

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 22, 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 Tuesday, December 22, 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; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Archibong Ukoefreso, Custodian, Corrections; Nancy Fultz, Psychologist, COMCARE; Mr. Sherdeill Breathett, Sr., Sedgwick County Economic Developer; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Public Safety; Mr. Robert Hinshaw, Sheriff; Mr. Chris Chronis, CFO; Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Mr. Roderick Harris, Director, Center for Health Equity; Mr. Joe Thomas, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing; and Ms. Angela Lovelace, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Jesse Huxman, Director of Content, KPTS
Mr. Dave McClintock, Director of Technology, KPTS
Mr. Todd Allen, Taxpayers for Tickets
Ms. Brenna Davis, COO, Cox Machines Incorporate
Mr. Ray Frederick, Interim President, Wichita Area Technical College

INVOCATION

Pastor Ben Ford, Westlink Christian Church, Wichita

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting November 18, 2009
All Commissioners Present

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Chairman Parks said, “You’ve all had a chance to look at the meetings of, and we will take these separately, regular meeting from November 18th and all were present. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the minutes as read.

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	Absent
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting December 2, 2009
Commissioner Norton absent

Chairman Parks said, “And likewise with the meeting minutes of December 2nd, 2009, Commissioner Norton absent. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the minutes as read.

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Parks said, “Do we have a motion to amend the agenda?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to take an Off Agenda Item after Item B.

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	Absent
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING 2010 AS A YEAR OF CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION FOR KPTS.

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, I’ll read this in for the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; on January 2, 2010, Kansas Public Telecommunications Service, Inc. or KPTS, celebrates its 40th anniversary; and

WHEREAS; KPTS continues to value and accomplish its mission to ‘educate the community, engage and challenge minds, entertain Kansans, and enrich society through quality programming

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and civic leadership;’ and

WHEREAS; KPTS has an award winning educational outreach program that reaches and impacts the lives of thousands of Kansas children; and

WHEREAS; KPTS engages and challenges minds and entertains viewers with quality programming like NOVA, Masterpiece Theatre and nationally produced documentaries; and

WHEREAS; KPTS enriches society with its public affairs programming by giving viewers a voice to address local issues and by producing documentaries covering historical events of local interest ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kelly Parks, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the year of 2010 as

‘A Year of Celebration and Recognition for KPTS’

“And it’s dated December 22nd, and it’s signed by our Chairman Kelly Parks.”

MOTION

Chairman Parks moved to adopt the Proclamation

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, “We certainly appreciate KPTS, they are here today to accept the proclamation, and we will have some other discussion right after some retirements, but about our support for KPTS, and if you want to just go ahead.”

Mr. Jesse Huxman, Director of Content, KPTS (Kansas Public Television Service), greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of the station, I would like to thank you for this proclamation. KPTS signed on the air on January 5th, 1970. Our first broadcast was Sesame Street, and over the past 40 years the station has provided quality, educational, entertaining television to viewers in Wichita, Sedgwick County, and much of south central Kansas.”

Mr. Huxman continued, “Today we provide programming on three digital channels. Our education outreach provides media literacy training and books for children at area Head Start programs, and our website, www.kpts.org provides valuable resources for parents, educators, and children, and we

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continue to be driven by our mission to educate, engage, entertain, and enrich the lives of our viewers. In recent years we've produced several locally significant documentaries; Oil Dorado: The Life and Times of an Oil Boom, Wichita's Role in World War II, The Piatt Street Plane Crash, The Dockum Sit-in, and most recently, Black & Gold: Remembering the WSU Plane Crash. And tonight at 7:00 P.M., through a partnership with The Wichita Eagle, we will broadcast the incredible story of a Kansas born priest, POW (prisoner of war), and Medal of Honor nominee, The Miracle of Father Kapaun. It's all part of our new commitment to the education and history of our local community.

"No one exemplifies the role of KPTS in the community better than our longest tenured employee, David Brewer. David is with us today. David came to work at KPTS in 1970, shortly after we went on the air. He's worked in nearly every department at KPTS over the years, and today David is responsible for our programming, so please direct your comments to him, but he does much more than that. On a regular basis he takes his guitar and reading glasses to area schools to sing songs and read books to children, and he's the first one to volunteer for every station event. David sets the standard that the rest of us at KPTS can only hope to attain, and I thank you, David, for your years of service.

"As part of our 40th anniversary celebration we invite the Commissioners and everyone in our viewing area to our anniversary party on Sunday, January 10th, from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Wichita Ice Center. Bring a new children's book and you will get free skating. Clifford, Curious George, Bubbleman, and many others will be there to join in our celebration. And since 1985, KPTS has broadcast the weekly County Commission meetings, providing government access to the citizens of Sedgwick County. This was the beginning of a long and positive relationship, and so today, once again, I want to thank you, the Sedgwick County Commission, for this proclamation, and for recognizing KPTS for its contribution to the community. Thank you also for your continued support of the station and its mission during our first 40 years. We look forward to bright, yet challenging years ahead, as we continue to make KPTS the channel that changes the viewer. Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "And thank you, Mr. Huxman. Before you leave the podium area, can you explain about the WSU (Wichita State University) special campaign that you've started to be able to expand the story about the WSU plane crash, and what you're doing with that?"

Mr. Huxman said, "Black and Gold, the documentary about the Wichita State plane crash, which also occurred in 1970, we've received inquiries from a number of other stations around the country,

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and within the PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) system that have asked whether or not they could air that in their market. Our rights to the music that is used in that only covers our local market, so in order for us to purchase the rights to broadcast outside of our market, there is a fee there of about \$2600. So we have started a small campaign, and for anybody who would like to help contribute to that campaign so that we can upgrade our music license and offer this program to other markets around the country, Oklahoma has asked, Denver has asked, the campus station of Marshall University has also asked as well. So there are a number that have asked whether they could broadcast this. We would love to be able to share this story and this part of history, which, while it's local history to us, it is really a part of national history when you look at the significance of that event."

Chairman Parks said, "I would encourage all WSU alumni and fans to inquire about that fund, and that's certainly something that the story, I think, needs to get out there. So I have been supportive of that personally."

Mr. Huxman said, "We appreciate that."

Chairman Parks said, "Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, call the vote."

VOTE

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

RETIREMENTS

B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCKS.

- **ARCHIBONG UKOEFRESO, CUSTODIAN, CORRECTIONS WILL RETIRE JANUARY 1, 2010 AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE.**
- **NANCY FULTZ, PSYCHOLOGIST, COMCARE WILL RETIRE JANUARY 1, 2010 AFTER 10 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Could I have our two retirees come forward, please? This Agenda item recognizes the dedication and contributions of two of our employees in public service. The first retiree is Archibong Ukoefreso,

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with the Department of Corrections, and Archibong has been a custodian with Corrections for 25 years, and will retire on January 1st, 2010. Archibong has several interests; he has some family members here. We're glad that you came to join him, and we just celebrate with Archibong upon his retirement."

Chairman Parks said, "As a token from the County Commission, we would like to present you with this clock, May you, in your retirement, have fond memories of working with Sedgwick County, and also a certificate that tells about your dedicated service. We appreciate your dedicated service. If you would like to say a few words, you may."

Mr. Archibong Ukoefreso, Custodian, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is my pleasure to retire from the county after 25 years. I enjoyed working with the county all the years. I worked here for 19 years before I was sent down to the Boy's Ranch in Goddard. All this time I have benefited a lot, with the hospitality of the management. I was hired on the 26th of December, so I decided to stay until this time and the end of this year after Christmas, so I will be leaving, my final day will be the 31st of December, 2009, and then off I will go. I appreciate the Commissioners, to all the people I have come across, and we worked together, so go in peace, and I will remember you from time to time."

Ms. Templin said, "Our next retiree is Nancy Fultz, who is a psychologist with COMCARE, Nancy will retire January 1st, 2010, after ten years of service."

Chairman Parks said, "Nancy, we would like to present you, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, this clock, and in your retirement, you may look at it and think of the pleasant times that you've had. I know that there are a lot of pressing and stressful times that you've had with your job, and now this gives you a chance to set back and retire. You could say a few words."

Ms. Nancy Fultz, Psychologist, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to thank all my coworkers, they've been wonderful people. I've had some of the nicest people I've ever met in my life work for Sedgwick County. Thank you very much."

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Parks said, "The KPTS came to Commissioner Welshimer a few months ago and was talking about a power issue that they have with their station, and being able to get the power out needed to cover the entire county. When this discussion was brought up, then I, too, started hearing people from my district saying they were unavailable, after the digital conversion, to receive the signal over antenna. And there are a lot of people out there don't have cable. Whether it be that the

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cost is prohibitive, or that they are in a rural area where they can't get it, I think everybody needs that opportunity to get, to discuss that, and I'll just ask that, we have a contingency fund, and we were looking towards getting a contract with that. There's been some glitch with the contract, however, I am going to make a motion at this time to pay KPTS \$33,000 out of this year's budget, contingent upon the contract, and the reimbursement for those funds if that project is not complete by January 31st of 2012."

MOTION

Chairman Parks moved to pay KPTS \$33,000 out of this year's budget, contingent upon the contract, and the reimbursement for those funds if that project is not complete by January 31st of 2012

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, "Any further discussion? Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I have been made aware of this. Only problem I've had, I've never been warm to taking off agenda items and then spending money with it. I would rather have a little more information, and I'd like to have Commissioner Peterjohn here. You know, when we're spending money like this he usually weighs in on that, and has his own thoughts about when we spend money and how we spend it. I can probably go ahead and support this today, but I would like to make sure that all of the legal contract and everything is really put to bed as we move forward on this. That's all I have."

Chairman Parks said, "I believe with my conversation, not detailed conversation, but with my conversation with Commissioner Peterjohn that he would be in favor of this. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How far along does this complete their project?"

Chairman Parks said, "This just a partial support, and well, for the record I guess we'll have from KPTS, but I will say that the reason I chose the \$33,000 number is because that's about 10 percent of what was presented to us at a staff meeting a couple weeks ago. We had a rather lengthy presentation at a staff meeting a couple weeks ago, and I feel very comfortable about what their plans are. We were presented maps at that time, and I guess I'll just let KPTS speak to, if any of those figures are wrong or incorrect on the 10 percent."

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Mr. Dave McClintock, Director of Technology, KPTS, greeted the Commissioners and said, “That is correct. It is about 10 percent of the projected cost of this project right now, and we are just getting underway.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “So you are presently in a fundraising activity?”

Mr. McClintock said, “Not officially in one sense, but we have started, and we have started writing grants and so forth to raise the money. We haven’t made any official announcements yet.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “But you anticipate that you will have the funds in order to have the project completed by, what was the date that you suggested?”

Chairman Parks said, “January 31st, 2012.”

Mr. McClintock said, “I would hope so. It would be our intent. We need to do this as soon as we can.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Kind of a first pass at a contract that was delivered to us, is there a provision that if you don’t go forward with this effort or something doesn’t happen, then the money returns to Sedgwick County, is that the plan?”

Chairman Parks said, “Yes.”

Mr. McClintock said, “Yeah. And that would make sense.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, and then so we will then compose or create or craft a contract that’s agreeable to the parties that stipulates that, we just have to do it after the fact. Is that the proposal?”

Chairman Parks said, “That is, and the money coming from the contingency this year is there, and it won’t be as flush a fund as next year, so we are looking at this. I think this is something we should do anyway. The 10 percent, a lot of times when you are talking about grants especially, if there’s 10 percent out there that somebody is kicking in, it shows we are in the ball game with it, I do know that there are a lot of grants that will come in to support the other percentages on that.”

Mr. McClintock said, “It does help leverage the whole process to get more people involved much we do appreciate that.”

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Chairman Parks said, “Seeing no further discussion...”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Mr. Chairman, if the proposal you have has those stipulations about agreements and those sorts of things, if this is contingent upon that, I can be supportive.”

Chairman Parks said, “I believe I stated in my motion that that would be so, that if they didn’t get it by the 31st, of January, 2012, it will be returned to us. Call the vote.”

VOTE

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

CITIZEN INQUIRY

C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE WAY TICKETS ARE BEING SOLD AT THE INTRUST BANK ARENA.

Mr. Todd Allen, Taxpayers for Tickets, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Good morning. My name is Todd Allen. I started Taxpayers for Tickets two weeks ago, after the Taylor Swift concert sold out, the public was pretty well outraged about it. We made some phone calls, trying to find out where the tickets went. I was talking to the arena management, they said there was American Express presale, fan club presales, but we had like 1500 tickets or less available to the general public. One of the people with our group decided to go online and count all the tickets.”

Mr. Allen continued, “He had over 4,000 tickets available on eBay at an outrageous rate, and we’ve got a printout up here, several people have put Taylor Swift tickets up on eBay. Basically, we call this scalping. The tickets are being sold for a lot higher than the face value, and it’s hurting us. It’s hurting us as the fans, it’s hurting the arena itself, and it hurts the promoters, too. It hurts the promoters, basically, I tell people what I’m doing is, I have \$300 set aside for a George Strait/Reba McEntire concert coming up. I figured, you know, \$100 apiece for tickets, that’s two tickets, that leaves me \$100 for t-shirts and popcorn, and things like that. If you have to go on the website and go to scalpers like that, your budget’s just gone. You don’t have any money left over for t-shirts or popcorn, which t-shirt sales is the promoters’, popcorn hurts the arena, you know, you’re not going to get any tax money out of that. So I started making calls to the county attorneys, the city

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attorneys, to find out what kind of scalping laws we have, and we really don't have any. The ones we do have are probably 50 years old and don't really deal with the internet things that are going on. Twenty-seven other states have scalping laws that pretty much deal with them and have chased them straight to our state. We built a brand new arena for them to pick on, and they've done a pretty good job of it so far. When I was talking to the county attorneys and the city attorneys, I started with county, because it is a county arena, from what I understand, county attorneys pointed me to a city ordinance we read about, \$200 permit or whatever, and I said 'Well, no one is really enforcing this.' They say, 'Well, it is really a county arena, so it's the county's problem.' Well, then the county starts saying it's a state legislation problem, and the state legislation says it is up to the cities, and we've been around and around on this, been going on for two weeks. We all know what's happening, we need to get some laws passed. I am up here asking everybody, not just the County Commissioners, but the city and the state, everybody, to quit pointing fingers at everybody else, lets pull the thumb and see what we can do to make some laws and close the loopholes up. I was wondering, can you guys pass laws to do this and how long would it take?"

Chairman Parks said, "We had an extensive conversation at staff meeting about a week ago about this also. And, you know, we did pay for city permits for that building, over \$80,000 worth of city permits for construction on that building, so it is in the city. We didn't deannex (sic) it. The action of selling, and I know a little bit about this from being around law enforcement for 33 years, but the action of selling the ticket, if it is in the City of Wichita, they do have an ordinance on selling them for more than face value."

Mr. Allen said, "According to the city attorney, no one has applied for that in probably 20 years."

Chairman Parks said, "Well, what I'm telling you, they do have one of those on the books. And that, did you find in the state law that its three times the value, if they charge more than three times the value then it's an illegal act?"

Mr. Allen said, "I haven't found that law yet, but I'm sure there's something there."

Chairman Parks said, "I think you'll find that in the consumer protection, and, Rich, if it's something you know about it, tell me if I'm wrong on that, but that's the last time I knew, if it was more than three times the face value in the State of Kansas, that is against the law. These eBay account things, are they out of state?"

Mr. Allen said, "There's some that's out of state, there's some from Wichita, some from Wellington, some of these are actual corporations that have super computers, that when the tickets go on sale, they are tying up Ticketmaster and Select-A-Seat's computers and booting off the true fans. We're actually wanting you guys to tighten up the laws to eliminate people from selling

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tickets on eBay. What one of states did was issue a cease and desist order against eBay, and eBay is not in the business of fighting lawsuits, they are just an advertising site for people to sell like a garage sale. If they feel it is an illegal activity, they'll just kick these ticket sellers off eBay. They can go other places, there's Craigslist, there's several other sites that are available for ticket sales. We feel it's important to close the door on these types of acts, because it does take money out of the community. People are selling, you know, selling 400 tickets, that's going to Arkansas, New Jersey, wherever, it is not staying in this community.

Chairman Parks said, "You said American Express, what was the other?"

Mr. Allen said, "It was the Taylor Swift fan club. Now fan clubs are pretty important to the entertainers and the fans themselves to keep in contact, and gives the fans a good chance to get the good seats up front, but we suspect a lot of people join fan clubs just to get early bird seats and put them on eBay."

Chairman Parks said, "Have you made a report to law enforcement anywhere about any of these?"

Mr. Allen said, "Well, if there is a city ordinance out there already, and nobody has done anything in twenty years, why would they start now? That's why I'm here."

Chairman Parks said, "That's one suggestion that I would say, before you say that all your things have been exhausted, maybe if you could make a report, and then they could follow up on that, give them a chance to do that. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Allen, I appreciate your coming here today and expressing the concerns of a lot of citizens. I mean, I have had folks approach me at social gatherings, and at church, and at the grocery store and different places, so it is a big concern, and we're aware of it and appreciate that you have committed yourself to seeing what can be done to change it. I think that the article that was printed in the Wichita Eagle, I think last Sunday, was real helpful to a lot of people, seeing a little bit of the dilemma of trying to have outstanding nationally known acts here, and the way that their promoters control a lot of the ticket sales, and how much, and what are presold, and all those other things, which I am not an expert at, but the Commission has heard your voice, and we have had discussions, and talked with other project manager, Mr. Holt, to see what could be done about smoothing out Select-A-Seat, and those computer glitches that we've heard about. So, I don't know how much concrete progress that we'll be able to demonstrate to you by next week, but I would tell you we've heard about it, we're

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concerned about it, and those things we can influence, we're going to try to do that. So perhaps that's just a lot of verbiage, but we hear your voice."

Mr. Allen said, "Well, we do appreciate that. Thank you."

Chairman Parks said, "I would appreciate a report back from you, either by email or phone call or something."

Mr. Allen said, "I will come back up here in January and let you know what else we can find, but we really do want some action on this. Big concern right now is that George Strait and Reba McEntire have agreed to do a show here. There's tickets on eBay right now for that show, and I've spoken with the arena management, and he said he has no idea why those tickets are even being offered. He has no idea when George Strait and Reba McEntire are coming here. A big concern is that the same thing that happened with Taylor Swift is going to happen with George Strait and Reba McEntire, if we don't act fast, and get something in place. It is going to happen again, and again, if something doesn't get put in place."

Chairman Parks said, "Certainly, if it's something that's not scheduled for the arena, and it is out there on eBay, I would definitely bring that to the attention of law enforcement, because that then..."

Mr. Allen said, "Well right now the arena says it is just speculation. These people put feelers on eBay in order to see how much how many people will look at the site, and see how many tickets they are actually going to try to buy to put on eBay."

Chairman Parks said, "The District Attorney has a consumer fraud protection..."

Mr. Allen said, "The District Attorney, Nola Foulston, was on the news, and she was saying it was a state legislation issue, and in the paper Sunday, Kansas State Legislation says it's a city issue. Again, we're pointing the finger round and round."

Chairman Parks said, "There is a difference between scalping and fraud for a show that's not even going to come up."

Mr. Allen said, "I understand that. Thank you for your time. I'll see you in January."

Chairman Parks said, "Okay. Thank you. What is the will of the Board?"

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Commissioner Unruh moved to receive and file

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	Absent
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

D. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

- 1. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING A FORGIVABLE LOAN TO COX MACHINE, INC., OF WICHITA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, AND AUTHORIZING THE INTRA-FUND TRANSFER OF BUDGET AUTHORITY.**

Mr. Sherdiell Breathett, Sr., Economic Developer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It is exciting, that in this time of tough economy, that we have small businesses that are making things happen, and today is no different. I bring before you a company that is expanding their facility to meet the growing demand of their service. Cox Machines Incorporated, was founded in 1954 here in Wichita, and they specialize in production of precision parts and assemblies for the aerospace industry. They currently employ 86 employees from our community. They also plan to hire an additional 50 employees over the next five years. They’re geared to address the challenges of a tough economy. The incentive we provide will assist them in acquiring new equipment. Over the next three years, they’re going to invest in manufacturing machinery and equipment valued at over \$700,000, expansion of their facility of approximately \$1.2 million, maintain a baseline of 86 employees in the area, and, again, as I stated earlier they are going to hire 50 new employees, and that is astounding for a small company in these tough, tough times. We recommend you look at the resolution for a forgivable loan and authorize the Chair to sign. We do have Brenna Davis, who is the Chief Operating Officer in attendance to address any questions you might have.”

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Chairman Parks said, "Would they like to say anything at this time?"

Ms. Brenna Davis, Chief Operating Officer, Cox Machine, Inc., greeted the Commissioners and said, "We really want to say we appreciate the opportunity for this forgivable loan. Our building expansion will be complete in January, based on the proposal given to us by the GC in August. We went forward with the building expansion, \$1.2 million. In addition to that, we have placed on order, and have received most of it, at least \$700,000 worth of equipment. We see a bright future in the next few years for our company, based on some things we've done, and some of our competitors. We welcome you to come out and visit our facility. We welcome your support."

Chairman Parks said, "This is a long standing and old business in Sedgwick County, and I'm going to make a motion that we approve the resolution, authorize myself to sign it. Second. Any further discussion? Commissioner Unruh.

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sherdeill, in the analysis of this, this goes to our regular analysis for cost benefit?"

Mr. Breathett said, "Correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I didn't see a cost benefit ratio in the backup. Do you know what that was?"

Mr. Breathett said, "1.3, I think it was 1.4, 1.5."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Mr. Breathett said, "You are welcome."

Commissioner Unruh said, "That's all I have."

Chairman Parks said, "In fact, I thought I did see that, but maybe that was something else. I did ask that same question of staff. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, call the vote."

Mr. Breathett said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

MOTION

Chairman Parks moved to approve the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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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	Absent
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

2. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE UP TO \$17,200,000 IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF CATHOLIC CARE CENTER, INC.

Ms. Irene Hart, Directory, Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I would like to tell you a little bit about this project, Catholic Care Center is a Kansas not for profit corporation that’s co owned by Via Christi Senior Services and the Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Sedgwick County has had a long standing relationship with Catholic Care Centers, beginning in 1989 when we issued \$6 million in bonds to help them build the original 175 bed nursing home facility located at 6700 East 45th Street North. Since that time we’ve issued bonds in 1998 and in 2001, and in 2003, enabling them to expand their facility by an additional 100 beds.”

Ms. Hart continued, “The facility itself was annexed into the City of Bel Aire in 2001, but since we originally issued the bonds and we have a continuing relationship, we are continuing to be the issuer of record. They are proposing to refund the bonds and refinance the debt. This is like, if you would, refinance your house when the interest rate drops because of the changing financial situation, this refunding will enable them to save almost \$2.5 million in interest payments. The resolution is being reviewed by county bond counsel Joe Norton. Tom Church, CEO of Catholic Care Center is here, and JT Klaus with Triplet, Woolf, and Garretson, their bond counsel, is also here. The facilities themselves are tax exempt there is no impact on sales or property tax. There’s no recourse on the county taxpayer. Looks like a win-win situation all the way around, and I would recommend your approval.”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, "Little bit of discussion. The fact that the City of Bel Aire annexed it, just wanted to reiterate with our legal, Mr. Euson, is there, there's no problem with us interacting with this document?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "No, sir, there is not."

Chairman Parks said, "Okay, thank you. Seeing no further discussion, call the vote."

VOTE

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

E. RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF ROBERT HINSHAW AS CHAIR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC).

Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's my pleasure to bring forward a resolution to you today appointing Sheriff Bob Hinshaw as chair of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council as we move into 2010. As you know, we have been working on criminal justice issues in our community for five years and done some good works, and there's still lots of good works left to do. So as we move into the next year, the Sheriff owns the significant manifestation of our criminal justice system; the jail, and he has the responsibility for managing that process. He is one of 15 voting members and a key stakeholder in CJCC. As we move forward, I think it is appropriate he has the opportunity to exert his leadership in what is historically been, and will continue to be, a cooperative leadership endeavor between the Board of County Commissioners and the major stakeholders in the criminal justice system. So it is my recommendation that you adopt and sign the resolution, and that the Sheriff is here with me as well."

Chairman Parks said, "What is the will of the board?"

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Commissioner Welshimer moved to adopt and sign the Resolution.

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, "Some discussion on this. I would like to ask Sheriff Hinshaw, do you plan to continue the professional standards that Mr. Lamkey has set forth before you?"

Mr. Robert Hinshaw, Sedgwick County Sheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've worked with Bob Lamkey over the last several years and he tends to set the bar very high. That will be my goal. I am looking at this as more of a consensus builder, and a focus point. As Mr. Lamkey indicated, the CJCC has done some great things to have a positive impact on our criminal justice system over the last several years. It's bringing together stakeholders which are policymakers and decision makers, members of the County Commission also sit on this, so that's why I look at this more as a focal point and building consensus to continue to work with making our criminal justice system as efficient as possible and one that reflects what our community wants as a whole."

Chairman Parks said, "And I did have a contact from one of the city law enforcement people making sure that if they did want to get on the agenda that that would be something that would be available to them."

Sheriff Hinshaw said, "Following the same practices as we have before, the purpose of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, of course, is an advisory board to the County Commission, so anything that's going to impact the criminal justice system I think is within the purview of what that group's mandate is."

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

Commissioner Norton said, "I am going to whole heartedly support this. I think the Sheriff knows that I honor his years of service and acknowledge that he is the end user of everything that goes through the criminal justice system so that he does have a huge stake in moving this along. This has been a tough issue for our community for several years, and stepping up with new leadership even though Bob has done a great job as a staff assignee, it will be great to have an elected official to help move this along, and I think Sheriff Hinshaw would provide that leadership as we transition into another year where we have to take some bold action to try to figure out this issue. It is not unlike most of the metro areas in the United States. As I read a lot of literature about the criminal justice systems, there's jail overcrowding, prison overcrowding, and short revenues almost everywhere, so were not unique. What is good about it is that the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council was formed several years ago ahead of the curve, and we have made some pretty good inroads as far as new programs. We know that we don't want to try to build our way out of this

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problem, and leadership that will take strong, bold action is important, so I encourage all the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to support the new leadership and make sure that we move this issue forward in our community. I am going to be very supportive of Sheriff Hinshaw's appointment to this. Thank you, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Parks said, “Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sheriff, I appreciate your willingness to take on this added responsibility. The CJCC is a very collegial group. I think everybody is committed to the common purpose of helping solve some of these criminal justice issues, but I think that you have the respect of our administrative judge and the judges from district court, along with an administrative judge from the City of Wichita, and the other stakeholders who are always at the CJCC meeting in order to advance solutions. So I appreciate your willingness to do this, and I expect we will continue to be successful in that effort. Thank you.”

Sheriff Hinshaw said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “If there are no further comments, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Parks said, “Did you have anything else to add?”

Sheriff Hinshaw said, “Not at this time, just looking forward to 2010, and some of the programs, as you are aware, the drug court, mental health court, day reporting, we’ve done a lot, but there is a lot more to get accomplished, and I look forward to being part of that solution.”

Chairman Parks said, “There certainly is, and I am sure you’ll do a great job.”

Sheriff Hinshaw said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you.”

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F. DIVISION OF FINANCE.

- 1. A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING ROADS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF K.S.A. 68-5, 103; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO BUILD OR REPAIR EXISTING BRIDGES IN THE COUNTY UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF K.S.A. 68-1103; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY LAW (2010 ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS).**

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The county typically issues \$4 million of general obligation bonds each year to provide funding for county road and bridge projects. In the 2010 CIP we have a series of projects that are identified as being partially funded with bond proceeds. The action that is before you today is a resolution declaring it necessary to construct those projects and declaring your intent to fund those projects with bond proceeds.”

Mr. Chronis continued, “The projects that are to be funded with bond proceeds in 2010 are 135th Street West from US 254 to K-42, 45th Street North from Webb to Greenwich, 53rd Street North from Webb to Greenwich, a bridge on 167th Street West between 37th Street North and 45th Street North, a bridge on 71st Street South between 359th Street West and 375th Street West, a bridge on 71st Street South between 295th Street West and 311th Street West, another bridge on 71st Street South between 199th Street West and 215th Street West, a bridge on 71st Street South between 71st Street West and 87th Street West, and finally a bridge on 71st Street South between 39th Street West and 55th Street West. Those projects have a total budget, a cumulative budget of \$10.95 million. They are to be funded in part with \$4 million of general obligation bonds, and the balance of the funding is to be provided from a combination of county sales tax revenues and other governmental entity funds, principally KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation). The bond issue has been included in the county’s financial plans for 2010, presuming that we proceed with the sale of the bonds. In current market we estimate that those bonds, which would have 20 year maximum maturity would have an annual debt service obligation for the county of about \$300,000, which is less than 1/10th of a mill of property tax, if we were to fund that entire debt service with property taxes. The bonds fall within all of the thresholds that the county has established in its debt policy, and again, they have been planned in the county’s budget and in its financial plans. The resolution that’s before you was drafted by Joe Norton, the county’s bond counsel from the firm of Gilmore & Bell. He is in the audience here to answer any question that you might have about the technicalities of the resolution. I would recommend, if you have no questions, that you approve the resolution that’s before you.”

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MOTION

Commissioner Norton 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	Absent
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

2. FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Mr. Chronis said, “Since late in 2005, when the county created the Sedgwick County Technical Education and Training Authority, the county has provided operating support to the Wichita Area Technical College. In recent years, that funding has been \$1 million per year, and it has been provided for general operating support for the Technical College. The resolution that’s before you provides \$1 million for our fiscal year 2010, and that funding has been included in the adopted budget. The resolution is identical to those that have been adopted in prior years. If you have no questions, I would recommend that you approve this resolution.

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Agreement.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, “Can someone speak to the programs at WATC just a little bit? I don’t know if Commissioner Unruh wants to get into that, or do that, just a little bit about aside from the aviation what WATC is continuing to do out there.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “WATC has had a very successful year, in terms of enrollment, with

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the second largest growth in technical colleges in the United States, and beyond aviation, we are strongly committed to health care services and manufacturing. We have a very full automotive service maintenance and auto body program out there, and many programs in business administration, but, rather than me continue to talk, our Interim President Ray Frederick is here, and perhaps he could speak to that.”

Chairman Parks said, “Certainly.”

Mr. Ray Frederick, Interim President, WATC, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We certainly appreciate and treasure the partnership that we’ve had with the county, and Commissioner Unruh is exactly right, we are blessed with a variety of programs, and right now some of them buck the trend as far as enrollment. We do have record enrollment, as far as the overall enrollment for the college, there are programs in addition to our aviation manufacturing that Mr. Unruh commented on. Our automotive program is full with a waiting list.”

Mr. Frederick continued, “We certify, I think, more LPNs (Licensed Practical Nurses) in the State of Kansas than any other institution, so we have reason to be certainly encouraged, and I would just say that our challenges that we face and have before us also provide us with numerous opportunities, so we are certainly proud of the relationship and partnership that we have with the county. I would also like to mention, and at least highlight some individuals from the county that continue, in addition to the financial support they give us, and that you give us, you know, there are some people, sometimes the easiest thing to do is to give money, but the challenge at times is they are dedicating their time, and they are committing their time to a mission, and a vision, and you have done that. Commissioner Unruh is a member of our board and serves faithfully, and continues to be a significant player there, and our Facilities Committee as well.

“Commissioner Norton serves on our Wichita Area Technical College Foundation Board, and brings a wealth of experience, and certainly contributes significantly in that way to our board. And then, our County Manager, I must tell you, every time I see him, he says, ‘Just let us know what we can do,’ and once again, here’s someone that puts his money where his mouth is, and has provided us with numerous staff members, from his staff, qualified to help us in our mission, and we appreciate that Mr. Manager, and look forward to continuing in that effort. Charlene Stevens, Assistant County Manager; she has continued to provide oversight of our NCAT (National Center for Aviation Training) construction, along with Paula Downs. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, is also a member of our Foundation Board and serves as Treasurer on that Foundation Board. Rich Euson, Mike Peppoon, they are providing us with the legal counsel to help keep us on the straight and narrow, which is so important, and then of course Chris Chronis, and providing us with the oversight and also advice in the financial area, and then Marv Duncan, who I just kind of classify

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Marv as someone who seems to be everywhere. Marv is a quiet strength it seems like in providing much to the processes throughout the institution. And then recently Iris Baker, who helped coordinate the effort with the selection and the process of the signage on campus. So, my point being, you can see that, not only have you made a huge and wonderful investment in the structure, but you've given us something more important, and that's the people that are contributing in a very special way to our mission at Wichita Area Technical College, and I just appreciate the opportunity to be here today, and look forward to our relationship as we go forward."

Chairman Parks said, "Ray, I thank you for stepping to the podium and explaining that a little bit. The waiting list that you referred to on the automotive, when is that program going to start back up, or do you have a target date on that?"

Mr. Frederick said, "Well our next semester starts early in January, middle of January."

Chairman Parks said, "Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "With the change in new leadership at WATC, what changes in policy are ahead? Are you still going to work on broadening the curriculum, broadening the number of professions in which you offer training, broadening the ability to transfer some of these courses into college credit, or is that going to be throttled back? What kind of changes can we expect?"

Mr. Frederick said, "Well, we're not taking any steps backward, I can assure you of that, and we are very pleased and proud of the relationship we have with Wichita State [University] and the articulation agreement we have with them in an effort to transition from those individuals that may begin with us, with an associate degree, and then transfer to Wichita State, and I just had an opportunity last week with the Dean of the Business School, and in an effort again, to begin to create a procedure in an articulation agreement to where we can continue to provide what's really important, and that's the transitioning for our students, our graduation students on to a career path. So as far as our vision, continues to be looking forward, no steps backward, and I will tell you that the only thing, or one of the things that makes it possible for me to step in, in this position, is because we are blessed with a wonderful, very qualified, leadership team at the Technical College, so they have rallied and certainly have been a real encouragement and support to me, in addition to the board, and the way that they have, again, been very supportive as we look forward."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "So WSU is involved in some of the decisions for the future or WATC?"

Mr. Frederick said, "Well, we do that in a partnership, because we have to be able, we are focusing on our students, what's best for our students, and there are some students that can begin their educational path and career there, and some will end there, with an associates' degree, some

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will end with a certificate. Others want to go farther than that, and that would be where we have that agreement, or a partnership in accepting transferring hours and credits to a four year university.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Okay, thank you.”

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

Commissioner Norton said, “Well I’m going to be supportive today, as I have been for years. It’s really been a good news/bad news situation with the growth of enrollment. We were at a very, very low ebb several years ago. I mean, enrollment had denigrated to the point that I think it was under 1,000 students, and programs were a little old and antiquated, and tired, and that was opened up and looked at.”

Commissioner Norton continued, “We obviously understood that aviation was important, but healthcare, which is one of our largest industries in this region, had a real need, and the Southside Center has been retooled to really put folks into that business sector, and as you said, we’re graduating huge amounts of LPNs and other technicians in the medical field out of the south side campus. One of the things the public needs to know is that after WATC transitioned out of USD 259 (Unified School District) because of some legislative actions, they were left with many old, tired facilities. They were not in particularly great locations, that didn’t fit the needs of the student or the academic setting. A lot of those, because of some bold action, have been jettisoned off and have been put back into other uses. The old Central High School is now going to be condominiums and housing that’s been done through historical preservation action. That was an old facility that was hard to use and had our healthcare in it and had some other issues. So we’re glad to get rid of that. Then we had the Schweiter campus that really didn’t fit the needs of what we had, and that’s been moved away from WATC.

“Finally, we had a building up on North Seneca that has been moved into another usage and was bought in a free market exchange, that’s all helped WATC upgrade their facilities and get it in locations that, where our young people that are going into technical education feel like they’re getting the quality they should in today’s environment. I think we all understand that technical education has risen to the level it has in our community because of hard work and bold action from a lot of people. I’m really proud of that. As we move forward, I think we know that state funding formulas just don’t quite meet the needs of technical education around the state. I read more and more articles that come out of the state where the Board of Regents, the legislature are really struggling with what to do with the state funding formula, particularly for technical education. I’m hopeful that’s solved at some point, because as I look around and do a lot of reading about technical education and adult education around the United States, it is going to be at the forefront of what

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drives the economic engine of workforce, not just in our community but around the United States. That does not mean that four year education at the university level is not important.

“As we look at job growth and what we’re competing with, as far as manufacturing and technical jobs, these facilities, these programs and curriculum, are going to be critical to workforce development and the economic vitality of our community. I’m hopeful the state formula gets straightened out, but until then, I’m really proud that the county continues to support technical education and the mission of what WATC and the technical authority is trying to do. It’s not without partnerships, though. We have W.S.U. and NIAR (National Institute for Aviation Research) housing at the new aviation center. CIBOR (Center of Innovation for Biomaterials in Orthopedic Research), which has great hope that the medical community and the composite industry that’s come out of aviation can fuse together, be very entrepreneurial and not only train people in medical devices but also incubate huge amounts of business that may come out of that.”

“I’m proud of where we’ve gone. I see a bright future, but it hasn’t come without a lot of hard work, and roadblocks, and people stepping up and taking some pretty bold action to get us where we’re at. I like the idea that the future is rosy and we’re not going to go backwards, we’re going to continue to move forward. I look forward to hearing next year, that we’re number one in the nation in enrollment increases as opposed to number two. I guess when you’re number two, you just try harder. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you. I will say, since you mentioned the old buildings on North Seneca, and the old high school, that I, as an adult student, attended classes at those, and I hope those kind of things will continue for the community out there. Seeing no further discussion, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Mr. Frederick said, “Thank you very much, appreciate it.”

3. CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER FUNDING AGREEMENT.

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Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, this Agenda item was placed on your Agenda, but it's been requested by Commissioner Peterjohn that we defer this until next week when he is present, or next meeting when he is present. I would recommend to defer it."

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to defer the item.

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, "Discussion, Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I'll go along with deferring the item, but I have to say that I am very supportive of the Child Advocacy Center and what they're trying to do. When we look at children's issues in our community, you know, I continue to say they're the future of our community and we want to be sure they're safe, that the folks that are working hard to watch child abuse and look out for missing children, and children subject to predators, even on the internet or physically, that we need to make sure they have great facilities, they're coordinated, they're housed together. They work in orchestration and they continue to keep our community very safe. As we talk about child advocacy centers that house everybody together, it's similar to the drug court issue we had. We were so excited that we decided to have a drug court, yet at the time we did that, over 230 communities around the nation already had drug courts, and as we talk about building a child advocacy center, where everybody houses together, there's well over a hundred communities around the nation that already have that exact center. So we're a pretty large county that probably should offer that kind of infrastructure facility and ability for people to work together in a co-located area. So I'm going to be supportive of deferring until Commissioner Peterjohn is back, but I am very supportive of the child advocacy center and the idea of providing funding so they can be together in one location. That's all I have."

Chairman Parks said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I will be supportive of Commissioner Peterson's request to defer this, but I talked to Commissioner Peterjohn and was assured that the timing of this is not an issue here at the year end with our financial requirements and budget restrictions, and those deferring this does not change our ability to finance it if we have to wait and do this in January, is that correct?"

Mr. Chronis said, "It does not."

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Commissioner Unruh said, “Then I’m satisfied with deferring it.”

Chairman Parks said, “I certainly wanted a little bit more time also. I do support the concept of this child advocacy center. However, with the state budget cuts, I don’t want to take away from internet child crimes unit, or COMCARE, or something else that’s out there. I just need a little bit more staff information and I will seek that out in the next week or two on my own on that. Seeing no further discussion, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

4. HEALTHY OPTIONS OF KANSAS FUNDING AGREEMENT AND DONATION OF SURPLUS LAPTOPS.

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, you have this Agenda item before you, and Healthy Options runs the program in south central part of the city. There have been some concerns, recently raised, about the operations. You might want to discuss this. This funding is being funded not through contingency, but through other budget items which would indicate that, if it were deferred, it would have no effect on ability to fund this project.”

Chairman Parks said, “I guess, do we have a motion before we discuss that?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to adopt the Resolution.

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, “Commissioner Welshimer.”

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Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, I think when I discussed this with the Manager prior to coming in here, the concern has to do with United Way and their \$95,000 annual grant to the Healthy Options for Kansas Communities which is based in Plainview. It’s a struggle to keep Plainview with resources, and I am on the board for this group, and we’ve worked very hard to get it where it has finally arrived. However, this year United Way canceled the \$95,000 annual grant. The reasons that were given were that we did not provide the 2009 audit that they had told us we had until May, 2010, to provide. That being the case, we got our CPA (certified public accountant), Mr. James Northcut, he speeded [sic] up his work and we will have that submitted by the end of the year, which is now the requirement by the United Way. So the concerns that we don’t have an audit; we’re meeting their deadline, and we still have until the first of the year to get that to them. The other concern was that board members were not actively involved in raising funds.”

Commissioner Welshimer continued, “We all serve on several boards. I don’t know if, Mr. Unruh, if you raise funds for WATC being on their board. I have definitely, as a board member, tried to raise funds for Plainview medical services. And, among many other things, without this \$95,000 we will be not providing, we’ll be providing dental, but we will not be providing medical. Our space is very limited, and our funds are now limited because of the loss of the \$95,000. Last year we gave the Healthy Options for Kansas Communities \$20,000. And we voted to give them \$20,000 each year. The only, I cannot imagine that there would be a reason not to give them their \$20,000 this year, and I’m asking you to keep these services going for Plainview. They’re very important. We have more people than we can serve down there, and we’re working very hard to keep up with the demand and the cost and we will be able to survive the \$95,000 cut, but the \$20,000 dollars, if that doesn’t come from the county, that’s going to create more of a problem. So I just ask for your support in continuing the funding of Health Options for Plainview.”

Chairman Parks said, “I have a question of Mr. Chronis. The \$20,000 cash here that we are giving, it says it’s from the Health Department contractual service account. Is that account a healthy account in its own being, or is it something stressed at this point?”

Mr. Chronis said, “Well, because you’re asking the CFO, I’ll tell you it’s a healthy account. If you’re asking the Health Director, she might have a different answer. Maybe we should have her come up. I think in looking at that, I had envisioned this coming from contingency myself, but I guess that has been something that the Health Department has done, and I would really like to kind of know if this is going to affect any other health programs out there that Health Director has. I can assure you that it will not affect any other programs. To the extent that the Health Department should run short, then we would do a transfer from contingencies to their budget as we do routinely.”

Chairman Parks said, “Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Unruh.”

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are there other operating issues, or any concerns that caused the United Way to reduce its funding? I don't know if Commissioner Welshimer or the manager can help me with that question."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, first of all, please understand that it's not my interest or intent not to fund this group. We have heard some, Commissioner Welshimer has indicated that there have been some problems with the audit, or with United Way regarding the audit. Those are some of the rumors that we'd heard, and my only intent was to make sure we understood the significance, if there is any significance, of that. Commissioner Welshimer indicated they're now not going to provide the medical and only the dental, and I guess I was unaware of that."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Commissioner Welshimer, will this create a problem if we defer it until we have a full board here, and see the results of, I mean, if we do it at the first meeting next year, will that create a problem financially? It won't stop their operations if we do this after all the Is are dotted and Ts crossed?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "The \$20,000 is important until we get our finances readjusted, and what we can offer readjusted. The United Way put a restriction on our board members that we cannot raise money during their drive, and so why they have given that as a reason, and why they have changed the date that the audit was due, which is going to be due on the new date that they have given us, I don't know why. Oftentimes in these charitable organizations, there's a lot of political things that happen, and we have a good group down there, and we have excellent dental services we're offering. Our medical was costing us rather than supporting itself well. We were subsidizing it with the dental side, and so without the \$95,000, that's why we're going to eliminate the medical until we're back into receiving grant money and able to get back with that. We're just positioning ourselves so we can keep our bills paid."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I want to be supportive of it. However, I just thought if we could wait and follow the procedure of the audit, and if two weeks wasn't going to be critical, then I'd suggest we defer it."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "The audit is for the United Way, and the United Way is a donor, and so the audit, I mean, we can provide that to it the county if you want it. If that's a requirement, we can provide that to you upon receipt of the check, or before."

Commissioner Unruh said, "It seems that for most of these nonprofits or these different agencies we work with, all of them provide annual audits of their operation. Is that a correct statement?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Pretty much."

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "And we're doing that, but we were told we had until May for the United Way. We're working on, we have several things that we're working on. Another thing is that we had confusion over what type of audit we needed and so on in the beginning."

Chairman Parks said, "That's what I was going to say. It was my understanding that there had already been an internal audit, and that the United Way wanted a little more information or something different, and correct me if I'm wrong Mr. Manager, but the recommended action here by staff was to approve the agreement and donation. Has that changed?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I wanted to make sure, that probably won't change, but because of the rumors that we heard, and the because of the request for United Way, I thought it might be helpful for us to do our homework to assure that everything was proper and in order before we gave them money, but the Commission is welcome, certainly can do anything that you want to do."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So your recommend action right now would be what?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "My recommended action would be to defer it until January 6th."

Mr. Chronis said, "Commissioners, if I might. Couple points of clarification from the items that you've discussed. This funding agreement is for 2010, and it calls for payment to be made in a single lump sum prior to January 15th of 2010, but we do not have the budget authority to make the payment prior to January 1st of 2010."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "We don't need it made until after the 1st of January."

Mr. Chronis said, "Okay. I'm just responding to what I heard you say about their needs to have the cash now to pay their bills."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well before, right after the 1st."

Mr. Chronis said, "That's fine, and regarding audits, I would direct your attention to page 67 of your Agenda materials. In the middle of the page, paragraph 6d, we provide for a requirement that the contractor, that is Healthy Options of Kansas shall provide for an annual independent audit of its financial and provide a set audit to the county annually. That is standard language virtually in all contracts."

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Chairman Parks said, “And that has been done, correct?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well, that will be done if it hasn’t been done.”

Mr. Chronis said, “But the agreement doesn’t exist now, so there’s been no requirement for them to do it, but it will be a requirement if this contract is approved.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay.”

Chairman Parks said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I’m always supportive of healthcare issues. I’ve been an advocate to access for healthcare in the community, and continue to work on that on a lot of different levels. Toni Pickard, who is very attached to this project, has got a passion for it, has worked very hard to supply services particularly in a realm of dental services. I’m a little saddened that some of the medical services have had to be taken away from down there because there is such a need. I do have concerns, though, with the ongoing viability and sustainability. I know the passion is there. I know that people that care, Commissioner Welshimer and Toni Pickard, are very involved, but loss of funding and continued viability and sustainability give me a little bit of a worry that maybe we’re putting some funding gap in there that’s not going to mean much other than \$20,000 worth of services and then we’re going to be right back in the soup again. The other thing that concerns me a little bit is that we have not, over the years, supplied much funding to other clinics. We do have three federally qualified centers in our community; Hunter Health, Grace Med and the Center for Health and Wellness.

“We have other nonqualified centers, but they’re safety net clinics just the same; Guadalupe, Good Samaritan, and some others. They’re involved in a vision group that meet continually to try to be sure that they coordinate services, that they use their money properly, that they understand the safety net system for our community, and I know they have the same funding concerns, even though some of them are very large and get some federal money. They have some gaps in services and there’s plenty of need out there. As we talk about, nationally, health reform, I continue to say that the terminology public option, which has had so much criticism, shouldn’t be the term were using. It should be local option, because where people need services, as Commissioner Welshimer described, are in these pockets of our community that have no insurance, no ability to pay, and they are a drain on the economy and the quality of life. So we’re going to have to continue to look at these local options, and for me it’s about those other clinics, too. That we can’t have the conversation about one clinic that we have a passion for without considering all those other suppliers of services in our community that meet the needs for the same cohort group but in different parts of our community.”

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Commissioner Norton continued, “There are other Health Access projects, I think, that will require that same kind of scrutiny from this body and the coverage initiative that work groups worked on through the Health Access project will eventually come before us. And the health information exchange, which is so critical to making sure that services are delivered and information among the providers, and the medical community, and the safety net clinics, and the emergency rooms is interchangeable so that we make good use of the services we have, is going to come before us at some point, so having said that, I would be more comfortable if we waited until the first of the year and made sure we had all the Is dotted Ts crossed, because I know, as we look at spending money on this particular issue; there’s plenty of need out there. But I could, if we need to move forward today, be supportive if we have to. That’s all I have, Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you. You brought up Hunter, and Grace, and Guadalupe, and several others that we’re familiar with. I don’t know that they’re serving, are they serving needs for dental also?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Grace Med is, I know. I’m not sure about the others. Claudia would know, but I don’t know off the top of my head.”

Chairman Parks said, “That’s fine. I had my questions answered here today of the things that I had heard from that. I’m going to be supportive it of this action today. I think that, if we’re pressing forward and not thinking about the, you know, I got to think about the little kid that has a toothache in that area. Man, I’ve written a personal check to Healthy Options in lieu of a Christmas gift for somebody, so I’m all for making sure that these kids don’t suffer with needs and especially if they’re going dental with toothaches and things like that. I think that this is a good expenditure for now.

I just don’t know in the future going forward, maybe we need to look at all of them, Hunter, Grace, Guadalupe, all of them. Each one of us probably have one of those in our district that we need to look at, the total scope and how the national health insurance is going to affect that and there’s going to be some variables. Might be some such a thing that we need a workshop fairly quickly on that, and certainly, I would look to Commissioner Norton to provide a lot of information on that. That’s kind of his area of expertise. Commissioner Unruh.”

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to be supportive of this also. The comments that have been made, however, the payment in our backup, and as Mr. Chronis said, isn't going to be made before January 15th, and the other portion of this isn't going to be completed until March of next year, according to this agreement, the laptop computers."

"I mean, I don't see that there's an absolute necessity that we do it today because the first meeting in January would allow us to deal with this and still meet the January 15th date when the organization will receive the money anyway. So I would still prefer that we defer it and wait until everything is in order because the payment is going to be made January 15th anyway. We have time to make that decision. I guess that would be my preference."

Chairman Parks said, "Commissioner Welshimer."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Could I ask what decision it is we need to wait to take this vote for?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "The audit to be completed. Everybody will be, the other partners will be [inaudible]."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "The audit is going to be completed and will be submitted before the check is issued."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I guess then we could rescind our action then, I suppose, if there was something we didn't think was appropriate at that time."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "You know, this is very little that I'm asking for, for this group. Just about everything that happens down in Plainview gets taken away from them, and it's a real struggle just to keep anything going there. I'm asking for \$20,000. The charitable organization that we, just before this item, Item 3, that we put off until next week, is asking for \$800,000. This is only \$20,000. I don't travel with county. I don't spend that much money traveling. I haven't gone to Visioneering trip or done any of that on county funds. One trip to Topeka a year has been about it for me, so I don't feel like I'm asking something for something that I haven't made up for in some way. I don't see any reason not to go ahead with the vote today so that the people that work there can know that this money is coming if they meet the requirements of the audit. To keep them up in the air another week, I don't think that's good."

Chairman Parks said, "The motion from our board, are you thinking might have some affect on their audit?"

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Commissioner Welshimer said, “Of course, well not the audit, but it will at least give them a little breathing space that they’ll know they have \$20,000 coming in January.”

Chairman Parks said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I’ll be supportive it today, but I have to tell you, I’m a little unnerved that you would tie travel to Visioneering to the expenditure of this money.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “I just don’t spend it there.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I know, but I don’t think that it’s even a pertinent conversation. I travel to Visioneering. I thought it was important for our community. I’ll probably do it again next year, but I don’t think it has any relevance to why we would support any kind of healthcare provision for a cohort group in our community, and I take a little umbrage to that, because I think this is important, but there are many other issues that County Commissioners find that are important, that we have to work on and try to process in our community. Those two don’t link together in my mind in any way. I can be supportive of this, it is healthcare access, which I have been an advocate for, for many years in our community, but I don’t see the parallel lines of those two issues. And I can support this today.”

Chairman Parks said, “Okay. Seeing no further discussion, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

G. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

1. TO SUPPORT THE CONTROL OF TUBERCULOSIS (TB) IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Agenda item before you is an agreement between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Sedgwick County to support the TB (Tuberculosis) control program at the Health

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Department. This agreement is for \$70,000. We've received the same amount from KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) for many years. “

“It supports a nurse and a medical assistant and those staff members are actively supervising people that have active tuberculosis, that need their therapy directly observed and also managing people who are infected but not transmitting the disease to others, and then they’re evaluating contacts of people who have been infected and are actively transmitting the disease. These staff members are part of a six member team that delivers TB services to our Sedgwick County residents. In 2009 we had 443 initial evaluations and ten confirmed active cases, and 144 that were infected but weren’t transmitting the disease, and so those people are treated if they qualify, and they’re treated for about a nine to 12 month period. The TB program programs TB therapy to about 100 to 150 clients every month, and this grant runs from January 1 of 2010 to December 31st. And again, it is the same amount as last year, and I recommend that you approve this request and authorize the chair to sign. I’d be happy to answer any questions.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair 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	Absent
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

- 2. AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL PLAINS REGIONAL HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION (CPRHCF), SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC) AND THE CITY OF WICHITA TO PARTNER WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT (SCHD) UNDER THE PROJECT ACCESS PROGRAM.**

Mr. Roderick Harris, Director, Center for Health Equity, greeted the Commissioners and said,

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“The Agenda item you have in front of you is an agreement with the Central Plains Regional Healthcare Foundation, Sedgwick County, and the City of Wichita to provide \$182,000 in support for the Project Access program.”

Mr. Harris continued, “This program served our community since 1999 and has served over 9200 patients through the years. Project Access is administered by the Central Plains Regional Healthcare Foundation, which is a nonprofit affiliate of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, and it has a mission to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Wichita and Sedgwick County. I have a few highlights about Project Access that I’d like to share. It is a physician led program that coordinates donated care provided by physicians, hospitals, and pharmacies for eligible participants. Those would include U.S. Citizens, those who also reside in Sedgwick County, and those who are uninsured and low income. Area hospitals donate a variety of inpatient and outpatient services, and 56 percent of the practicing physicians participate in this program.

“Since inception, Project Access has purchased \$3.6 million in prescription medication with funding from the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Additionally, they have leveraged \$2.4 million in medications that were donated from pharmaceutical companies. Lastly, \$50,000 dollars has been used to purchase durable medical equipment, and this makes up the majority of the Project Access program. Health access is one of the five Health Department priorities, as you already know and the Central Plains Regional Healthcare Foundation has been crucial in our activities locally to address local access barriers. Particularly, this agreement is a partnership with Project Access to fund a portion of numerous salaried positions, also paying for prescription assistance, and also durable medical equipment that they will purchase this year in 2010. The Sedgwick County Health Department recommends that you accept the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Parks said, “Further discussion, Mr. Harris, thank you for your very comprehensive testimony here today. That took the question right away, one of the questions that I always ask about some of these programs, US (United States) citizens will be served. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I’m going to be supportive today. Project Access has been a great partnership for quite a few years. I am very aware of Project Access, and they have been recognized as one of the eight ‘Best Practices’ around the United States by HRSA (Health Resources and

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Service Administration) They've made over a hundred contacts with other communities to replicate the exact program that Project Access has in our community."

"It's been a successful program for over ten years. Some of the original pilot programs for access similar to this that started ten years ago around the nation have fallen away because of lack of funding, lack of passion, lack of results, yet Project Access is still standing. They've leveraged over \$80 million worth of free medical care in the community from the medical community, and I think that's a tremendous result in ten years. I'm going to be supportive. It is an integral part of what we do as we think about health access in our community, and engaging all the partners to it do what is good. So congratulations to Ann Nelson and Project Access, and I'm going to be supportive, and finally, the other good news is, years ago we gave more money than we do today. Every year, they've reanalyzed how much they've spent and haven't asked for any more than what they think they'll need for the next year for their patients. So it's not just a continued entitlement for a certain amount of money. They come back every year and analyze it. I think we started out at \$200,000, now it's down to \$182,000, so I think that's encouraging that they don't ask for any more than what they need to supply that service to our community. That all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Parks said, "We can tell that Commissioner Norton is excited about this, and I'd like to thank him for all his work he has done with this project also. Seeing no further discussion, call the vote."

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

VOTE

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

3. ACKNOWLEDGE A DONATION OF \$2000 TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY BY SPIRIT AEROSYSTEMS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

Mr. Harris said, "Spirit Aerosystems donated \$2,000, a check to the Center for Health Equity for community capacity building. The center convened community stakeholders in September of 2009 to create a strategic plan for the center. Our strategic goal areas are; one: engaging policy makers,

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business leaders and the general public, the community and systems changes that improve health outcomes.”

Mr. Harris continued, “Number two: improve research and data collection on social factors that influence health outcomes, and three: fill capacity of residents to increase personal responsibility for their own health outcomes. The objectives for the goals involve public forums, meetings and training sessions, and the donations from Spirit Aerosystems will help out with materials and supplies for these public meetings that will be coming in 2010. The Sedgwick County Health Department recommends that the Board accepts this donation and authorize the Chair to sign a thank you letter.”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer moved to accept the Donation and authorize the Chair to sign a thank you letter.

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	Absent
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 17, 2009.

Mr. Joe Thomas, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, greeted the Commissioners and said, “There are five items for consideration that resulted from the regular meeting of the Board of Bids and Contract of December 17th. Item 1;

1. ARCGIS UPGRADES – DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS/GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICES FUNDING – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

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“Recommendation is to accept the sole source quote from ESRI in the amount of \$32,644.00. Item 2;

**2. AUTOMOTIVE FILTERS – FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING – FLEET MANAGEMENT**

“Recommendation is to accept the low overall bid from Garnett Auto Supply and establish contract pricing for one year with two one-year options to renew. Item 3;

**3. PARTS FOR ELGIN EAGLE ‘F’ SERIES STREET SWEEPER – FLEET
MANAGEMENT
FUNDING – FLEET MANAGEMENT**

“Recommendation is to accept the low overall bid from Key Equipment and Supply and establish contract pricing for one year with two one-year options to renew. Item 4;

**4. CASH MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT – TREASURER’S OFFICE
FUNDING – BRITTANY/CHADSWORTH/DERBY TAG OFFICES**

“Recommendation is to accept the low bid meeting specifications from Cummins Allison in the amount of \$17, 685. Item 5;

**5. CHANGE ORDER FOR INTRUST BANK ARENA CONSTRUCTION –
FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
FUNDING – ARENA SALES TAX**

“Recommendation is to accept the change order with Dondlinger/Hunt in the amount of \$186,708. I’ll be happy to answer any questions and recommend approval these items and would be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Parks said, “On number four, when we have such a wide gap in some of those, can you kind of explain? I assume there’s specification bid problem there.”

Mr. Thomas said, “Yes, sir. The other two solutions didn’t offer the capability to print reports. The Treasurer requires that, at the end of the daily operations, that there be a mechanism for auditing what the clerks take in and match that up with what is deposited in the bank each night, and so the other two did not have that capability.”

Chairman Parks said, “Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, call the vote.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

I. CONSENT AGENDA. Presented by William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

1. Amendment to existing lease agreement with Co-Co Properties, LLC, for temporary use of an additional 7,410 square feet of office space to be used by the Health Department at 4095 E. Harry for mass vaccination site to prevent/control the Novel H1N1 flu.
2. Agreement with Employees (2) to provide clinical supervision to achieve licensure as a Licensed Psychologist (LP).
3. Request for approval of an increase in budget authority for Fund 611, the Health and Dental Insurance Reserve.
4. Approval of grant to the Wichita Indochinese Center (WIC).
5. Housing Department Section 8 Rental Assistance.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V09055	\$652	2	KC Investments
V09056	\$383	4	Country Park Residences

6. The following Section 8 contracts are up for annual recertification:

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V06012	\$212	\$227
V020079	\$230	\$242
V05002	\$282	\$296
V0200108	\$315	\$321
V020012	\$256	\$213
V07007	\$111	\$127
V09001	\$240	\$231
V04004	\$450	\$461
V06069	\$153	\$114
V09004	\$257	\$316

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<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V98004	\$158	\$111
V020080	\$203	\$211
V06018	\$166	\$186
V06013	\$298	\$337
V07006	\$386	\$396
V08002	\$270	\$255
V09017	\$585	\$598
V09003	\$226	\$238
V07005	\$311	\$300
V2009	\$312	\$318
V08001	\$210	\$288
V08012	\$695	\$710
V04097	\$600	\$615
V08007	\$331	\$182
V08099	\$298	\$283
V02002	\$290	\$295
V07003	\$250	\$314
V08010	\$328	\$291
V08101	\$448	\$588
V08003	\$289	\$281
V09010	\$658	\$669
V08005	\$320	\$380
V06067	\$165	\$150
V2001	\$235	\$234
V07002	\$122	\$146
V09011	\$238	\$207
V08099	\$450	\$450
V09029	\$211	\$179
V99066	\$515	\$422
V08058	\$ 86	\$ 18
V04024	\$486	\$284
V07063	\$516	\$503
V09014	\$180	\$344
V05051	\$640	\$636

7. Order to correct tax roll for change of assessment on December 2, 2009.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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	Absent
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

J. OTHER

Chairman Parks said, “Does anyone besides myself have any other? January 9th, historic time with the Wichita Thunder and the Britt Brown Arena, last hockey game out there, so we wanted to remember that. People in my area are kind of, I won’t say excited about it, but they are, I think, going to turn out in more numbers than normal for that event. Once again, that’s January 9th. I see we all got the message today; the males for red ties, and Commissioner Welshimer for a red jacket. I’m sure it’s because of the Christmas season and I’d like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Had a gift last week, and we ran a little bit long on our program last week, but I wanted to share with everybody that Commissioner Welshimer presented me with this present. I guess it’s for the year ending here for the Chairmanship, and it’s an Elvis. That’s not a golf club. Some of the people thought it was a golf club; I guarantee that’s not a golf club. It’s a microphone. So the Elvis dog will be with me through my Chairmanship anyway, as I wind the year down. One thing I wanted to say about safe driving, and you know I’ve done this for 30 years, so I guess it’s just in my blood to say something about that. When we’re out on the roads and driving for the holiday season, we might want to be particular, before we go out and start our trip, to make sure, I was watching last night a little bit as I was driving, there are a lot of people that don’t realize the lights are burned out on the back of their vehicle.”

“We have a blizzard warning coming in, and snow coming in, and if people can’t see, if your lights aren’t on, that’s certainly one of the safety issues that’s out there that’s relatively easy to take care

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of. Just replace those lamps, make sure the brake lights, those middle break lights, work on your car. Have a safe trip, and like I say, the holiday seasons is upon us, and have great holidays. Commissioner Welshimer.”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “I just want to say the same thing. This is our last meeting until our first meeting in 2010. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.”

Chairman Parks said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I can only wish the public, and we don’t have much of an audience left in here today, so I’m going to have do this to the television. Deb and George out there, thanks for hanging around, but Merry Christmas to everyone, Happy New Year. Happy Holidays if that’s appropriate for you. May you have warm memories of all the thoughts of the past, and a pleasant future for all of us in 2010.”

Chairman Parks said, “Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I didn’t want folks to think I didn’t want to wish them a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year also. I want to express my hope that everyone has a joyous holiday season. Thank you.”

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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January 27, 2010