

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

February 25, 2009

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, February 25, 2009 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Kelly Parks, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Gwen Welshimer; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. James Weber, P.E., Deputy Director, Public Works; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Robert Hinshaw, Sedgwick County Sheriff; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Evelyn Good, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Peter Gustaf, CEO, Wichita Area Technical College

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION

Observed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Parks said, "Next item."

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE GREATER WICHITA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION STEERING COUNCIL.

- **NOMINEE 1 – COMMISSIONER KELLY PARKS**
- **NOMINEE 2 – COMMISSIONER KARL PETERJOHN**

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- **ALTERNATE 1 – COMMISSIONER GWEN WELSHIMER**
- **ALTERNATE 2 – COMMISSIONER DAVE UNRUH**

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’ve prepared a resolution to appoint two members of the Board of County Commissioners and two alternates to the GWEDC (Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition Steering Committee) and the two nominee Commissioners, Chairman Kelly Parks and Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; and the two alternates are Commissioner Gwen Welshimer and Commissioner Dave Unruh. These appointees serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners and I recommend you adopt the resolution.”

Chairman Parks said, “Do I hear a motion? Any discussion? This is an important part of our situation that we have with the GWEDC and Karl and I have been to a couple meetings already and I look forward to serving with and honored to be in this position, so having seen no other discussion, I will call for the vote.”

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, “Next item.”

B. SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

- 1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES DINKEL (COMMISSIONER NORTON’S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT.**

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Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we prepared this resolution for Commissioner Norton's appointment to this Board. This is a four-year appointment and I recommend you adopt the resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, "Next item."

Commissioner Norton said, "I think we can..."

Chairman Parks said, "Oh, are they here today?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Yes, uh huh."

Chairman Parks said, "Okay, we'll have them sworn in then."

Mr. Kelly B. Arnold, County Clerk, said, "Raise your right hand."

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of office of Sedgwick County Physical and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, so help me God."

Mr. James Dinkel said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

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Mr. Dinkel said, "Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "Please feel free to say a few words if you wish."

Mr. Dinkel said, "I would, thank you. My son receives services from two agencies here in Sedgwick County. On behalf of him and the disabled persons in Sedgwick County, I thank you for your support and your funding."

Chairman Parks said, "Thank you. Call the next item."

C. SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.

**1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARILYN KERSCHEN
(COMMISSIONER PETERJOHN'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE
SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
APPOINTMENT.**

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this is also a four-year term. I recommend you adopt this resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adopt the resolution.

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Mr. Chairman, the Kerschens are here..."

Chairman Parks said, "I do see that Marilyn is out in the audience today. If you would step up and be sworn."

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Mr. Arnold said, "Raise your right hand."

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of office of Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging, so help me God."

Ms. Kerschen said, "I do."

Mr. Arnold said, "Congratulations."

Ms. Kerschen said, "Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "Miss Kerschen, if you want to say a few words you can"

Ms. Kerschen said, "The only thing I can say is thank you, and I will try and do my best to be worthy of it. Thank you very much."

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

PRESENTATION

D. WICHITA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE UPDATE.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Peter Gustaf, CEO, Wichita Area Technical College, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to give you a report on our activities and a little history about what we've been how this whole initiative came about, and where we are today."

You have a packet that is passed out to you in a black envelope that has quite a bit of information in it, and some programming information and a presentation that we have been making to the House in the Senate, Ways and Means Committees regarding our request for resources from the State to help us build aviation infrastructure here at the National Center for Aviation Training.

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A little history behind the training initiative. It started back in the '90's, actually the middle '90's, by a number of aviation who folks were concerned about what they were seeing in trends in their companies, and what they were, what was happening with their suppliers. When you have an expansion such as we do in aviation, with the different cycles going around, the first thing that happens when you see an expansion is that the employers, the larger employers, start hiring employees from the suppliers, and that was happening in force in the '90's and we also weren't training enough workers to be able to replace those workers in the supply chain. So we've had a reduced labor pool. It's been something that has happened in cycles over the years, obviously it is a little bit different now, but I'll talk about that in a minute.

We also have a significant aging problem all the way through the supply chain from the small suppliers to the large companies. The average ages, depending on the time of the year and where they are at is somewhere around 50. We have a number of suppliers that are high-tech avionics companies that average age are 50 and we need to replace those workers with high-skilled, high-tech folks because of the complications and the technology advances happening in the industry.

The second thing was, the third thing was quality issues. There was significant quality issues in regard to trained folks that were going into the industry. They weren't up to the standards that the industry was expecting, and consequently they had to spend a lot of resources on retraining those folks.

And finally, technological advances in the industry, it is unbelievable in the last 10 years what has happened in the aviation industry, not only aviation healthcare and others, with the advances in technology, especially in the avionics area, areas of aero structures with the introduction of composite materials and airplanes, the shift that's happening between metal and composites is just as significant of a shift that happened between fabric and metal back in the '50's.

So what the aviation industry was faced with was a nonresponsive technical education system and they had very low expectations of the system. They tried to fix the system for a number of years with varying levels of success, mostly not successful. So they formed, along with the City, County, State, School District, they all threw some resources into the pot and started what was called 'The Kansas Technical Training Initiative', and it was a partnership, one of the best public partnerships I ever saw when I got recruited down here seven years ago. It is just a simple vision to bring world class business driven technical education to South Central Kansas, concentrating on aviation and manufacturing first.

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Our goals were simple. Be responsive, ones-top location for recruitment assessment and training, business driven curriculum that meets the needs of the customer, the business customer, standardized credentials based on the criteria what these new jobs were going to be, and to also build an infrastructure and capacity with world-class facilities and programs to be able to recruit and draw students from a long way away, because we knew we didn't have enough people here to be able to meet the future needs, the long-term future needs of our aviation infrastructure. To be flexible, dynamic, have the latest curriculum, and equipment and our goal was to make our businesses here, both large and small, more competitive.

The Board of County Commissioners formed SCTETA in November, 2004, that's the Sedgwick County Technical Education Training Authority. This is the vision that was, at the time, to create an integrative flexible system, and I'm not going to read it to you, but that is the vision of SCITTA in November of 2004. It consists of 11 members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, and also to not only work with the National Center for Aviation Training and manage that, but also to govern the Wichita Area Technical College.

The Sedgwick County Technical Education Training Authority came to KTTI and asked us to be a part of the leadership of the Technical College. In January of 2000 we agreed to do that. We did a thorough review and changed the leadership of the Authority Board, did a thorough review of the college and discovered it had major issues, not only operational, financial, but more importantly, infrastructure issues that threatened the viability of the college.

The technology that we discovered at the college was, in most cases, antiquated. The computer systems average age was six years old, and we're not teaching any aviation programs, and was on a high school system that ran from 8:00 to 3:00 or 3:30. We immediately began taking action, the first thing we did was flatten out the organization, take out a level of administrative infrastructure, and begin to invest in equipment. I'm a submarine sailor, I spent six years in the Navy, and we paint everything whether it's moving or not. So we invest a lot in infrastructure, paint, lighting and so forth, to bring it up to standard, to also make the environment really positive for the faculty that have to teach in that environment and engaging for the students that have to, that are in there trying to get trained for a job.

We reviewed all the programs and put improvement and accountability process in place to evaluate each program. Today, the Technical College, as you can see by this chart, we teach a lot of programs, not only aviation manufacturing. When we came in 2001, there wasn't any aviation programs being taught and now we are a teaching 500 plus students in aviation, growing rather rapidly. We do business and technology, accounting, I.T., healthcare, skilled trades, heating and air conditioning and others, transportation, we have the largest automotive program in the State of Kansas, in addition to the aviation manufacturing programs.

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During this process, KTTI, we asked the aviation companies to put up resources to do a concept design for a new facility for our aviation and manufacturing programs. And the County Commission, in their vision, decided to embark on providing the resources through the bonding process to build that facility based on the design, initial design of what the aviation companies had invested to do that. We spent considerable amount of time, almost three years, and talked to over 50 employers and built and designed the building around programs, I understand you were out there, looked at the Gateway Building. The aviation and manufacturing building are designed specifically around programs. Those spaces are designed to be flexible, and to be able to advance with new technology. But we decided what programs we were going to teach, and then designed based on industry and business needs and designed the building around that.

Currently we are offering over 18 aviation programs, like I said, with over 500 students, and growing fast. We are incubating over 20 other programs from locations throughout the community. We had to be able to incubate programs in order to ensure that the facility would have adequate amount of students when we opened up, so consequently we have eight locations across the community and we have programs being incubated in several locations.

We also needed to bring the college up to speed to be able to manage the information technology and the student flow into the program, so we've invested in Enterprise Resource software system that will integrate all of our processes so we can get real-time data in order to make the quality decisions. We began building capacity and capability and flexibility, we teach day and night. We also have a tremendous, over 50 companies that we work with right now for what's called 'customized training', and we're in the process of trying to implement what's called 'just in time training', so we can be there to meet specific needs of employers both large and small.

We're currently acquiring equipment for programs, a couple constraints we have are faculty, and I'll talk to that in a minute, and resources for equipment. We are going everywhere to try to get equipment, whether it's leaning on suppliers, whether it's talking to the State, working with the federal government or whoever will get us the equipment, we'll ask for it.

We also do a continuous quality improvement and review of every program after every session to make sure that's in demand by the businesses, make sure that the industry that we're supplying workers to is supportive of the program, and its financially and fiscally responsible to offer that program.

Today, in just a little over two short years, we have a 96.4 percent placement rate, which is incredibly high; our student and employer satisfaction ratings are on the rise. We are very pleased in the direction in which they are headed. Last year we were the 12th fastest growing two-year college in the United States. This year we'll be the number one.

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In 2008, we received accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission in November, this is the same accreditation that Wichita State or K-State or KU has, it is important for us to be able to offer a seamless transferability between schools for our students, and this will allow us to do that. The Higher Learning Commission praised our Board and the governance of the school, they were astounded by the progress we made since they were here before in 2006 and gave the school candidacy status. As a matter of fact, a number of the reviewers wanted to take our Board with them to their schools, so we are really pleased with that.

We are fiscally prepared for the future. We run it like a business, I am a business person, it is flat, it is entrepreneurial, we continually do financial and environmental scans. We have a finance committee of strong Board members that twice monthly review our finances, and then it goes to the Board every month. In this uncertain environment, with things that are happening in the economy with the State and local government, with the Federal government, we need to be on top of it, and we are very proactive in looking at our financial situation.

This is a little enrollment history, based on clock hours, as you can see since 2004-2005, by now we'll have doubled in our production of clock hours. These are some of the programs that we currently have, what the enrollment is, as you can see, our enrollment is increasing in the aviation programs, aviation is a cyclical business, as we all know. It's been cyclical in here in Wichita and has a long history of cycles, but when you are not manufacturing airplanes, you are still fixing them. We have a trademark FAA maintenance program; it's the third largest aviation maintenance program in the United States.

We'll have by 2009 around 475 students; our capacity at the new center for aviation maintenance students is 500. We have strong support from the FAA. The FAA is really excited about this program because in the last five years or six years, we have went from 225 aviation maintenance schools nationwide down to 125, mainly because of the expense of running an aviation school and the advances in technology and the inability for small schools or schools that don't have a big aviation infrastructure in their community to keep up.

Obviously we have a lot of other programs in there that are aviation related, they also cross pollinate into other industries. These are some of the new programs that are being offered in your packet. You have more detail about this, but this gives you an idea of the complexity and the advanced programming that we're developing in the aviation manufacturing area, from engineering programs, to high-tech design, quality control, fiber optics. you wouldn't think you would need fiber optics in airplanes, but they are networking all these airplanes now and that's becoming a big demand for us. But there's a detailed list on where we're going with that in your packet.

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We have a department that does educational research and development. We are probably the only school in the country that does that, and this department was started just a year and a half ago in order to be able to develop the programs we need for the National Center for Aviation Training. It is a process to develop programs that's really labor-intensive, we've had over 50 subject matter experts from companies who serve on these committees that meet every other week to design these programs and then we have to go through the process of getting them approved by the Board of Regents and then go through the implementation process of recruiting students and so forth.

Since 1999 the aviation industry has invested over \$9 million in this program in getting us to where we are today, starting with KTTI, starting with providing us the opportunity to benchmark other schools, to figure out where we needed to go and how we could be the best that we could be, they funded scholarships, provided tons of equipment, airplanes, engines and training material, paid for the initial facility design and research, they are loaning us executives, you have an executive of the National Center for Aviation Training. We have two executives on loan including the Director of Training and Development from Cessna in our school and we expect to get a whole bunch more of those. And also, as I mentioned earlier, there's been over 50 subject matter experts involved in helping us develop curriculum.

Just in the last year and a half or so we've had over \$3 million worth of donations, Rockwell Collins, Boeing, these are just a few. We are fortunate to have a great relationship with our aviation partners including small companies to large companies. We have small companies that give us sheet metal or composite material for our students to train on; they provide us internships for our students and have been really great to work with.

A little bit about the economic situation. As you know, the aviation industry, not dissimilar to oil and gas or agriculture or automotive industry, is a cyclical business. This is just a little chart to give you an idea of the U.S. economic cycle since 1948. During times like these it's good to recall that there have always been times like these. It matters how we attack it, how we approach it, how we put ourselves in a better position when we come out of it and that's what we are trying to do.

We have a unique partnership here with the National Center for Aviation Training with WSU and the National Institute for Aviation Research. (NIAR) This is unique. We are going to be able to offer our students the opportunity to see state of the art research on composites and stress and all the things that NIAR does, and also to partner with them to be able to take the research that they've done, turn it into training and provide state-of-art training, not only for our companies here, but for the FAA, the NTSB, NASA and others who will fly in here and take advantage of this unique situation.

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We have been working with Wichita State, we are very happy with our partnership with them. As a matter of fact we are working on two transfer degrees, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Technology degrees for our students to be able to transfer and take two more years of training and get a Bachelors degree, in other words a seamless path. Right now WSU uses our machine shop and our laboratories for training of their engineers so it is going to be working both ways. We are going to have our students work with their faculty, their faculty works with our faculty, and their students are intermingled with ours, it is really a unique situation. It's the only one in the United States.

That's a quick and brief update about what we're doing with the Sedgwick County Technical Education Authority. I would like to thank you for your support willingness to have your staff be involved, your staff has been incredible to work with, we enjoy our partnership with the County, and we think that we have a great and bright future here with our school. Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "Thank you, Pete and I do have a couple questions. Some of the questions I had early in the presentation were answered a little later but at the culmination of the two-year program, the student does get an Associate degree?"

Mr. Gustaf said, "Yes sir."

Chairman Parks said, "And that's ready for WSU, USC, all of those then?"

Mr. Gustaf said, "We are accredited by the same folks that accredit USC or K-State or anything, so obviously in transfer of credit, it is the receiving institution that gets to decide. Even though we are accredited, you might have some institutions we have to work with. We have articulation agreements that we make that we have with Pitt state and K-State, Fort Hayes and WSU to transfer these seamlessly."

Chairman Parks said, "The curriculum centered around the avionics industry, but there are advanced science and math courses, and I hope that the curriculum will be testing those students as they come in to make sure they have a base of those things, very important to have the science and math basis there when they come into the college."

Mr. Gustaf said, "Mr. Chairman, I will give you kind of an idea what were facing. About 60 percent of our students get remediation when they come in. We have student success program that's free. We test every student that comes in to find out what their ability level is, if they need help in math or in a lot of cases, communication skills or writing skills. We send them to our Student Success, they go in there and get tutored individually, one on one to get them up to speed. The last thing we want to do is put a student in a program that we feel they can't be successful. So we want to get them ready to go in there ahead of time."

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Chairman Parks said, “The reason I say that, there could be spinoff into other industries from your students, I know it is centered around avionics, that’s good, that’s the purpose of that, but...”

Mr. Gustaf said, “That’s very astute, Mr. Chairman, because Burlington Northern Railroad recruits our aviation maintenance technicians.”

Chairman Parks said, “Okay. I have another question from Commissioner Welshimer.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well Pete, two years and what you’ve accomplished in two years is just absolutely amazing. I can’t tell you how pleased I am, and what an asset this is for our community. I just don’t think we could have anything that would suit our community better for the greatest needs that we have and I just want to thank you and tell you I certainly appreciate all your hard work, and hope you’ll keep us up to date on an ongoing basis.”

Mr. Gustaf said, “Thank you, Commissioner and we will. As a business person, you are never happy with where you are. I wish we were further along, but we’ve made tremendous strides in the last couple years.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Tremendous strides.”

Chairman Parks said, “Commissioner Peterjohn?”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Pete, I would be interested in knowing since the fourth quarter of last year, has your placement rate been affected since the local economy started having a fair number of layoffs, if so, how much?”

Mr. Gustaf said, “Actually it has not. When I talk about ‘just in time training’, we’re really flexible, so the effects of the layoffs haven’t really hit yet. If you look back in the fourth quarter, there was only a few hundred that were laid off at that period of time. But we have contracted our manufacturing training a little bit, the aero structures training. However, when I was talking to our latest aero structures students, they were all working. They were in a supplier situation or they were working for a company that was not in their industry.

What we are trying to do now with our manufacturing folks that we’re going to have a little lag here is to get them into higher tech programs that are in demand, maintenance side programs, avionics, aviation maintenance and so forth.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Pete, let me follow that up. The number of students who have graduated from your program, how many go on to into a four-year program?”

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Mr. Gustaf said, "It's about 25 percent and that's a national, pretty national, Commissioner."

Chairman Parks said, "Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "You say 25 percent go on to a four-year degree, but actually with the two years of training, some of those people go into jobs that might pay better than the four-year degree, don't they?"

Mr. Gustaf said, "Absolutely. Our aviation maintenance technicians after two years, average wage is somewhere around \$50- \$55,000 a year."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "That's good news."

Mr. Gustaf said, "As a former history in political science undergraduate major, think about it."

Chairman Parks said, "Commissioner Unruh?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Pete, I want to thank you for taking the time to be with us today and give us this comprehensive update on what has been going on with the college, and we're proud of the work that you've done in creating a new element of education and economic development in our area. I think the transformation from what the Wichita Area Technical College was to what it is now is really in a dramatic change, and you along with your faculty, staff and board members have just done a remarkable job so we appreciate that."

I do have one question, perhaps I should know the answer, but about can you say what the percentage of students out of high school or who haven't really been in the work force, what is that percentage compared to folks coming back for retraining?"

Mr. Gustaf said, "As you know, Commissioner, when we have started in 2001, we started the aviation program, this was really 2002, after 9/11, we had a lot of people that were middle aged that were coming back to training. That trend has been going down. Our average age is completely lower, or significantly lower than it was after 9/11. However, over the next year I expect that to creep back up."

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And I think that what a lot of people don't understand is we do aviation and manufacturing, but we are the largest supplier of medical assistants in Kansas, we are the largest supplier of surgical techs in Kansas, we are the largest supplier of automotive techs in Kansas, so we do a lot of other things besides aviation, but we have a responsibility and a commitment that we made to this Board to make sure the National Center for Aviation Training is successful. We take that very seriously and that's why we're doing what we're doing and concentrating so hard on that. But the average age is right now increasing a little bit, I think. We have a lot more people that have Bachelors degree or higher that are in our training also."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I think that indicates something about the economy and something about the opportunities that are out there, something about the way that the industry changes and our economy is changing. But, you know, I appreciate the fact that you have given us a shot in the arm of confidence about commitment to the success of the Aviation Training Center and also about details briefly about some of the other programs at the WATC.

But this is a, your efforts, necessary component of the overall economic health of our area along with the partnerships at WSU and NIAR and the partnerships with the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, and the State of Kansas in helping fund this is what is making it successful, that everyone is working together for a common goal, and it's critical in that we're one of the five aviation clusters in the world, and if we want to protect it and grow it, it needs this cooperative approach and effort to make it successful. Appreciate what's happening at the college, and I hope our citizens understand how important this is to our economic health and are also supportive. Thank you again for being here."

Mr. Gustaf said, "Thank you."

Commission Unruh said, "That's all I have Mr. Chair."

Chairman Parks said, "Thank you. Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I want to start out, in Parade Magazine, just this Sunday, it talked about if your job situation has changed in this economy, what are some things you can do. It talked about applying for unemployment right away. But the third tenet, and the one they discussed the most was job retraining, get some education.

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While the flywheel is spinning a little bit in your life, upgrade your skills, get back into an education program, be ready for that new job, maybe the one you left is going to be different and really increase your skill levels, so job training, workforce development, education, and giving it to our community in a package that creates, and I hate to use the word world class because it is so overused, but it is fast becoming that. It is going to compete with Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, New Mexico, places that have figured out, states that have figured out that if you don't have training programs readily available to your workforce when there is up ticks and down ticks, you are going to lose out, lose jobs, lose capacity, and we realized that six or seven years ago.

Now, I know for the community there's been some consternation that, well we have technical education, let it be what it is. The truth is, years ago WATC almost imploded under its own weight. An industry came to us and said we can't use this model, it is old, it's fragmented, it's not delivering the students we need. And truthfully I went to those early graduations, in fact, I don't know that I missed too many of the Aviation Center graduations, and in those early classes there was like 40 students, and we graduated like eight. And most of them were 50-55 year-old folks that were trying to upgrade their skills, continue to be in the workforce. In the last ones, now we got a pool of 400+ people, we've got graduating classes of 30 and 40. They are already being fought over by industry, not only aviation, but others, to be in the workforce, and there's younger faces out there that promote exactly what we are looking at that fill the pipeline so when the baby boomers move out of the workforce, we've got this great technically trained, skilled workforce, particularly in aviation.

But that's true in nursing, and the medical community, the healthcare community, because the whole population of workforce is changing, and if we want to be a viable community that creates jobs and wealth and makes sure that the middle class that we talk about is sustained and healthy in our community, education, job training, knowledge increase in our community, intellectual capital in this information technology age is just critical. And I think we know that now, we have understood it. And taking this to the next level, HLC and NCA accreditation was huge to have a technical college that can also deliver some JEN studies to get people into Associate degrees, that puts them in the ability, not only to go into the workforce, but to increase their education at a four-year level, and many folks that thought they were only going to get a job in some kind of vocational technical education soon realized that they can take it further, do more with their lives than get the four-year degree that's going to be powerful for 40 years of their work life.

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The final thing I think is so critical is that when we started out we didn't realize that we could put together the kind of partnership with NIAR and WSU. And, you know, now that NIAR is attached and their research component and composites, now we're starting to have in this community the dialogue about what else can you do with composites, oh, medical research. There's the ability to use composites in hip and joint replacements, knee replacements, medical devices, that's a huge entrepreneurial industry that will create new jobs in our community as that moves along. And that's an ancillary effect of having smart people talking about this for so many years and bringing partners to the table, some kicking and screaming over the years, but now to this point where we are at a cutting edge.

Now, it's unnerving that we're at the edge of this when the economy is kind of going the other way and people have a knot in their stomach and there is job layoffs. But the time to be bold, the time to think of the future is now. It is not three years from now when everybody else is taking advantage of it, we have the ability and the chance to do that, and educate our community in a lot of different things besides aviation, because it is going to be technology, its I.T., its healthcare, I think about agribusiness, we met with the Farm Bureau, and there's a whole new industry there that we are going to have to engage with and understand, all the biomedical and bioagra entrepreneurship that's happening is going to have to be trained somewhere. And we'll attach to that at some point.

So Pete, thanks for coming and delivering your message. I think the community needs to know that it's happening at WATC. And it is sound physically, its moving towards the next generation of technical education. We are not back in the '50's and '60's, we are in the years 2020 and 2030 in our viewpoint of what technical education is going to look like. I appreciate your leadership with that.

I would also like to recognize Ray Frederick, who's on the Board. Thanks for coming today Ray. He's put in yeoman's work on facilities and board leadership, as have all the folks that are on the Technical Education Board, It has not been easy, it's been gut wrenching to take an organization that was about to fall away from our community and make it into something that we could all be proud of. Thank you, Pete."

Mr. Gustaf said, "You are welcome."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have Mr. Chair."

Chairman Parks said, "Thank you. Do I hear a motion to receive and file Pete's..."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Mr. Gustaf said, “Thank you, Commissioners.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you Pete. Take up a deferred item from last week, call the next item.”

DEFERRED ITEM

E. APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH RUGGLES AND BOHM, P.A., FOR DESIGN OF STREETS IN AN UNPLATTED SUBDIVISION COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS CHATEAU ESTATES. (DISTRICT 5).

Mr. James Weber, PE, Deputy Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Again in Item E., we are requesting your approval of an agreement with Ruggles and Bohm for engineering design services for the paving of Calais and Calais Court in an unplatted subdivision known as Chateau Estates. The project is located south of 31st Street South on the east side of Greenwich Road.

At last week’s meeting you discussed requests from several property owners to delay any action on the project for a year. Your action was to defer this item for one week to give the owners a chance to submit a petition formally requesting a delay.

Last Thursday the County Counselor’s Office prepared the text for a suitable petition and Public Works updated the ownership information for the area so that the circulators could obtain the correct signatures for each parcel that wish to join into the petition. The petition was ready late Thursday and Mr. Winters picked it up on Friday morning. Yesterday Mr. Winters sent us an email in which he indicated that he would not be able to obtain signatures requesting the delay from the owners of the majority of the parcels. I believe that Mr. Spears forwarded that email to all of you yesterday.

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We are recommending that you go forward with the project, the cost of this work will not exceed \$31,100 for the engineering. All costs of the project will be paid by the benefit owners in Chateau Estates through special assessments, and we are requesting that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. I don't know if they want to speak, I believe we have a couple owners here today as well."

Chairman Parks said, "Thank you, Mr. Weber. Are there any questions for Mr. Weber as we move into...it is not a public hearing, but I think it is good to allow people to speak if they wish to. Any other questions? Thank you, Jim. Anybody in the audience who would like to talk to this issue, speak to this issue? Sounds like we can progress forward with this issue then."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, "I want to have just a little more discussion on this and then I will get to the vote. Not to belabor a lot of things, but I would just put this out as a situation where when you are moving into the country and you're moving into a rural subdivision, make sure that you know what the long-term plans are for that subdivision, or that area, if you're dealing with a real estate agent, and I put this out to the real estate agents also, make sure and have disclosure of what could happen, what might happen, and everything else there. I do know that there's situations in my neighborhood that are like this also, and when people move to the country and then want paved streets. So I'm just throwing that out as a discussion item, and we'll certainly get on with the vote here.

Madam Clerk, seeing no other discussion, call the vote."

There was no further discussion on the motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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NEW BUSINESS

F. RESOLUTION TO ADD AND AMEND POLICIES TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “One of the important functions of Human Resources for you as Commissioners and for the organization is to manage the personnel policies and procedures that govern our workforce. We update policies to comply with legal requirements, to match our current practice, and to provide consistency across the organization.

Today we have 11 policies that we’re recommending revisions to; 4.300 Employment; 4.301, Employee Rehire; 4.303, Initial Probation; 4.501, Discipline; 4.502, Grievance; 4.503, Sexual Harassment; 4.506, Discrimination and Harassment; 4.900, Education and Training; 4.902, Tuition Aid Program; and 4.2001, Wage and Salary Administration.

These revisions are technical in nature and either update our processes to match current practice or add clarity to our procedures. The Tuition Aid Program revisions recommend service eligibility from two years to one year and to increase the maximum allowed tuition reimbursement from \$700 to \$900 per year. Policy 4.903 B is an addition to outline the performance evaluation processes for firefighters and lieutenants at Fire District Number One. I have reviewed this policy revisions with each of you, they have had County Counselor review and County Manager review and I recommend a profit approval of the resolution.

I would like to say we have incredible staff in HR that not only do they train on these policies but implement them. We have Brenda Jill Stocklin-Smith, our Diversity and Employee Relations Officer here today and Sheila Lynch, our Organization and Development Training Coordinator here. These are the folks that actually train and implement and enforce these policies and have worked hard on these revisions. So we would stand for any questions, and just ask your approval of the resolution.”

Chairman Parks said, “Aside from the tuition costs, there weren’t any other costs related to this, correct?”

Ms. Templin said, “That is true”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Commissioner Unruh?”

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Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just make the comment that I’m continually impressed, I guess is the right word, by the effort and energy it takes for appropriate administration of the personnel function in an organization this big. We have about 100 pages of backup that deal with what you have just presented, and it implies a lot of work and thought and process to get to the level of policies that we have. And I guess I’m wanting to compliment you on all the work and your staff that is necessary to make the Sedgwick County government from the personnel perspective that we are professional and we’ve and we’re up to date, we’re continually modifying and improving our policies. So I hope that citizens that are watching and wondering about an organization with 3,000 employees, how we do business, and this is an indication that were doing business very professionally, and I’m going to be supportive of the resolution.”

Ms. Templin said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Seeing no other questions, I’ll entertain a motion.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, “Next item.”

G. INTRUST BANK ARENA COUNTY/CITY DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPING AND WAYFINDING DESIGN AND WAYFINDING CONSTRUCTION COORDINATION AGREEMENT.

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Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As you know the new County owned Intrust Bank Arena located in Downtown is well underway, and is already having an impact on the Downtown city skyline. We are here this morning to present to you the Intrust Bank Arena City/County Downtown Streetscaping wayfinding design and the wayfinding construction coordination agreement. The County has planned and budgeted not only for the new building, but also for the necessary wayfinding improvements that respond to the accessibility of users of the Arena. The wayfinding improvements are most effective when designed in coordination with streetscaping environment in which they are installed.

The agreement that is before you today has been worked out through the joint efforts of County and City staff. They take advantage or it’s meant to take advantage of cooperatively pursuing these projects in order to minimize cost to taxpayers and to insure compatibility with the Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan, which has established a vision framework objectives and strategies for redevelopment of Downtown Wichita in the general vicinity of the Arena.

There are two parts to the agreement. Part A has to do with wayfinding design. Part A indicates that the County agrees to reimburse the City one-half of the design cost of streetscaping and wayfinding design with the total cost to the County not to exceed \$75,000.

Part B has to do with the actual cost of constructing wayfinding. Part B indicates that the County agrees to reimburse the City the actual cost of constructing wayfinding signage, directly attributable to the Arena. And we won’t know what that cost is until Part A of this agreement is done, however, we do have a statement in the agreement that says the final cost of the wayfinding improvements will be determined through the City’s standard solicitation process for construction services, and will be mutually agreed to by the City and the County prior to the City entering into a contract for construction services. So before we go to Part B, we certainly will know what that entails and what the estimated or projected cost for that. Commissioners, I would stand for any questions, and would recommend you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Parks said, “Are there any questions besides a couple from myself? Commissioner Unruh?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I am going to be supportive. I mean, this is a demonstration of how we’ve tried to work very carefully with the City of Wichita to make sure that we don’t get in conflict with one another as we try to develop this Downtown Arena neighborhood. Everybody probably has seen or can give illustrations of where...to different agencies try to do something that should be coordinated and it’s not, and it makes for embarrassing conflicts sometime. And more importantly, I think, for most of us, it ends up wasting money.

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I think this is the way that we can get a good job done for the Intrust Bank Arena in conjunction with the City's effort to improve Downtown in such a way that it is efficient economically and administratively. So I am going to be supportive."

Mr. Holt said, "Thank you."

Mr. Unruh said, "Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "In doing some of the staff discussion, Mr. Holt and I have discussed the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) and what the, this is a traffic control devices and the colors of those signs and things, so people coming in from out of town can look at the uniformity of that and, can you touch a little bit on that and explain what we discussed, Ron, just so the public will know?"

Mr. Holt said, "Making sure that, yes Mr. Chairman, making sure that in the design of these systems that we meet the guidelines both for the traffic control and some of these will be pedestrian oriented signage, but have less, I think, impact by that design code. Talked to Mark Borst from our Public Works Traffic Engineering area, we've talked to Gary Jansen, who is in the traffic department over at the City of Wichita and we all came to the agreement that probably, we need a statement and we will include a statement in the Request for Proposal that will indicate that those are the design standards we will be looking for and will be part of the consideration."

Chairman Parks said, "Okay, thank you. And my other item was for Rich Euson, for Legal, in subsection B, this covers the unknown costs that is out there, you're confident that this will cover that issue there?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor said, "We've reviewed it, we approve the language as it is and as it's been explained by Mr. Holt."

Chairman Parks said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn?"

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Ron, in part B on the wayfinding improvements, will you be coming back to us with a specific dollar amount at a future date in terms of what those costs are once the City gets an estimate?"

Mr. Holt said, "The intent of this agreement, Commissioner, would be that you would approve this and that would not require us to come back to you for formal action. However, certainly we will bring back to you at an informal process and discuss with you what those costs are, what the budgets are and make sure that we are all in agreement that that is the best, those are the best components to spend the dollars on."

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Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Okay. Do you have any, has the City given us any idea in terms of ballpark of what they are estimating here in the part B?”

Mr. Holt said, “Commissioner, they haven’t. The problem has been that we don’t know what the costs are until we do part A, which will determine number, location, design and then a cost can be applied. At this point we have no way of knowing what those numbers are so that what the volume would be so we don’t know what the costs would be. But that’s why that language in part B is there that they could not go forward with letting that construction project until we have a mutual agreement about what we, the County, will be paying for that relates directly to this signage, way finding signage for the Arena.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “So, clarify this for me, Ron, who at the County would be making that decision that and giving the okay for the part B spending?”

Mr. Holt said, “Through the chain of command, it would be the Management. I would be involved in it, Chris Chronis would be involved in it. We have a review team that also involves Steve Claassen, who is the Project Services Department Manager and also Larry Pasinka, who is over at the Arena. It would not be in our intent to go forward with this without having at least a discussion with you about here is what’s been developed, here’s what the costs are, and here’s how it relates to the budget.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “That was my only thought on that mutually agreed to and I think that covers that with what legal has said today on that. Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “ I am going to be okay with what we’re doing with wayfinding and landscaping. My question, Ron, as we move forward, if wayfinding is designed and signage is up and landscaping is done, yet we are still having consternation about parking lots and streets being repaired and taken care of, which worries me that we are now a year away and some of that is not moving forward and I know that’s a City thing, we’ve worked with them, we’ve partnered, we’ve given them money, can we get an update on that at some point on where those contracts are, how soon that will be done, whether they will meet those critical dates that make sure that all of this is put together before we have an opening event? Would that be something that you could do for us and report to us in the next, I don’t know, little while, but will we know sooner than later how this is all going to integrate together so that we are not landscaping a street that’s not completed yet or working out signage to direct someone to a parking lot that hasn’t been paved yet, that scares me a little bit.”

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Mr. Holt said, “To make sure, that number one, coordination is happening with the City and the County, but number two, that there is a timeline developed and people are on target to meet the time lines, the City has established what they call a ‘management steering team’ to oversee all these projects, the street improvements, the parking improvements, the wayfinding, the streetscape transit services, there’s four/five, there’s seven or eight committees that have been put together to look at each one of these components. The Manager and I serve on what we call the ‘management team’ overseeing all of those and yes, we are meeting, we have a meeting this Thursday, as a matter of fact, to get an update to where we are. Within a week or so, we would be happy to come back to you, maybe in a staff meeting on Tuesday morning, come back to you and give you a full review and update about what is happening, what the time lines are, who is in charge. They’re set up for this system at project management process which we think gives us some assurance that we know what’s being done, who is in charge of it, when it’s expected to get completed that we can have, we sit on that team to have some input into how well that’s moving along or not.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I have been in and out of the Arena enough that I have a real sense of that where the completion is on that, what’s happening there, but you’re right, there’s other ancillary projects swirling out there that are ongoing, I know we’ve set them in motion, but I don’t have a clue if they’re all going to come fruition at the right time, right place that’s going to make this all successful. I would appreciate that either in a staff meeting and maybe later pulling it all together at a Commission meeting where the public can hear all the pieces that are going together. It’s a big project, I know and the public is very interested, very interested.”

Mr. Holt said, “Absolutely.”

Commissioner Norton said, “That’s all I have, Mr. Chair”

Chairman Parks said, “You brought to mind one question for me, then it was partially answered. Of the seven or eight committees, you are attending those committee meetings?”

Mr. Holt said, “I’m on about four of those, we have Bob Parnacott from the County Counselor’s office on a couple of them, Chris Pressen from SMG is on three or four of those, Larry Pasinka is on a couple of those, so we do have active involvement, Chris Chronis is on a couple of those, we have active involvement from the County on all of those committees as we track progress on each of those.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you. Any other questions? Seeing none, do I hear a motion?”

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Mr. Holt said, "Thank you Commissioners."

Chairman Parks said, "Clerk, call the next item."

H. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT FEE RESOLUTION.

Mr. Bob Hinshaw, Sedgwick County Sheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you know, the Sheriff's Office provides a number ancillary services such as making copies of reports, copies of videos and various fingerprinting services for the public. There are State statutes that mandate specific fees for some of these specific services and also, an established fee schedule addressing many others.

It has come to my attention that there's no authorizing County resolution for a fee schedule for many of the ancillary services. With changes in regulatory statutes over the years, we've seen an upswing in the demand for these services. As a result, a review was conducted to determine cost and to recommend a fee schedule based on reasonable charges to recoup the expenses that we've incurred. The result is the resolution and the fee schedule that is before you. The proposed resolution would address the County Counselor's concerns by giving authority to charge for identified services and provide a fee schedule for these services. I believe the requested fees are not unreasonable and will be a fair representation of the actual expenses that we have. I would ask that you adopt the resolution and if you have any questions, I would be happy to try to answer them."

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Chairman Parks said, "I certainly, in my discussion with the Sheriff, know where he's coming from there. Having, in my former life, started out, I think we were started out at a dollar for a report and doing fingerprints for free but that has since been modified by the State and the State gets a piece of the action on some of that now. I think this is a very good procedure that he's updating."

MOTION

Chairman Parks moved to approve the resolution governing fees charged by the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Park said, "Now go ahead, Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "This is more of a question probably for County Counsel. Rich or Sheriff Hinshaw, whoever, is this a charter resolution or an ordinary resolution?"

Mr. Euson said, "It isn't either. It is a home rule resolution that supplements State law. So State law is pretty much silent on these fees and so by way of home rule, you are able to supplement that silence and have these fees into the fee structure."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So do we need, using home rule, do we need a super majority to approve this?"

Mr. Euson said, "Simple majority."

Chairman Parks said, "Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Sheriff, the fees that were talking about on the fingerprinting that is mainly for people from outside who come in and want that service, isn't that correct?"

Sheriff Hinshaw said, "That is correct. State law mandates that specific fees for the offenders and for the carry concealed weapon, this is for the others that may need to have a fingerprints done and a background check conducted for their job or the position that they're asking for."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay. And those fees go into our general fund?"

Sheriff Hinshaw said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay. Thank you"

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Chairman Parks said, “Any other questions? Seeing none, call the vote.”

There was no further discussion on the motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, “Clerk, call the next item.”

I. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO SIGN APPLICATIONS, REPORTS, PLANS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING (KDOA).

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Central Plains Area Agency on Aging provides services and supports for older adults and their caregivers in Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick counties. We are one of 11 Area Agencies on Aging in Kansas and 655 across the United States. Under the Older Americans Act, Area Agencies on Aging were developed back in 1973 with the intent to develop an infrastructure and backbone for aging services across the entire United States.

As an Area Agency on Aging, we are responsible for developing and maintaining, coordinated and comprehensive system of care for older adults and their caregivers. The Central Area Plains Area is established on an inter local agreement between the Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick Counties. In that, Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners is the governing board for that organization.

Annually, the Kansas Department on Aging requires us to submit evidence as to who in the governing body is appropriate to sign and and authorize to sign documents on behalf of the organization. Through this, the chairperson of the governing body identifies the person by names, titles and positions who have been authorized by the governing body to sign off documents on behalf of the organization. This document allows the Chair and Vice Chair to sign official documents such as area plans, various program applications and notifications of grant awards. The affidavit also allows designated staff to sign various financial reports, monthly reports, cash requests, units of service reports and other basic operating documents. I would recommend that you authorize the Chairperson to sign and would be happy to any questions.”

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Chairman Parks said, “Any questions of Ms. Graham at this time?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Signature Authority and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you Annette. Call the next item.”

J. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- 1. GRANT APPLICATION TO ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION RWJ FOR A “CREATING A CULTURE OF QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (QI) TO STRENGTHEN WORKSITE WELLNESS INITIATIVES IN SEDGWICK COUNTY”.**

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you is a grant application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to improve the quality of our work site wellness program through the application of quality improvement methods. Health Departments will be eligible for national accreditation in the year 2011. A critical part of our preparation is the development of a quality improvement plan for our department and this grant, if we are chosen, will help us to do that.

The purpose of this grant project is three fold. Number one, to participate in the national effort to gather evidence about how quality improvement can improve Health Department performance; number two, improve our performance; and number three, prepare us for accreditation.

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We submitted a letter of intent to apply for this funding and we're invited to submit a full application. There are 102 applications or letters of intent received and only 35 were invited to submit a full proposal. We believe our concept was considered competitive and thanks to our very talented health promotion and community assessment staff, Becky Tuttle, Sonja Armbruster and Ty Cain, they have worked really hard in this application, I believe it's going to be very competitive. We certainly hope we are chosen.

Our worksite wellness program has been in place for four years and has impacted thousands of employees throughout the county and dozens of businesses. I don't have stats from 2008, but from 2007 we worked with 26 businesses, touched over 3,600 people, or excuse me, 3,300 people were part of the program and then on 'Walk at Work Day', we had an additional 3,000 plus that participated.

Health Department staff work with employers to implement goal setting behavior change programs such as take charge challenges where we challenge employees to increase their physical activity and improve their nutrition, maybe floss their teeth more often, things like that. We provide presentations at work sites. We provide technical assistance and information. We give feedback to employers about the participation of their employees in the program as well as working with them to implement new policies that will create a healthier work environment.

This funding will allow us to learn and apply quality improvement processes to this program and make it more effective. We already know that the program works, but we know it can be a lot better. It will be an opportunity for Health Department staff to learn how to develop and implement a quality improvement program and our intent is to generalize that learning to the rest of the department so that we have quality improvement processes incorporated throughout the department.

The application is for \$155,199, it's for two years beginning June 15th of 2009 and there is no match required but we are offering a .4 FTE that we already have, a public health educator, valued at about \$27,000 as an in-kind contribution. I recommend that you approve this grant application, authorize the Chair to sign it and all related documents. I would be happy to answer any questions that you have."

Chairman Parks said, "I have one comment and one question. I would like to thank Ms. Tuttle for doing her work and she has done some fine work on this to get us to this point, I would like that thank Ms. Tuttle for that. Also, is there anything in this document that binds personnel or expense beyond the term of the grant? Let me preface that by saying I'm going to be asking all departments when they come up with grants just due to the nature of our economic times and what not that we need to make sure that there's nothing that's in the grant itself that goes beyond what is funded."

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Ms. Blackburn said, “Well, we are offering the .4 FTE that is in your budget, for a health educator. And that is in our budget so we are offering that as part of the budget to Robert Wood Johnson. Though they don’t require a match and so if we had to pull that out, I am imagining that we could. Maybe Becky...yes, we have that option.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn?”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Claudia, since we have had this program in place in 2004, background information indicates that it has impacted thousands of participants. Can you kind of walk me through in terms of how many different work sites and how many people are being served each year, like for instance in 2008 how many people were participated in this effort?”

Ms. Blackburn said, “We don’t have the data crunched for 2008 yet because it’s with our evaluator, but we have 2007. We had about 3,300 participants and 26 businesses in 2007. The businesses that we focus on are not the large ones. We don’t focus on the Boeing, Cessna; we don’t focus on businesses that can afford their own programs. We focus on, we work with the school district, we have worked with the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, Goddard and Maize school districts, Youthville, some banks, variety of businesses and Sedgwick County has also been one of our work sites. If you want more information, I am sure Becky has it here. “

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Seeing no other questions, do I hear a motion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the grant application and authorize the Chair to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Ms. Blackburn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "Call the next item."

2. GRANT APPLICATION TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO) FOR FUNDING TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Ms. Blackburn said, "Before you is a grant award agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials for \$5,000 for the Sedgwick County Health Department Medical Reserve Corp. The Medical Reserve Corp. is a group of volunteer health professionals and other interested people that are 18 and over who are poised to respond to a public health emergency. They add surge capacity to the Health Department's staff. This group of 97 volunteers currently engages with the Health Department and the community to maintain a connection during nonemergency times, which is most of the time thankfully. They are currently working with the Healthy Options for Kansas community's director to develop some volunteer opportunities there.

They are also providing support to the Animal Response Unit which was recently formed. The Animal Response unit will be dealing with issues related to animals during an emergency because we know from Katrina that people won't evacuate if their animals aren't taken care of and what do you do with the animals at a shelter? We will be working with them and taking care of the people side while they take care of the animal side.

We also are at the zoo on Mother's Day with the Medical Reserve Corps, which does outreach to women about women's health issues and some blood pressure and diabetes screenings and many things throughout the community.

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One of the things that they have done was develop strike teams to help us set up point of dispensing centers. If we have an emergency and have to deliver pills to people in 48 hours, we have about 63 point of dispensing centers throughout the County. And the strike teams that are comprised of Medical Reserve Corps volunteers and other volunteers go out to the centers to set them up and they recently published in our National Association of County and City Health Officials Exchange. So we're really proud of the program. The award is for \$5,000, it will be used for supplies and outreach educational materials and I recommend that you approve the application and approve the award."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the grant application and authorize the Chair to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the applications; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Ms. Blackburn said, "Thank you."

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

K. PUBLIC WORKS

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE "AUTHORITY TO AWARD CONTRACT COMMITMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS" WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 817-V, W, X; ROAD WIDENING PROJECT ON MERIDIAN BETWEEN 47TH ST. SOUTH AND 71ST ST. SOUTH. CIP# R-281. DISTRICT 2.**

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Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “In item K-1, we request your approval of the authority to award contract and commitment of County funds, form 1309, for the Kansas Department of Transportation. This will authorize KDOT to move forward with the Meridian project between Wichita City limits and 71st Street South. The project is designated as R-281 in the capital improvement program. The low bidder was Cornejo and Sons at \$7,589,773.30. Sedgwick County’s matching local share is \$4,770,000 of which \$1,770,000 will be paid out of sales tax and \$3 million will be paid out of general obligation bonds. We recommend you approve the form 1309 and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, “This has been discussed and looked at for quite a while. Commissioner Peterjohn?”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Dave, can you kind of walk through how the allocation of funds between sales tax money and GL bonds for this project please?”

Mr. Spears said, “Well, first of all, let me say, this was like a \$10 million project, (inaudible) so we’re very pleased at where it came in at almost \$7.5 million. So of that \$7.5 million, we had an earmark of about \$3 million, a federal earmark to pay for that. So on this particular project, it’s not an 80/20 thing, that’s a lump sum, about \$3 million. Then of the balance, that’s what we’re saying, the balance is about \$4,770,000, \$3 million will come out of general obligation bonds as that’s the way it was in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and \$1,770,000 out of local sales tax. Did that answer your question?”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “I was trying to get a better understanding in terms of how the sales tax that’s for streets and roads and how that gets allocated.”

Mr. Spears said, “It gets allocated in our CIP. Each year we adopt a five-year CIP, we relook at everything. The Finance Department makes an estimate of how much sales tax we will get per year. We take that estimate and when we build a CIP around that estimate and figure out which projects we want to do with that and it’s about \$12 million dollars a year now.”

Commissioner Peterjohn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Parks said, “Any other questions? Commissioner Welshimer?”

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Commissioner Welshimer said, “Dave, when is this project going to take place when would these funds be spent?”

Mr. Spears said, “This is a large project. We are going from two lanes to four lanes, it will be this year. It’s beginning, it has been let and this paperwork goes in and then the State will sign a contract with Cornejo and it will begin this spring. We are hoping to be done by the end of the year. But there is no guarantee on that, like last year, we had 53 inches of rain. That will slow you down. But the work will begin this year?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “So the sales tax then would come from this year’s collection of sales tax and disbursement to you? I mean, your budget of sales tax this year, I am thinking, you know, what if sales tax is less and collections.”

Mr. Spears said, “Well, Commissioner, it could come from this years, it could come...I don’t know how Mr. Chronis will do it...it could come from the sales tax carryover from last year also.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Okay. That’s my question. Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Seeing no other questions, we’ll call the vote.”

There was no further discussion on the motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Mr. Spears said “Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Call the next item.”

L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2009.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioner and said, “The meeting of February 19 results in three items for consideration. First item:

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**1. DIGITAL IN-CAR VIDEO RECORDERS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE
FUNDING – GRANT**

Recommendation is to accept the proposal from CDW-G for an approximate cost of \$377,571.79 which includes first year of maintenance and to establish component pricing. Second item:

**2. MICROFILM DAILY BACKUP SERVICES – REGISTER OF DEEDS
FUNDING – REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Imaging Office Systems and establish contract pricing for three years with two one-year options to renew. And the third item:

**3. CISCO EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE – COMCARE
FUNDING – COMCARE INFO TECH**

Recommendation is to accept the low responsive bid from Alexander Open Systems in the amount of \$60,589.98. Would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

Chairman Parks said, “Any questions of Bid Board?”

MOTION

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

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Ms. Baker said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Call the next item.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

M. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Schedule post annexation public hearing for Bole Addition Ord. No. 648-2004 (City of Park City – BoCC District 4).**
- 2. Community Health Nurse II (CHN II) salary adjustment based on ten years of nursing experience for Reva Morris.**
- 3. Contract extension with the City of Wichita for COMCARE to provide drug testing services.**
- 4. CUP2006-38 (DP-301 Associated with ZON2006-39) – Extension of time to complete platting requirement for a zone change from SF-20 Single Family Residential to LC Limited Commercial generally located east of Ridge Road between K-96 and 45th Street North. (District 4).**
- 5. Two (2) permanent Drainage Easement and One (1) Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 795-N, O, P, Q; Recondition of 199th St. West between 21st St. North & US-54. CIP# R-267. District 3.**
- 6. One (1) Temporary Construction Easement and One (1) Easement for Right of Way for Sedgwick County Project 823-X-1870; Bridge replacement on Hydraulic between 63rd St. South & 71st St. South. CIP# B-442. District 2.**
- 7. One (1) Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Bridge Maintenance Project B-637-10-2523; 63rd Street South between 247th & 263rd Streets West. District 3.**
- 8. General Bills Check Register for the week of February 11, 2009 – February 17, 2009.**
- 9. Order dated February 18, 2009 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

Chairman Parks said, “At this time, we have a Fire District meeting that we need a brief Fire...so I will recess the Board of County Commissioners meeting and open the meeting of the Fire District #1.”

Board of County Commissioners recessed at 10:30 a.m. into the Fire District #1 meeting and reconvened to Regular Meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Chairman Parks said, “And we are up for ‘Other’ on that item also. Do we have any other comments from the Commissioners today?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “I have one.”

Chairman Parks said, “Okay.”

O. OTHER

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Commissioner Welshimer said, "Downtown Wichita Downtown Development Corporation is having an annual meeting on Wednesday, March 11th, at the Scottish Wright Auditorium at 332 East 1st Street, this starts at 6:00 and there's a lecture at 7:00. They are quite excited about this. They're expecting a large group, large crowd of people to attend and they are naming this an event. They are naming it the 'Momentum'. Their speaker is one that is quite famous in development for cities and progress for cities. His name is Alexander Garvin and he's an expert in urban planning and he was the Vice President of the Lower Manhattan Corporation, an agency charged with redesigning the World Trade Center post 9/11. He's an author of books, one is called 'The American City, What Works and What Doesn't' and so this is going to be an interesting event. It's free and open to the public, seating is limited and reservations are necessary at 264-6005."

Chairman Parks said, "Thank you. Any other comments? I do have a couple. I like to thank the people who serve on the committees. We had quite a few of those done today and I would just like to thank those people that serve a lot of time for no pay and some expense on their part. It just shows that there are some people out there that will do the community service thing."

I would ask the people to bear with me on some of the logistics of the Chairmanship here. I have been 29 years in three different presidencies and I have never had the benefit of having a Clerk to call my items for me. Sometimes I try to get ahead of her and do that and just bear with me and I will get this down before long.

We do have a need for an Executive Session..."

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes to consider potential litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no later than 10:50.

Mr. Euson said, "No sooner than?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "No sooner than."

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. and returned to the regular meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Chairman Parks said, "We are back in session, met with legal counsel and no binding action was taken. Do I hear any other business or anything for the good of the order from the County Commission? Hearing none, this meeting is adjourned."

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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Fifth District

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TIM R. NORTON, Commissioner
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KARL PETERJOHN, Commissioner,
Third District

ATTEST:

KELLY B. ARNOLD, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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