then they have a lot of activities going on the rest of the day."

Chairman Norton said, "Very good. Commissioner Unruh."

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I just want to mention that Kechi had their parade last weekend. It was kind of cloudy and dampish to begin with, but we had a great parade. And several of our departments participated, the Sheriff and the Fire Department and I got to ride in the parade. As I was going along, I got to wave at Commissioner Winters. He was there watching, so it was a great day and I just want to compliment the folks at Kechi for putting on a very exciting and eventful weekend. It's a great community."

And then secondly, I want to just mention that the summer concert series is going on at the zoo and on the 10th they have a big band out there. So those of you that like big band music, it would be a great way to spend a summer evening."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And dancing?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "You can dance. You get to dance all the time, anytime. You do dance."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I never dance around an issue. You can tell where I'm at on an issue."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right. Well, I think I'll just say I'm finished on that."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I just want to let everybody know you and I are going to be out at McConnell Air Force Base at 11. It's part of a celebration not only for Independence Day, but I think to honor all of those airmen and those crews that were over in Iraq and Afghanistan doing their thing and it's being billed as a big family event and I think you're going to actually say some few words from the podium and I'll be down there in the front rows rooting you on. And I think it's real important for us to just let those military people that are in our community, like Commissioner Norton said, they are part of our family and I think to go out and just let them know how much we appreciate it. I think it's going to be 95 degrees out there, so don't be like me. Talk real short and just say 'thank you and goodbye' or something."

Chairman Norton said, "My initials aren't BS so I will."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I knew I'd have those Arkansas jokes come back to me. Anyway, it's going to be a fun time and we're going to spend some time out there with the folks and looking forward to that. That's all."

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Chairman Norton said, “The only thing I have is I was . . . Monday, I was in Topeka working on a human services task force. We’re talking about the delivery of human services and how we collaborate counties and state and how we build capacity to deliver the services better with less money. It looks like we’re working towards sometime in September a statewide workshop, seminar, meeting that will access the best minds to try to figure that out.

Haysville’s 4th of July parade is at 9:00 on the 4th of July and it should be a wonderful parade. It usually is. And finally, I’d like to, particularly around the County, there are a lot of small cities that sell fireworks and even more kinds of fireworks than in the City of Wichita and I just saw some statistics last night, nationwide fireworks sales have between doubled and tripled in the last five years and safety . . . or injuries have decreased 75% nationwide.

And I have to tell you that even though some of those fireworks are very dangerous that we know, we need to urge people that use them to use them wisely, to be very cognizant that we have fields that have just been harvested and are dry, could be dry and that we want them to have a great 4th of July, celebrate our independence, celebrate what is good about America, but not hurt themselves or their kids by firing the fireworks. I think we’ve found that people like fireworks. Obviously, if the sales have doubled or tripled within the last five years, it is something that people really do care about as part of the celebration, but we want them to be safe. And as we had the fire folks here today, I’m reminded that they are part of keeping us safe and dealing with the outcomes of people not using fireworks properly.

So with that, anything else? At this point we’re adjourned.”

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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