

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

January 7, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, January 7, 2004 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; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Pam Martin, Director, Clinical Services, Health 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

Dr. Joe Pisciotte, teacher.
Ms. Paula Feist, Feist Publications.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Mr. Pete Morris of Metro East Baptist Church, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Pete. Before we go to the first item, I would like to recognize that Dr. Joe Pisciotte is here visiting today with, I think, one of his classes. So, Dr. Pisciotte, we'll give you the podium for just a second, former city council member and retired from politics briefly and now teaching."

Dr. Joe Pisciotte, teacher, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is an unexpected pleasure. As you know, some of us have returned to the classroom after having some wonderful times and opportunities to interact with you. And we have a class of public administrators here who want to emulate you and I told them that they could learn exceptionally well if they came down and watched you august gentlemen. And I see that we have Commissioner McGinn not here, because I wanted to be certain that all the women had role models of getting in this particular field. But thank you for this opportunity. They're going to learn a lot today and they will critique you when this is over with and we'll give you very high marks."

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Chairman Norton said, "Do we get a written report?"

Dr. Pisciotte said, "Yes you will. Thank you, sir, appreciate the opportunity."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Joe, we're glad you're here and glad your class is here. We have a relatively light agenda. I think most of John Schlegel's planning issues are going to be pretty tame today. It would be exciting if we had an exciting one, but welcome. We're glad you're all here."

Dr. Pisciotte said, "Well, sir they went yesterday to the city council and they wanted to come today to learn what local government really is all about."

Chairman Norton said, "Well . . ."

Dr. Pisciotte said, "I'm going to ask the class to stand, if they could stand and be acknowledged. Appreciate it. The manager has set up an opportunity afterwards to meet with the interns and some of the staff. We're trying to recruit them into this field. Thank you, sir, for this opportunity."

Chairman Norton said, "Don't run off. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "You know, first of all with Joe as your instructor, you have our deepest condolences. But you know, it's kind of . . . the old adage, some that can, do, some that can't . . . those that can't, teach. But you're fortunate that you've had a person that's not only talking to you textbook what's happening but has actually been in the line of fire and understands what part of the textbook study that you've learned can be applied or how to apply it in the real world of politics too. So I think you're very fortunate to have a man like Joe Pisciotte instructing you, because he's been there and done that. And he's a good friend and we're happy he's here."

Dr. Pisciotte said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And I'm asking for strokes."

Dr. Pisciotte said, "No, you're going to give me strokes and there's a reason that I've always called you the 'Godfather', it's because you're always such a fine person and gentleman."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But understand, my initials are BS."

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Chairman Norton said, "I should have know, I shouldn't have let Joe and Ben have a dialogue. I didn't know how to stop it. I saw the train wreck coming and I let it happen anyway. It's good having you with us today and I hope your careers prove out to be what you want them to be and anyway Sedgwick County can help you, we'll be glad to do that. Clerk, call the next item."

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

AWARDS

A. PRESENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGERS AWARDS.

- 1. ANDREA ANGLIN, AMERICAN RED CROSS**
- 2. LON BULLER, HARVEY COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT.**
- 3. RANDALL DUNCAN, SEDGWICK CO. EMERGENCY MGMT.**
- 4. PAULA FEIST, FEIST PUBLICATIONS**
- 5. BILL GUY, RENO COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT.**
- 6. RANDY HILL, KINGMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT.**
- 7. GREG KLEIN, RICE COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT.**
- 8. MIKE LOREG, HARPER COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT.**
- 9. JIMMIE REED, SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT.**
- 10. JIM SCHMIDT, BUTLER COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT.**
- 11. BRIAN STONE, COWLEY COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT.**
- 12. GLORIA VERMIE, SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.**
- 13. CHERYL WARNE, SALVATION ARMY**

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Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, “How do I follow that act? With this, I am very pleased today to recognize a number of individuals and organizations for some very unique partnerships that were celebrated and recognized at the International Association of Emergency Managers Conference this last fall. These partnerships garnered two first place awards in the media categories and as I said, they recognized some really longstanding partnerships that have generated some real good information for our community.

The first one is under the category of reference material and this is a partnership that began, essentially, in 2001. The award is presented to Feist Publications, Sedgwick County MMRS and Sedgwick County Emergency Management. As you may recall, Feist stepped up in 2001 to publish emergency materials at no cost, and the cost would be about \$60,000 commercial value should we have to pay for it, in their publication. We have two pages that are dedicated to severe weather, our Ready-to-Respond program, and two pages that inform the community about MMRS and our distribution sites.

So, at this point, I’d like to recognize Paula Feist. Jerry Frantz is stepping in for . . . Jerry, are you here? For Gloria Vermie, who is out today, and our Emergency Manager Randy Duncan is right here. So, if you would make those presentations, and Paula if you’d like to say a word or two you’re free to do that.”

Ms. Paula Feist, Feist Publications, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you. I just wanted to say a quick word and we are so thankful for all the work that DeAnn and everyone has put into this. As we have . . . it’s our third year, have realized the importance of this, I’ve called around like to Oklahoma City, even our Lawrence and different counties throughout Kansas and Oklahoma and no one really has the information that we have here, and so it was really interesting to find out how much thought and time has gone into the information.

But this year, we have created a whole section, in fact we’ve got it . . . it’s our orange pages. I think it’s about eight pages this year. We’ve put KFDI’s weather map, we’ve put some national . . . basically, the terrorism and what to do and all that kind of stuff, so homeland security.

But also, on the front cover we’ve put the emergency preparedness, basically a little slash showing our orange section to direct people, to make people more aware of what we have for those times when you need to quickly access the directory.

But I also want to thank the county for allowing us to put their information in the Lawrence, Kansas directory and they have allowed us to put them in all the counties throughout Kansas of the books that we do have. So it is in there again and we do have a little thanks for providing the information to Sedgwick County. So, again thanks a lot and we have enjoyed doing this.”

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Chairman Norton said, “Don’t run off, Paula. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Ms. Feist, I just want to compliment you on what you have done with that book. When you first got into that business, you totally revolutionized the telephone directory. It used to be just a place to go to find a phone number to call a friend or a business and you’ve really turned that into a very useful information book that people can go to and get a lot of needed information, plus valuable coupons too, once in a while.

But I just wanted to compliment you on thinking out of the box and figuring out what you can do to make something that people all have in their home but more useful and get them to be able to use that more often. So just wanted to compliment you on that.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, certainly it’s one of those public/ private partnerships that really benefit the community and we applaud you for entering into that with Sedgwick County. So many times, it’s easier to stand on the sidelines and let government just kind of wallow in their own problems, but this is a pretty important issue in our community. Any kind of emergency preparedness, either for nature or manmade disasters and I think you make it much easier for the community to access information when they need it and that’s very important, so we applaud you for that.”

Mr. Lamkey said, “The second award is for the educational campaign and, as you can see, we’ve got a large number of people behind us. These are the folks who work emergency management in eight surrounding counties and I’ve got some folks from the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army here. And these are the unsung folks that work together every day. This is a group of collegial individuals, when things get bad they communicate, they support each other and they help each other.

And this particular campaign, what we did was, working with them, extended something that we’ve done in Sedgwick County for a number of years. We’ve put our severe weather slick in the Wichita Eagle, but it’s primarily been confined to Sedgwick County. This past year, we partnered with our friends in the eight counties surrounding us and the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross covered the set up costs for the Wichita Eagle in this process and so these individuals and organizations are recognized for their participation in spreading the word beyond our borders, but to the region, so they should be commended for stepping in and pitching in and bearing the financial burden in their communities, for disseminating that information through the Wichita Eagle slick that we have.

We’ve got a whole host of folks here. From Butler County we’ve got Jim Schmidt, who is their director of emergency management. Cowley County, we’ve got Brian Stone, who is their director.

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Harvey County, we've got Lon Buller who is their director. From Kingman County, we've got Sheriff Randy Hill who wears two hats. He's the sheriff and their emergency director. For Reno County we've got Bill Guy. Rice County we have Greg Klein, who is the assistant director. Sedgwick County we've got Randy Duncan who is our emergency manager. From Sumner County we've got Jimmie Reed, who is the acting director. Is Mike Loreg here today. Mike is their emergency manager. He's also their single paramedic, so it's kind of hard for him to get away from Harper County, but Harper County was a participant. The Salvation Army we have Cheryl Warne, the director of social services. From the American Red Cross we have Cindy Clayton and Andrea Anglin.

Helping us celebrate today we've got Dick Elder and Chance Hays from the weather service who are standing over in the corner and I would be remiss if I didn't recognize a group of folks who unfortunately don't have a piece of paper for today but really provided the resource for these publications and that is our Communications Department, our graphic artist Tony Guiliano and GIS, who helped prepare the maps in that process. And so, again, these celebrate wonderful partnerships in our community that we will continue to nurture and grow. And so thank you to all of you for supporting your community and thank you for your time, Commissioners, and recognizing these fine folks and organizations."

Chairman Norton said, "Don't run off. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I would just add to that, recognition of the partnerships. I know that many of us deal with the commissioners from many of your counties and we talk about a lot of things at various county association meetings, emergency preparedness is one of them. But I want to encourage all of you to, as you see things that we could all partner with better on, don't hesitate to talk to your commissioners and ask them to visit with other commissioners, because we really, here in south central Kansas, try to make a point of working with our neighbor counties and we've got several organizations that we do that through. But often we don't get to your level, but please don't hesitate, again, to send things up to your commissioners that need to be brought to our regional and quad-county and other meetings that we have. We think it's very important and we think these kinds of partnerships, in the long run, will help us all.

And hopefully we never have to get together in a real emergency, but was at a meeting not long ago and one of the themes was during an emergency is a terrible time to get acquainted. So I commend all of you for your work and your partnership and your teamwork and really appreciate your coming

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and making the effort to come to our meeting today to let us say thanks and if there's other ways we can help, we've got a lot of confidence in Randy and his staff and don't hesitate to give us more information that could be helpful. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Norton said, "Certainly I think we find out more and more and more that collaboration and partnership in today's environment is going to be what works best, for governments to get along, for the departments within government to collaborate and build their capacity by working together is going to be the wave of the future. And we continue to preach regionalism, through REAP and through some other organizations and it's really nice to know that, even though we do it kind of at the top level, that down where the work really gets done there are already great partnerships that people that really know their business, that serve the community every day are already building those partnerships.

And I really believe Tom is right. Having been through a crisis before, in the middle of a crisis is no time to hand out business cards. You really want to have everybody knowing each other, working with each other, already have the protocols set up and understand who is going to be in charge and who is going to be a support mechanism.

So we really do thank you for being here today and continue to do the good work of emergency management for their communities. We appreciate it. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to acknowledge the Award recipients.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

B. PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES

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SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT

1. **LOU ANNE GERMAN, SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
2. **DOROTHY HARVEY, COUNTY COUNSELOR'S OFFICE**
3. **BRYAN ISENBART, FLEET MANAGEMENT**
4. **RUTH NYONGESA, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
5. **BOYD POWERS, FLEET MANAGEMENT**
6. **RICKY SHELLNBARGER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**
7. **TAMARA SMITH, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
8. **STEVEN STONEHOUSE, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

9. **RAMONA BEARD, TREASURER – AUTO LICENSE**
10. **ERICA FRENCH, TREASURER – AUTO LICENSE**
11. **BARRY HUGHES, HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
12. **KANDI MILLER, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
13. **SHERRY MORLEY, TREASURER – AUTO LICENSE**
14. **JOEL SCHLEGEL, TREASURER – AUTO LICENSE**
15. **BEVERLY TAYLOR, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE

16. **ANA ARREDONDO, HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
17. **CYNTHIA BALL, FINANCE – ACCOUNTING**

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18. SUYAPA EDWARDS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm very pleased today to be here to recognize another group of public service employees who have shown their commitment to this organization and to the citizens of Sedgwick County by working very, very hard to increase their knowledge and skills as county employees to provide quality public service. And we would also just realize and recognize that this would not be possible were it not that you, as commissioners, supported our career development program and so we thank you. And we also would like to thank all of the department heads and supervisors and managers who also support this program and allow their employees to participate in the career development program.

But first we have a group of employees and so I would just ask all of those who are being recognized today to just step forward and just get in line here. As you can see, there's quite a few. Some have been working on this very hard for at least a couple of years and so today is quite an achievement and we want to recognize that.

First of all we have the supervisory management certificate program and first we have Lou Anne German from the Sheriff's Department. I've told them all, if they want to add comments they can and they're going, 'No, no'. Next is Dorothy Harvey now in the County Counselor's Office. Bryan Isenbart from Fleet Management. Ruth Nyongesa from Corrections. Boyd Powers, Fleet Management. Ricky Shellenbarger, Emergency Management. Tamara Smith, Department of Corrections. Steven Stonehouse, Department of Corrections.

Now the professional development certificate, Ramona Bear, Treasurer's Office/ Auto License. Erica French, Treasurer's Office/ Auto License. Barry Hughes, Health Department. Kandi Miller, Department of Corrections. Sherry Morley, Treasurer's Office/ Auto License. Joel Schlegel, Treasurer's Office/ Auto License. Beverly Taylor, District Attorney's Office.

Next we have the quality customer service certificate, we have Ana Arredondo from the Health Department. Cynthia Ball, Finance/ Accounting. Last but not least, Suyapa Edwards from the Health Department."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. Well I want to say congratulations to the folks that received these awards. I suppose that I'm most familiar with what Mr. Isenbart has to go through in auto mechanics. In that field, the technology changes so fast, you have to not only have a good foundation, but you have to be willing to expand and build on it almost daily. And so I'm sure that

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same principle applies to the rest of the folks in their particular field. I'm just glad that we have folks who are willing to make that effort and to improve themselves. It not only helps them but it helps the citizens of Sedgwick County and it just proves that we're out there, working for our constituents and trying to do a good job of good government. So congratulations to you and to those folks who received these awards."

Chairman Norton said, "I found out, over the years, one of the marks of a great organization is the ability for the individuals that make up the organization to continue to grow, build their knowledge capacity and understand the organization. And the only way you're going to do that is through continuing education and these folks have dedicated themselves to our organization to understand what they need to do individually to make the organization more powerful and I really applaud you for that. The only way that Sedgwick County can get better at working for the people of Sedgwick County is to continue to grow and learn and understand new protocols, new ways to deliver service, new ways to manage people and you've done that, so I really appreciate your hard work getting where you are today. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to acknowledge the Certificate recipients.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

C. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

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- 1. CASE NUMBER ZON2003-00062 – SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONE CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “GC” GENERAL COMMERCIAL, GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF CEDARDALE AVENUE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 47TH STREET SOUTH. DISTRICT #5.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I think this is the first time in my career where there’s been two Schlegels on the same agenda this morning.

For this first case this morning, the applicant is the Oaklawn Improvement District and they are requesting to rezone this rather small parcel of land, 4,000 square feet total, to General Commercial so that they can place a community sign on the site. It’s within Idlewild Park in the Oaklawn community.

As you can see from the graphic, it’s located along 47th Street South, about 150 feet west of Cedardale. We’ve been told that the purpose of this sign is for them to be able to advertise community events within the Oaklawn community. What they’re proposing is a sign that will look something like this, be 25 square feet in size and 18 feet in height.

As I said before, the actual zoning request comprises about 4,000 square feet. I’ll go back to the aerial. You can see its location along 47th Street South. And it’s designated only for purposes of locating the sign here.

The reason why they had to request this General Commercial zoning for the site is that this type of sign would be considered an off-site sign under the Unified Zoning Code and therefore they needed this type of zoning designation in order to permit this sign at this location.

The MAPC heard this case at its meeting on December 11th, and voted unanimously to recommend approval, subject to a protective overlay district, which would restrict the height of the sign to no more than 20 feet and the size of the sign to no larger than 30 square feet in area and to non-commercial uses. So it would only be the sign and any other type of residential use which is not likely ever to happen within the park.

So the staff recommendation was for this type of zoning, with that protective overlay and the Planning Commission supported that recommendation. I’d be glad to take any questions.”

Chairman Norton said, “I see none at this time. Commissioner Sciortino, I believe this is in your district. Did you have any protests?”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “There hasn’t been any protests. As a matter of fact, the people that wanted it is the improvement district and they wanted it for exactly the same reasons that Mr. Schlegel has presented. I’ll wait. I’m going to be very supportive of it and I’ll just wait to see if there’s anyone in the audience that wants to speak to it.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well at this point, I’d ask if there’s anybody that would like to speak, either pro or con, for this zoning change. I see none, so I would entertain a Motion at this point.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the findings of the MAPC; approve the zone change, subject to Protective Overlay #131; and approve the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

- 2. CASE NUMBER ZON2003-00063 – SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONE CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “SF-5” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, GENERALLY LOCATED ¼ MILE EAST OF 143RD STREET EAST, 200 FEET NORTH OF 9TH STREET. DISTRICT #1.**

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Schlegel said, “This 2.3 acre tract is part of the proposed Crestview Country Club Estates subdivision. The plat containing the area covered by this particular rezoning application depicts four residential lots which range in size from about a quarter acre up to a third acre and let me show you a picture of that. You can see on here, it comprises these four lots within this, that are at the end of this cul de sac. Go back to the aerial.

You can see that there are a number of large properties, which are . . . have horse facilities on them, both to the west . . . surrounding this on the west and the north and east. To the south, you can see the pattern of development in SF-5 type, single-family homes.

The Metropolitan Area Planning Commission heard this request at their December 11th meeting and again voted unanimously to recommend approval, subject to platting within one year. There was no one that spoke in opposition to this rezoning request at that meeting. I’ll be glad to take any questions.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “The property directly to the south of the subject property, is it zoned SF-5 now but not platted?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “Well it’s actually part of the same plat. You can see this entire area is part of this same plat.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, but it’s just the four lots to the north that’s requesting the zone change.”

Mr. Schlegel said, “Correct. That’s the application before you today is just for those four lots.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “And the 9th Street, in front of the property just to the south, presently is not paved.”

Mr. Schlegel said, “That is correct. There are petitions filed to pave 9th Street all the way over to Sagebrush, which is just to the east of this.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Which picks up on another paved road over there.”

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Mr. Schlegel said, “Correct.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay. And that is part of the plans in the future, as the development proceeds.”

Mr. Schlegel said, “Correct, they have filed the petitions to do that.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay. I have nothing else.”

Chairman Norton said, “Anything else, Commissioners? I there anyone in the audience that would like to speak, either pro or con, on this annexation . . . zone change, I’m sorry? I see none. I’ll limit the comments to the bench. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the recommendation and findings of the MAPC, subject to platting within one year; direct staff to prepare an appropriate resolution after the plat has been approved; and authorize the Chairman to sign 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

- 3. CASE NUMBER ZON2001-00051 – EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE THE PLATTING REQUIREMENT FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE FAMILY TO “MH” MANUFACTURED HOUSING, GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MAPLE AND 167TH STREET WEST. DISTRICT #3.**

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Schlegel said, “Back in October of 2001, this board approved a zone change for this property that’s depicted in the graphic to Manufactured Housing. The tract that you see up there is 34 acres in total. The zone change at that time was approved, subjected to platting within one year. In October of 2002 a one-year extension was granted to that condition by the planning director and the chairman of the board, pursuant to established policy.

That one-year extension expired in October of 2003 and the applicant is requesting that we extend the platting period for another year. They are continuing to work on the design of a water distribution system to serve the property. The new platting deadline, if you were to approve it today, would be October 31st, 2004.

Planning staff recommends that you request this one-year extension, in order to allow them to complete platting.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, I would speak in favor of granting this extension. This area, already the southern part of the outline is already a manufactured mobile home park that is one that is kind of tired and run down and it has new ownership now and I really think the entire park is going to be a better community once they get the entire project done.

So we had, when we did originally approve the zone change subject to platting, we had quite a lengthy discussion and had a presentation about what all they planned on doing on this tract and I’m not sure what the delays have been but in this economic times there could be a lot of reasons for putting a project back, but I think they still have good intensions at this project and I would be supportive of the extension.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I too am going to support this, but educate me, Mr. Schlegel, just a little bit. Is there . . . I don’t know that I bought into the stated reason why its taken two years to get it platted. You know, still designing a water distribution center, I would assume that one could be designed. But is there some like financial costs involved in platting that maybe the developer is waiting till kind of the ducks get lined up before he, which is understandable, goes to that expense

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or something?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “Well, I don’t know all the particulars about why they aren’t able to move forward and finish it, but I think what you’re speculating on is probably pretty close to the truth.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, well that makes sense. They want to make sure that they’ve got everything ready before they invest the money. So, okay that’s all I had.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well, the only other thing I was going to say was with the existing facility there and as we look at places around the community, there is a need for there to be some good places for manufactured housing to be located and to find those from scratch can be difficult. And so I would just want to encourage this owner, and I believe I’m correct in saying that this was a change in ownership and the new owner has purchased several parks around the community that they are improving. And so, again, this has not been the best time for manufactured housing and if the numbers are not . . . and I don’t know the reason why the postponement but I can envision that the numbers may not be working just right but I do think that this will be a proper land use here, eventually when they get the . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “And there’s no down side to it.”

Commissioner Winters said, “No, I can’t see any down side to waiting.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, I’ll be in favor of this because I think it’s important that we don’t grow any more manufactured home parks but we take care of the ones that are already here, where there’s contiguous land that can add on and upgrade the housing stock in that particular price range and kind of home, we’re better served to do that.

We’ve often had the debate that there are some parts of the county where it has proliferated over the years and now we’re stuck with these little pockets everywhere, and I think where we can take an existing manufactured home park, dress up what’s already there and upgrade that stock and add some of the new stock to it, it just makes better sense.

So, one of the questions I have though, is this still in the county? It’s kind of in that Nederland between Goddard and Wichita. Is it still unincorporated?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “It’s still unincorporated.”

Chairman Norton said, “But doesn’t the city limits, isn’t it right across, caddy-corner across the street, the city limits of Wichita?”

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Commissioner Winters said, "I believe you have to go a half a mile to the south, because this is, the caddy-cornered is still an older development that I'm sure has not been annexed."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, okay."

Mr. Schlegel said, "And I don't have a map. Oh, here."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, the red is the city limit . . ."

Commissioner Winters said, "No, that white is, I think, the city limits."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, the red line though is the city limit boundary."

Commissioner Winters said, "Right, and there's Goddard to the west then."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. I guess my only thought was, we're having these planning summits and in fact I'm chairing on tonight that talks just about those communities that kind of fall in between where growth and annexation is going and I would wonder where this would fall, whether that's a Wichita annexation or a Goddard annexation, as we start making these decisions. I guess it would be speculation either way."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well yeah, and I think that could be possible, but again, I think I've got confidence in the ownership here of this park and I think there . . . when times get right, this will be a better place than it is today."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, I guess my only thing is, every time that I can point out that here is another example of a place that falls in that gray area between two communities, we'd better be talking about it early on, because it could come back later as being a point of contention as to who annexes that particular piece of property into their community. So, I have nothing else. Is there anyone here that would like to speak to this issue?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve a one-year extension of time to complete platting.

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Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

D. PRESENTATION REGARDING VISIONING PROCESS.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to go back to an agenda item. Our good friend Joe Pisciotte is a friend of us all. He's chronically challenged and therefore forgets opportunities perhaps more often than not. One of his classmates . . . one of his students is Senator Anderson. Senator Anderson, I would remind you, was a state representative, a state senator and was a cabinet level position in a previous gubernatorial administration and Professor Pisciotte forgot to mention all that. As one of the primary, star students, it just goes to show that, a, for both of them it's never too late to learn. And I'm glad to say that I'm friends with both of them, and we're glad to have you, senator.

Commissioners, we have been talking for some time about the issue that's on the agenda and it's this visioning process. And here's a report to you about how your lives will be affected and how you will, certainly, help create an identity and maintain an identity for Sedgwick County in ways perhaps we haven't done in the past. You to work together to establish a vision to consider the community's needs, opportunities and defining Sedgwick County's role.

The process is really a three-legged stool if you will. It's about listening, it's about creating and it's about doing. Words are . . . people oftentimes make this much more difficult than it is. But it is really a process about not just saying the words. Anybody can do that. There's a line from My Fair Lady, Eliza Dolittle talks about 'Words, words, words, enough words, show me. Just show me.' Well, part of the process is not only . . . which is creating the vision, which is a very important

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process for leaders to do. It is also creating, out of that vision, what's going to be the work plan and then doing it. As Nike says, 'Just do it'. And so, instead of talking about doing a vision process, instead of thinking about doing it in June or maybe convening some people, maybe hiring some consultants, Sedgwick County, you are in the process of going out in the next couple of weeks and listening to constituents about their needs. Certainly in the next 30 days, you'll be creating this combined vision from what you hear and then we'll set about the task of implementing what we just said.

Currently, as you well know, we've established some foundations. We, Sedgwick County, is involved in the public health issue. We have a public health assembly, Sedgwick County Public Health Assembly, which will be in March, the second weekend in March, March 11th and 12th. We are going to do a survey of citizens. We've talked to you about that and you'll hear more about that this afternoon. We are then going to take that information and, through the assembly, come out with some different directions about how we're going to deal with public health.

Economic development, you have led the way for the last several years with the Chamber and the City in holding that economic development issues together. For the last year or so, the communities planned and created a brand new Wichita Area Economic Development Coalition, which is funded by Sedgwick County, City of Wichita and the private sector and brings us a whole new dynamic about how to deal with economic development issues. Again, it's about maintaining jobs, it's about creating jobs and it's about workforce development.

John . . . the second Schlegel mentioned at today's meeting, will work us through a program of redefining the comprehensive plan. Part of that will happen during this summer and will be completed in 2005 as he indicated in memos yesterday. So, that's in the process of redefining, again, where city boundaries are, where their growth areas are, how we're going to deal with growth, how we're going to provide services, how we're going to do transportation for the next 20 years.

Solid waste continues to be a primary issue for Sedgwick County and we will define how that comes out in the next several weeks and the kinds of partners that we may or may not have in that process.

Quality of life continues to be an issue and can be defined in all sorts of different ways, but we are working closely with Sedgwick County Zoo as partners there. You and I both know that there's been lots of concerns about how Cowtown is perceived, how it's used, what its mission is and we are prepared to deal with the Cowtown board of directors in trying to figure out a new vision, a new mission for that quality of life. We're dealing, certainly, with the African American Museum and issues about other museums continue to percolate up on our plates and we need to define what

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Sedgwick County's role is going to be in those institutions.

Criminal justice issue is in front of you. You know about the jail crowding, more people coming into the system, more need to rent beds. Next week, one week from today, we will hear a report from a consultant that we've hired about jail population and how to manage or not manage it and the ramifications of doing nothing or doing something and that will occupy your time for several weeks about how . . . certainly months I would suggest, about how to redefine what we do with the criminal justice system and it's just not about the jail. It's about who makes the arrest, it's about who brings . . . how people are treated, what the perception of the community is. Are we putting people in jail because we're angry with them or are we putting them in jail because we're afraid of them and how you answer that question defines . . . helps define how we provide solutions.

County facilities planning, we have a lot in the hopper. We are in the process, as you well know, of designing a juvenile detention facility for some 24, 25 million dollars. We are in the process of re-designing the Coliseum. We're in the process of designing a 9-1-1 center, communication and emergency management center. Three major projects that are in the . . . that architects are working on, and engineers as we speak. We have other issues about construction of this building. We have other issues about the homeland security and when that might come forth. We're waiting for information from the federal government about those. So, we have lots of facility planning, including buildings and space for our mental health, aging and other groups.

Workforce development has been a very key role in defining economic development. We have purposely separated that for several reasons. One is the whole creation of REAP, the regional economic group from south central Kansas was taken over some of the responsibility for workforce training that we were . . . that Sedgwick County and the commissioners were critically involved insuring that happened in a different way. We are one of the organizers and one of the key funders for KTTI, Kansas technology and how they are approaching training, workforce so that the aircraft industry will be in a better position to stay here and maintain planes. And we are in the process of looking at some other opportunities, as you know, in workforce development, including the ramifications of the transition of the Wichita Technical College, area technical college and what ramifications that may have for our workforce and we've begun to start examining those issues and so that's a whole chunk of work that we're involved in.

And then we talk about those issues of functional consolidation. We know that we have countywide services of the social service issues, aging and mental health and community development. We have Forensic Science Center as a regional area. Certainly the tax system is a countywide system. EMS and 9-1-1, in Mayor Mayans' speech the other day he talked about fire consolidation and that certainly makes sense when you think about countywide services and Sedgwick County continuing to provide services on a countywide basis.

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The process will be listening to your constituent groups. What we've intentionally done is invite active citizens, citizens of Sedgwick County, the mayors, the council members, administrators, managers. We've asked people from education. You have suggested people from the neighborhood and homeowners' association. City of Wichita advisory boards and other interested citizens. We want to hear from them about what our roles and responsibilities are and again, how . . . what Sedgwick County's . . . to help us define clearly what our identity is.

I would remind you that 10 years ago, in 1993, we weren't talking about BRAC, this is the base closing, we weren't even discussing it. We weren't talking about community development disability organizations. We had a limited role in the 9-1-1 system. There was no county health department. There was no regional forensic science center and certainly we didn't have a role in solid waste at that time.

And so, over the past ten . . . all I'm suggesting is that during these times Sedgwick County has adjusted to the needs of the citizens in ways that I think is appropriate and this is part of the process of listening to adjust how we're going to deal with those issues in the future.

We have some specific listening processes and tours for you. These are facilitated processes. We are inviting folks. We need to know how many people are going to be there so we know how many flipcharts, how many people, how many facilitators. And we are attempting to do this properly and in order so that it's not a chaotic process, because when you have facilitated processes you do need to understand whose going to be there.

You see the times and the places where it's going to happen and, for District 4, Carolyn McGinn, she's suggested that there be two different ones and so, by the end of the month, we will have heard from the citizens.

Citizens who want to participate in this can do so a number of different ways. One, starting January 2nd [sic], they can participate with an on-line public forum by calling up our website, sedgwickcounty.org. There will be a thing posted there that will say 'Public Forum' and the people can click on there and make your comments, as we have with other public hearings that we've done in the past.

If people are listening to this process and as they go through figuring out whether they want to be involved, they certainly can not only do it on line, but give us a call and let us know that you're interested and we'll make sure that you get an invitation to one of these deals.

The process timelines, you know when we say this is a process it's just not words, we do have timelines. We expect a beginning, a middle and a finish and move on with just doing it. And the doing part will begin in March. Part of the budget process and part of how we deal with issues will occur in March. Up through then is listening by you to your constituents and then, in the first of

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February, you'll be working together in a couple of little workshops about identifying what you've heard, sharing that information with your colleagues and trying to reach some consensus about what are the issues that we need to . . . what are the visions that we need to continue to create so that we can proceed.

Again, leading the way is the listening, the creating and doing it, it's just a different way to look at that. Citizen involvement, for more information about the visioning process, the meeting locations, either contact the county manager's office, 660-9393 and people there, including our wonderful corps of interns will have all the information that people need to attend or to click on Wichita, sedgwickcounty.org.

That's the presentation. I would remind you that this is a process that what leaders do is listen, which you're going to do is go listen to your constituents and create for us, for this Sedgwick County community, some ideas, a vision about where we need to be in the next several years and then we will work together in assuring that those are accomplished. Any questions?"

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, no real questions here, just a couple of comments. I'm looking forward to the project. I want to thank the Chairman, Commissioner Norton for kind of getting us started on this idea of visioning and thinking about our challenges. I don't know how I got first up on the list with District 3 going first here, but we'll be able to tell you how it goes after the 20th. We are ready to send out 150 or so letters, but I would again echo the manager. If there's anybody, at least in my district, and I'm sure probably with you that are listening today or get word of this issue and would like to attend and like to participate, we do plan on breaking up into a number of smaller focus groups at these meetings so we can get input from everybody and then try to reassemble that and so we are very interested on hearing what our constituents are thinking about, as we try to share with them the vision and the challenges from our perspective, but what else do we need to be listening to and concerned about in the community.

So I would encourage anybody that is interested to participate either call the manager's office or call the commission office and we'll try to get you plugged in the best we can. So, I think it's a good plan and I appreciate staff work in getting the logistics and the things worked out, so looking forward to it. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to echo many of the same things that Commissioner Winters said. We asked the manager to help us get started on this process

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and to define a way that we can proceed through it intelligently and with some sort of order and I think the outline you've given us does that, provide for the input and a way for us to process it and then put it into effect.

I'm excited and optimistic that something really good is going to happen out of this. It's an opportunity for us to define our future, rather than just let it happen to us. We can be proactive and we talked about adjusting to the needs of our constituents in our community, some of the language that the manager used and we want to be flexible and do that. But as much as we can plan for the future, I think it's the right thing to do, it creates more work for our staff to do this. I mean, it's easy for them to sit on their status quo and we don't want to take that position. We want to get active and look about what we can do to make Sedgwick County a better place and this is the way to do it. So, I'm happy we're getting started.

And I'd also like to invite the constituents of District 1 that if they're seeing this or they hear about it and haven't got any mail about it but want to be involved, well they should call because we want input of those citizens that have an interest or an idea. So that's all I have right now but I'm looking forward to this."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I want to publicly thank you, Bill and to the students that are out here, you're seeing right now the effectiveness of a county manager. For many years, I have lamented over the fact that we, as a commission or as a county, have not done an adequate job of identifying who we are, or what our mission should be to the public. The word, the comment that I've heard for five years that really depresses me is, 'Oh, I don't live in the county, I live in the City of Wichita' or 'I don't live in the county, I live in Goddard'. And the perception is, once you live within the corporate city limits of a city, you're not affected by anything that happens in the county and that's wrong.

And I think this vision is going to create a very solid identification of what is county government and what do they provide and I compliment all of you and I guess myself too, that we don't think we have all the answers and we're going to go out to the public and have them help us define who we are and where we want to be in the future. So bill, I thank you for taking the lead. I think it's very important, whenever you start a process, to already commit to an end because so many processes start and then it's very nebulous. It just seems to keep going forever but there's never a termination point and we've committed that we're going to start this the end of this month and we're going to start implementing it in March and that's a very relative short time frame that the public can maybe stay engaged with us on.

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So, I . . . like Dave says, I'm very excited about it. We're going to get really involved in this. I'm halfway thinking about maybe going to every district's meeting so that when I make a vote maybe I'm not going to just vote for what everybody said just in District 5. Maybe I can agree with some of you that some of your ideas have merit. I don't know, but anyway, I congratulate you, Bill. I think this is a tremendous first step and I thank all of the staff that are going to be doing a lot of work to get us prepared and then to get us implemented, and so thank you again."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, just one final comment. As we started off on this process, one of the things I know about leadership is one of the first tenets is having a vision, sharing that vision and articulating that vision. And we've sat through countless meetings, staff meetings particularly, talking about the issues that were in the nine blocks. I mean, we've gone over that, we've condensed them, we've expanded them and I think if you take each one of those and crack them open, we probably could already articulate a pretty profound vision for each one of those, as a five member council, commission.

But the truth is, it needs to go through the filter and the scrutiny of the citizenry. For us to make that as a clandestine decision and we're going to move forward, helter skelter probably doesn't make good sense. So that's where we're at at this point. We're taking those nine boxes that we've filled in and probably have a lot of articulated pieces to them but we're holding off on articulating those until we put it through the filter of the citizens and groups that are shareholders.

And I applaud the commission and the county manager for doing that. It comes very easily to sit here and say we're going to move forward, we know what's right and we're just going to charge ahead. It's a lot harder to have that vision, to be passionate about it, but to step back a minute and say we're going to make sure that it makes sense for the community, that the community understands what the vision is at a very deep level. And the only way you can do that is to have meetings, to sit across the table, to throw it out on the table, mull it over, talk about it, analyze it and then bring it back to the commission so we can make the ultimate decision. I applaud us for doing that. If you look at those nine boxes those are critical issues. Critical issues in the four walls of the county and we want to make sure that we can really articulate that vision.

The second thing I know about leadership is that part of it is precipitating change, championing

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change, making sure people understand that change is a natural part of the human condition. It is part of government and that planned change, controlled change, change that is part of a vision generally has good outcomes. Change that is part of chaos, that is not planned generally gets you somewhere that you don't want to be. So we're trying to really make sure that we articulate a vision and that we control the change in Sedgwick County for the next twenty years. Pretty powerful for government to take that kind of challenge on themselves in these tough economic times.

The final thing I would challenge us to do is to be sure that our vision fits in with the greater community's vision. The Chamber is out doing some visioning right now. I'm sure the City of Wichita will try to put together their vision of the future and it's critically important that what we end up with in our process meshes in, fits in and compliments the visions of other government entities and other kinds of organizations out there. For us to go down non-parallel paths will not give us the greatest good for the greatest number of people. So I would hope that we will be sure that we connect with the City of Wichita, Chamber leadership and other organizations and make sure what Sedgwick County is going to look like will also fit in very well with what other organizations are doing. Thank you, Mr. Manager."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Mr. Chairman, that's a very important point that you've made, that we need to make sure that others know exactly what we're doing. We had a meeting yesterday with the folks representing the downtown development group who are partnering with the Chamber. Their process is going to start in June or July and we indicated to them that we were . . . we needed to proceed. That we didn't want, necessarily, to get in their way and we thought the goal and mission may be two different outcomes, but clearly ours needed to be for this organization and that we were proceeding."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, certainly I believe it's important that we know who we are before we start telling everybody else who they are. And I think that's the mission that we've set out on is to be sure that we define who we are and what we want to deliver to our constituents. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, I just want to make sure . . . and I am very happy that we're taking the lead in getting forward on this. And once we can create our identity, I think it's going to be a lot easier for the cities, and they may not be going the way we're going, because I think they know who they are. I mean, they have an identity, they know what they are. I think some of the cities might want to envision where they want to be or what type of quality of life they want to be offering, but if we can say, okay for . . . let me just grab one, workforce development, we have

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made the decision to be the workforce development provider, just as an example. Then if they're starting to talk about, 'Well, maybe we should be workforce, well wait a minute, the county is doing that, good, that's something we don't have to worry about'. Maybe we take an expanding role in public health and we've said this is what we're going to do. Then in their visioning it's going to be a lot easier, they don't have to maybe plan as much detail for public health.

One of the things that I think it's going to help us in is once we make a hard, fast decision as to what elements we want to get involved in, then when people continually come to us saying, 'well, would you partner with us on this project or that project' we'll already have our vision to see does it fit our model. Because occasionally I get the feeling, I think Tom is the one that mentions this a lot, we get a mile wide and an inch deep. I would rather be, I'll make another example, the sole underwriter of Cowtown, 100% and that's it, we're going to do that particular project. Or the Black African Museum, this is our project, as opposed to well we'll contribute this much money, somebody else . . . and nobody knows who is in charge. Take the reins and this is ours, it's going to make the city's job perhaps a little bit easier in defining who they are. So, I think has got a lot of great potential. So, excited about it."

Chairman Norton said, "Mr. Manager, anything else?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, sir."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file and we proceed with this project.

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

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Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

E. AGREEMENT WITH FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF NURSING FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A CLINICAL ROTATION SITE FOR NURSING STUDENTS.

Ms. Pam Martin, Director, Clinical Services, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Sedgwick County Health Department has furnished a clinical rotation site for nursing students from various colleges. This participation at the Health Department allows the nursing students to observe nurses and patients and learn the procedures of a public health clinic.

We would like to extend this opportunity to Fort Hays State University nursing students. Our recommended action is that we're asking to authorize this agreement . . . excuse me, to approve this agreement and authorize the chairman to sign this agreement."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chairman Norton said, "Any other discussion?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Is this a new agreement?"

Ms. Martin said, "With Fort Hays State, yes it is."

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay."

Chairman Norton said, "Any other discussion? I have a Motion and a Second. Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Pam. Before we call the next item, I would like to just briefly mention that in the last several weeks we've lost two people that were appointees to a couple of our boards. Gary Wiley, who was my appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Ray Warren, who I think was Commissioner Sciortino's appointment to the Planning Commission have both passed away and you know, they were great icons of the community, very valuable in putting their time in to help grow the community. I know Gary Wiley, down on the south side, had been very instrumental through his work with PEC and several boards he worked on. And of course, Ray Warren, Ben you may want to make a comment there. I know you were very close with him, he was one of your appointees."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, more than that. He was not only a friend, but he was one heck of a mentor to me and there was never anyone more passionate about the Constitution of the United States, property rights, a no-nonsense guy that had a very compassionate side too. I mean, he's done some work in New Mexico on some of those reservations people don't even know about. When it came to supporting projects in this community and Derby, you often times didn't even have to go to Ray, he'd be knocking on your door saying how could we help and I'm going to miss him. He's a good buddy."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, a grave loss of two people that did some pretty powerful work for us on some advisory boards. Clerk, call the next item."

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CONSENT AGENDA

F. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Orders dated December 24 and December 31, 2003 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 2. Payroll Check Register of January 2, 2004.**
- 3. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of December 31, 2003 to January 6, 2004.**

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the consent agenda in front of you and I'd recommend you approve it."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Is there anything else to come before us today? Any 'other'? Commissioner Winters."

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G. OTHER

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, just an informational. I mean, Saturday is an ALARM meeting and I was just curious if commissioners were planning on or were able to attend that ALARM meeting."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I plan to be there."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's going to be down at the Forensic Science Center."

Commissioner Winters said, "At the Forensic Science Center and I think they've invited the REAP communities to that also. So it ought to be a large group."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Nine o'clock, eight o'clock for doughnuts."

Commissioner Winters said, "Eight thirty."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Donuts and coffee and then start at nine."

Commissioner Winters said, "Right. And then, Mr. Chairman you mentioned the meeting this evening and I was just going to ask for more details about that. I think there's a chance I might . . . I had thought I had a conflict this evening, but it's kind of shifting around and so if you could tell me when and where that's going to be, I may be able to join you, if that's all right."

Chairman Norton said, "Ark Valley Lodge, 7:00, is that right, Chad? And I think we've got six or seven participants and this will be on tax base and annexation kinds of issues. Should be a pretty powerful one that will lead into the comprehensive plan. I think Dave Barber and Steve Banks will be there, Chad will be there, Irene Hart will be there and I would welcome you to be there. It's a pretty important issue of the three that we're going to be talking about."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. Well, I'll know later this afternoon."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I have a Christmas story. I’ve been married to my bride for 32 years and 31 of the 32 years I’ve been lobbying for an artificial Christmas tree, you know save the trees. Well, that didn’t work. Anyway, I was resigned that unless Mary preceded me in death, we were going to have a live tree every year and I hate that because you had to go out and then the stump never did fit in the vase and the thing falls over and you never get one that’s fully developed.

Anyway, this year she went out on the 23rd and she couldn’t find a tree anywhere in this area. They were all sold out. So she bought a very expensive but nice artificial tree, nine foot and I was all excited. It took over three hours to put that darn thing up and now I’m stuck. That’s it, I’ve got my tree, we spent so much money on the tree it’s going to be that every year now. Now taking it down is a little easier. Maybe I can get it up in less time, but I didn’t realize three hours to put . . . but it did look pretty and it didn’t shed.”

Chairman Norton said, “Do you have a garage?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, you know what I told her and I tried to sell the idea of ‘Well, let’s take this beautiful nine foot fir and I’ve got this little place right kitty-corner to my garden and why don’t we just put it out there’, everybody thinks we’ve got a nice pine tree growing and then we could bring it in. Well, that didn’t work so I took it down last night. But I got what I wanted and just the message is, be careful what you wish for, you may get it. That’s it.”

Chairman Norton said, “Three hours is a lot of time for you too, isn’t it Ben?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, when they say slot ‘a’, tab ‘b’ and you know, it was a mess.”

Chairman Norton said, “The last thing I’ve got and I’m not sure of the time, 3:00 today?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Two forty-five for that news conference.”

Chairman Norton said, “Two forty-five, we’ll have a news conference and we’ll be talking about our health survey that will be going out to the community and the more of this message we can get out to people, the more powerful it will be. We’re going to send out 25,000 surveys. Is it 2:00? Two o’clock is the . . . but the message is that we’re going to send out 25,000 surveys to households to try to understand what the landscape is on the health community and what people expect from public health, what their problems are, what their insurance and primary care problems are and maybe how we re-describe, redefine the public health system in Sedgwick County and I think it could be some powerful information.

We would urge all citizens, if you get this survey to please fill it out, turn it around, get it back to us

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because you know we've had people say, 'Well, if you get 3% back, you'll be happy'. We'd like to get 20, 25% back so we really have a good idea of what the community needs are when it comes to public health. So, we'll be kicking that off today and if you get that in the mail, as a citizen please turn that around. It should be easy to do and we hope you would participate. Is there anything else to come before us today?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Mr. Chairman, we do need an Executive Session today."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/ client relationship relating legal advice and preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property for public purposes and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:40 a.m.

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, "This meeting is recessed into Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. and returned at 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Norton said, "We're now back from Executive Session. According to state statutes, there was no binding action taken in our Executive Session today. Is there anything else to come before us? Mr. Manager? Mr. Counselor? We're adjourned."

H. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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