

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 29, 1997**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 29, 1997, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Pro Tem Paul W. Hancock with the following present: Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Melody C. Miller; Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, Acting County Counselor; Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Director, Bureau of Finance; Ms. Mary Ann Nichols, Personnel Director, Bureau of Human Resources; Ms. Louanna Honeycutt-Burress, Administrative Officer, Department of Housing & Economic Development; Mr. Douglas King, Records Manager, County Manager's Office; Mr. J. Kenneth Hales, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Larry D. Jecha, M.D., MPH, Director/Health Officer; Mr. Don Brace, Director, Central Services; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Executive Director, COMCARE; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Karen Bailey, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **GUESTS**

**Mr. Robert Mathenia**, Psychiatric Security Officer, COMCARE

**Mr. Fred Ade**, Plant Manager, Case Corporation

**Mr. James L. Burgess**, Judge, 18th Judicial District Court, Juvenile Division

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Mr. Chuck McCoy of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Chairman Winters was absent.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting, January 8, 1997.**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of January 8, 1997.

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**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Commissioners, you've received those Minutes, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of January 8, 1997, as presented.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Next item please."

**CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I don't see any."

**Ms. Allen-Bouska** said, "Thank you."

**RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS**

**A. RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS.**

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**Ms. Mary Ann Nichols**, Personnel Director, Bureau of Human Resources greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is my privilege this morning, on behalf of the Board, to present retirement certificates to three individuals who will retire from Sedgwick County."

**1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO JOE SCHMIDT, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS, BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES.**

**Ms. Nichols** said, "The first one is Joe Schmidt, Superintendent of Highways, Bureau of Public Services, who will retire February 1, 1997, after 34 ½ years of service. Joe was hired on September 5, 1962, as an Auto Mechanic, promoted to Shop Foreman in 1973, became a Crew Chief in 1980, and was promoted to Superintendent of Highways in June of 1983. Joe was unable to be here today, but he asked that we give his clock to David Spears. I know that he and David had a special relationship and I know that David will see that he gets it with our congratulations and tell him we wish him well in his retirement."

**2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO ROBERT MATHENIA, PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY OFFICER, BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE.**

**Ms. Nichols** said, "The second retiree is Robert Mathenia. He is a Psychiatric Security Officer at COMCARE and will retire February 1, 1997, after 29 ½ years of service. Robert was hired on May 22, 1967, as a Plant Guard at the Sedgwick County Hospital, promoted to Assistant Security Chief in 1968, and became Security Sergeant in 1978. January 1st of 1979, Robert transferred to Security and then transferred to Mental Health which is now COMCARE in 1981 and became a Psychiatric Security Officer in 1986.

"Robert plans to spend time with his family, traveling and fishing. Robert has worked security at Crisis Service, 635 N. Main. He describes his period of employment with Sedgwick County as, 'had good times and bad, but I wouldn't trade it for any other job.' We want to wish Robert well in his retirement. Congratulations Robert."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "On behalf of the citizens of Sedgwick County and your fellow workers here in Sedgwick County and the Board of County Commissioners, we want to say thank you and we hope you enjoy your retirement. We'd like to present you with a retirement clock and I'll hold this for you if you'd like to give a speech."

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**Mr. Mathenia** said, "Okay. The only thing I would like to say is that I enjoyed working here. The hardest part of retiring is going off and leaving all your friends that you made over the years, somewhat like a big family. Thank you."

**3. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO E. IRENE MORALES, OFFICE SPECIALIST, COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.**

**Ms. Nichols** said, "The third retiree is E. Irene Morales, Office Specialist with the County Clerk's Department. She will retire February 1, 1997, after 18 years of service. Irene was hired on January 16, 1979, as an Office Assistant, promoted to Senior Office Assistant in 1981, promoted to Principal Data Control Clerk in June of 1981, became an Office Associate in 1984, and an Office Specialist in 1992. Irene is not here, but we'll certainly see she gets her clock and we want to wish her well. Thank you."

**APPOINTMENTS**

**B. APPOINTMENTS.**

**1. RESIGNATION OF ALBERT DEXTRAS FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.**

**Mr. Rich Euson**, Acting County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We would ask that you accept this resignation of Albert Dextras from the Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN SWANEY (COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, we have prepared a Resolution that would appoint Susan Swaney to fill the appointment of the position to the Advisory Council on Aging that was subject to the previous resignation. That is a four year term which would expire on February 15, 1999, and we recommend this for your approval."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. Next item."

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**3. RESOLUTION APPOINTING BETH GARRISON (CHAIRMAN WINTERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, this Resolution would reappoint Beth Garrison to the Sedgwick County Public Building Commission for a four year term to expire February 1 in the year 2001."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Next item please."

**4. RESOLUTION APPOINTING SKEETS WINKLER (COMMISSIONER HANCOCK'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, this is also a reappointment for a four year term expiring February 1 of 2001, and we recommend that you adopt this Resolution."

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you. Thank you Richard. Next item please.”

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**C. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING A REQUEST BY CASE CORPORATION FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX EXEMPTION.**

**Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress**, Administrative Officer, Department of Housing and Economic Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As you are aware, the Kansas State Constitution permits jurisdictions such as cities and counties, to exempt property for businesses that expand in the community if as a result of that expansion jobs are created. The company that we have with us this morning, Case Corporation, has invested much into the community and they are here to request that you give them an exemption for approximately \$4,000,000 in machinery and equipment. At this time, you should conduct the public hearing. Appropriate notices have been made to the school district and following the public hearing, I’d recommend that you approve the request of Case Corporation.

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“I would like to add that we have done a cost benefit analysis on this request and we have used the new computer model that the state recognizes and does show us a substantial benefit to the community. I am not going into any detail regarding Case Corporation assuming that you do approve the request, their plant manager, Mr. Fred Ade is here along with several other people from the company and they do have a brief presentation to make about the company. At this time I request that you conduct the public hearing.”

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you Louanna. Does anyone have any questions for Louanna while she is here? All right, at this time I’d like to open the public hearing to hear comments regarding the request by Case Corporation. Does anyone here wish to address the Commission? Is there anyone here who wishes to address the Commission? If not, we’ll close the public hearing. Commissioners?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Mr. Fred Ade**, Plant Manager, Case Corporation, said, “Good morning. I’m the new Plant Manager of the Wichita plant. I would like to first begin by thanking you for your generosity and important contribution to our Sedgwick County plant and business. The tax abatement which you have provided our Sedgwick County plant will help us continue to grow and nurture our business as well as you are aware, a growing Case manufacturing facility repays this community through job creation and solid wages and benefits. You have been witnesses to our Sedgwick County facility growth during the past 29 years. We began our partnership with Sedgwick County as Davis Manufacturing employing 41 employees about 29 years ago.



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“Since our modest beginnings, we have blossomed with the help of our community and we are now a Case manufacturing plant located on 80 acres on Hoover Road in Sedgwick County. We manufacture trench and skid steer loaders for world wide consumption and we actively employ 550 employees providing some of the best wages and benefits in the state.

“Case has made a series of capital investments into our facility allowing us to manufacture new products and add approximately 170 good paying jobs to our Wichita rolls. It will be these new products that will guarantee continued success and growth of this facility for years to come. To help you visualize our accomplishments, I would like to show you our plant informational video.”

### **VIDEO PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Ade** said, “As I mentioned before, Case has made significant investment in our facility’s infrastructure as well as new product development here in Wichita. In fact, our company has recently acquired a new product from Bole-More, Minnesota based on trenchless technology. This line is complimentary to our trencher line and should help with sales. The skid steer and trencher business is a highly competitive one and new and old competitor alike are constantly adding new products to product lines. In this highly competitive business, our Sedgwick County plant has done quite well.

“The main ingredients for our success are highly productive employees and low overhead, which this tax abatement will help us obtain. In this success that we’ve shown as a plant, our company has considered that as they continue to make capital investments into our facility. So on behalf of the employees of our Case Sedgwick County plant, and your corporation, we would once again like to extend our sincerest thank you to this Commission.”

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you Mr. Ade. I want to tell you I had a nice visit with Ed last night and I would like to introduce Ed Burns. He is the Controller for the company and Mary Ann Suttan and Marvin Warren, who are here from Houston with Interstate Tax Management, had a nice visit with them last night and it was a good opportunity. I did learn an interesting fact that I understand that Commissioner Winters has been telling you all along it is his district out there and we’ve got that straightened out. We’re very proud to be in partnership with you and we’re pleased to do whatever we can to ensure that your manufacturing concerns are prosperous and goes forward. We’re very happy to do this for you.”

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**Mr. Ade** said, "Thank you very much."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. PRESENTATION OF ARCHIVAL MICROFILM COPIES TO THE WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY ABLAH LIBRARY, WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY AND OLD COWTOWN MUSEUM.**

**Mr. Douglas King**, Records Manager, County Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is a pleasure to be here this morning to bring this preservation microfilming project to a conclusion. This is the final chapter. It is very appropriate to do it today, this is Kansas Day. Nobody else has mentioned anything about that. I wore my Kansas Day sunflower tie and I have been working so hard on just focusing on getting this project wrapped up I hadn't notice that until Dee Harris from Cowtown, when I called her last week, she said 'oh, it's going to be on Kansas Day', so I thought it was particularly appropriate. It was suggested that some visual aids might help and really summarize what the project meant very quickly, so I do have nine slides which I can run through here quickly, which just give an overview. This is new to me so I'll see if it works."

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

"This is a picture that shows some of the records. There are at least 28 boxes right here in this stack and there was a total of 50 boxes included in this project, 454 journals. You can see some of the journals here, just to give a sense of size. This is right in the Clerk's Office. This has been a bother for the Clerk's Office and I think Mr. Alford will be very glad that they're getting shipped back to the salt mines. In fact, this one pile here got shipped back last Friday. We literally had a mountain of records and they were reduced to a box of film this size here. This is a full set of the film, so you can see that there is a substantial reduction in size on the volume of the records. Another advantage of course is that these old records are, no other word for it, they're filthy. They've been stored in a variety of places over the years and they've accumulated dust and in spite of all the efforts to clean them off so we could work with them more easily. Every time you touch them, you end up with dirt all over yourself. The other problem you end up with is you can see that they're literally falling apart, the bindings here are deteriorating."

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“There is a close view. That’s a practical matter. If you tried to work with these records directly, say to photocopy them, the bindings tend to break and you have pages fall apart. You have all these little bits of paper binding that end up all over the copy machine and the floor. They’re really unworkable to work with as originals, unless you are an archivist who needs to access some information. But as far as public access, there really has been none.

“Now here is a picture that I took of the original records. You can see how light the writing is. This was a problem on the project because a lot of the ink has faded. By the way, I think this shot right here is from 1884 I believe. Here is a shot of the actual microfilm and this is Viola Township in 1886. This is a school district map and you can see how it shows the boundaries and there is District 112 and 113. See if I can figure out how to use this thing. Now this is significant. This is the official certification of what those districts were. It has the signature of the County Superintendent at the bottom and these referenced. In these records, this also helps explain what we’re talking about in County Commission meetings. There’s 112 and 113. It ties in with records that the Register of Deeds has on the old County school system of the same vintage. Also, there are a lot of Protest Petitions and all on changing boundaries. This was a hot issue in the 1870's and 1880's. Those are other records that probably should be microfilmed that are in the County Clerk’s Office.

“Here you have the real estate section from Viola Township, the same year. This gives the rundown of the property, locations, who owned it, description of the property, over here with other sections on what was under cultivation, not under cultivation, really a rundown on that real estate. Then perhaps it is more interesting to a lot of genealogists and people researching their families than the real estate, is more of the details of personal property. Here you have the names and you go across, here’s the school district that the individual was in so they knew who would get this tax revenue and you go across here with meat cattle and the different kinds of livestock, horses, hogs, mules and asses. It runs down work wagons, pleasure wagons, silver watches, gold watches, really pretty detailed rundown of personal property. When I mentioned this to Dee Harris at Cowntown, she said this is very opportune to get this information out because it keys right in to the research she’s doing on their new farm exhibit and trying to get a picture of what typical farms in the County were like at that time.

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“You could tell the relative prosperity of farmers not only by the acreage they had, but there is a real variance here. I don’t know if we can see it. Here’s the horses’ column and there’s the column right there is the value but right over here you can see there are eight horses, five, two. There was an extreme variance in the number of horses they had. Now a farmer with ten horses for his farm and two work wagons, a pleasure carriage and a piano, was obviously more prosperous farmer than somebody who was farming with one mule and one work wagon. There is some real information here of immediate value for some research.

“Here is the Assessor’s oath. These were the official County records. They still are. The microfilm will suffice as the official record. This is the Assessor’s oath of the citizen of that community who walked around or rode his wagon or horse and did the assessing. I believe that these same names here you’ll find also these were individuals who were active in their community. They are going to be mentioned in County Commission minutes. They may have been on their Township board. The County was a lot smaller then, especially in 1876 and I think people wore many hats. We’ve run into that before.

“Here is perhaps some of the most important information for a lot of the citizens who will be using this as research. This is the list of residents. This happens to be from Waco Township. This lists males and females, adults, over age 21. It lists the school district that they lived in, their post office address, and their age. The significance here is that we’re missing a lot of the census data back in this period of time that we’ve microfilmed these records and this is really a lot of the best information about who lived in this County at that time and helps people document their ancestors.

“Also, as part of this project, you have the film and this 50 boxes and 464 journals reduced to 36 rolls of film in the box. The film contains more than 31,200 pages of records and to give you a little idea of the film here, if I can find my other aid. This is a strip of film. This is the real one for the project. The vendor was kind enough to make duplicates just for the purpose of snipping up and making some slides. This here gives you an idea. It is a little bit bigger than standard 35 millimeter and each one of these rectangles you see is two pages. This is the journal opened up flat. We have about 15,000 of those exposures.

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“Now obviously then, you have to have some way of knowing what is on what roll so you do that by creating some findings aids. We bound it up in a nice little booklet. The County Print Shop bound it up and this gives information on exactly what is on what roll of film. I have copies for Commissioners if you’d like to have a copy. Also, we were lucky enough that one of the volunteers that worked on the project had an 1884 map. The significance here is that there are a lot of place names showing these lists of residents that we’ve never heard of, at least I’ve never heard of them before. They don’t show on a current map and a lot of them show on this map. So that is helpful.

“Also, we ran into some situations where we thought we were missing some journals and for instance, Riverside Township wasn’t formed until 1905, it was carved out of Waco Township. That shows on this map. Valley Center was carved out of Eagle Township in 1886. That information is included in the finding aid. It helps people understand and use this body of records. Also, these will be available at the repositories, the two libraries, so that people can use the film. We’ll also distribute these among historical organizations that may be particularly interested. But for general distribution, we’ve created a little brochure and it just gives the basic summary of the information that is contained, which journals we have. We are missing some and some were so damaged by water and some we just don’t know, we couldn’t find them. This gives a rundown of what we have in this set of records.

“I’d like to acknowledge that this project was made possible by a \$5,500 grant from the Kansas State Historical Records Advisory Board. Those were federal funds that were passed through that agency from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. That is a federal agency. Then of course, there was considerable local match to make this project work from both the Clerk’s Office budget and the Record’s Management budget and additional funding provided by this Commission. I think that made this project a very good one, one we can be proud of. This as I acknowledged about two months ago, we had a group of volunteers put in a lot of effort on this project. Since that time, we’ve acknowledged their efforts in getting things ready for filming. The smaller group of volunteers went through all this film, all 36 rolls, in detail, looking for errors and looking for problems in that film. You know, if anybody does 15,000 exposures, they’re going to make a few errors. We found a few where something didn’t get quite on the film, it was cut off or something wasn’t completely flat so it was a little blurry. So we had a few we had to refilm. Then, because the vendor said these records were the most difficult to film, they film across the state in this vintage of records, but I think because these were not stored in optimum conditions over the years, that they had more fade of the ink and they had more problems with dirt imbedded in the paper and that made them very difficult to film.

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“At this time, I would ask that the Commission designate Wichita State University Ablah Library and the Wichita Public Library as official repositories for this film where the public can go and use this film for genealogical and community history research. I think there are academic possibilities for research out at the university as well and then also I would like to present a set of the film for 1876 through 1882 to Cowtown for its research purposes. I think here today, we have Mike Kelly, Curator of Special Collections, Wichita State University. Martha Gregg, City Historian to accept for Wichita Public Library and Dee Harris, Research Historian for Cowtown, to accept for Cowtown. I would request that you approve that designation.”

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Okay, appreciate that. One question, 1876 through 1882, will you be doing more years?”

**Mr. King** said, “Well, that small set of film is only a partial set for Cowtown. That is their period of interest. The records that we filmed cover 1876 through 1898. There were no 1899 rolls because they went to, I believe in 1886 or 1888, they went to every other year of assessment, which creates some problems. In the alternate years, they made penciled annotations and lined things out so it makes it somewhat confusing to look in those years. We have a full set of books that goes through 1898, all prior to 1900.”

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you. Commissioner Miller.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Doug, and we did discuss this briefly when I was talking with you about the presentation. In understanding that additionally you are going to present a copy to Old Cowtown Museum and it is primarily for the designated period of time that they are most noted for. Other museums, such as the Black Historical Museum, the Historical Museum of Sedgwick County, I’m sure that they would be quite interested in some of the data we’ve uncovered and have securely documented and have it accessible. Would they need to go straight to Ablah or to the City Library to gain that information?”

**Mr. King** said, “Right now, I’m not well equipped with space and all to have somebody walk in and use it on the equipment that we’ve acquired from the project, but by appointment we could arrange to set that up. It will be available anytime at the repositories and then additionally if there is a certain roll or two that someone is particularly interested in, then we can arrange to have some additional copies made.”

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**Commissioner Miller** said, "Excellent."

**Mr. King** said, "One of the things we found in the project is that the normal approach is that the use copies will be third generation copies, so you have a camera negative, you make a copy to make copies from and then make copies. We have found out that because of the poor legibility of many of the originals, the vendor actually had to retrieve the camera negatives from the State Historical Society, they're very cooperative, and make use copies from the negatives so we have second generation copies. So if another museum would want a particular role or two that would show the townships in a year that they were interested in, we'd have to make arrangements with the state, but we can do that."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "It sounds as though you are definitely the contact person."

**Mr. King** said, "I'm afraid so."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "That's good. Thank you Doug. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Any other questions for Doug?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to designate the Wichita State University's Ablah Library and the Wichita Public Library as public repositories for the records.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Doug, appreciate you being here today. This is going to be video day, I guess we have one more to go. Next item please."

**E. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.**

**1. PRESENTATION OF A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,569 FROM THE KANSAS YOUTH AUTHORITY TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

**Mr. J. Kenneth Hales**, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "With us this morning is the honorable James Burgess, who is Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division of the District Court as well as a member of the Youth Authority. It if pleases the Chair, I'll turn the podium over to him to make comment on this particular item."

**Mr. James L. Burgess**, Judge, Presiding Juvenile Division, 18th Judicial District, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Taking a little bit of time out of your busy agenda today to present this check from the Kansas Youth Authority. Now these are funds from the Juvenile Detention Facility's fund and I want to make it clear that we understand that you have received these funds before when they were under the authority of SRS. We want to take a moment, this is the first time the Youth Authority has had any funds to distribute to anybody and we want to emphasize that a real mission of the Youth Authority is to work closely with local communities in dealing with juvenile offenders from those communities. We've really got to come up with some solutions and we need to work together to do that. With this check, we hope this is just the beginning of a very long and mutually beneficial collaboration between Sedgwick County and the Youth Authority in developing those solutions. Without further comment, I would present to the Commission, a check in the amount of \$52,569 from the Kansas Youth Authority."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Judge, we appreciate that."



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**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to accept the check.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "We appreciate that and we're glad you're here today to visit with us about this."

**Judge Burgess** said, "It is a situation where we know right now there is still a lot up in the air about where the Youth Authority is going but that's why we want to take this opportunity to just that we're going to be here for Sedgwick County. We're going to go through this whole juvenile issue together and I think we've got the opportunity here in Sedgwick County to make a lot of progress and a lot of difference. It is a difficult issue and the solutions are not going to be easy and I just want to emphasize the commitment of the Youth Authority in being here and going through it with Sedgwick County."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "We appreciate you being a part of it."

**Judge Burgess** said, "We've got good folks here in Sedgwick County, they're doing a good job."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I know, you're one of them."

**Judge Burgess** said, "Appreciate that."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Commissioners, I have a Motion and a second. Any further discussion or comments? If not, Clerk call the vote please."

**VOTE**

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

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**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**2. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A USER FEE FOR THE  
SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM.**

**Mr. Hales** said, "This past summer a request was made by the Harvey County Attorney, on behalf of the Harvey County Community Corrections program, of the Attorney General to give a legal opinion on whether to levy a fee on behalf of the Community Corrections programs that operate to adult and juvenile offenders receiving certain services by those programs. The Attorney General's opinion in essence said yes, it is legal and it is something that the counties are clearly empowered to do and consistent with the Community Corrections Act. Pursuant to that, the Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board viewed this topic and felt that it was very appropriate to authorize the director to approach the County pursuant to a Resolution to empower Community Corrections to assess this fee for adult and juvenile offenders on intensive supervised probation. In particular, we are suggesting that a fee of \$100 would be assessed to each adult on intensive supervised probation and \$50 on each juvenile on intensive supervised probation. The advisory board and staff felt that although this would only generate nominal revenue, it is a significant and demonstrative way of holding the offender accountable for a portion of their services, a means of working with the offender to pay that obligation as a means of demonstrating to the public our effort to have offenders share in this expense. It is my recommendation that the Commission authorize the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Ken. Next item please."

**3. GRANT APPLICATION TO STATE OF KANSAS TO PROVIDE CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE HOME-BASED SUPERVISION ENHANCEMENT GRANT AT THE JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY.**

**Mr. Hales** said, "This is a continuation of a prior grant that we've received for three years now from the Department of SRS. It provides funding for one case manager position and it is utilized for home based supervision of selected juvenile offenders as an alternative to placement at the Juvenile Detention Facility. The only unique element to the grant this year is that in prior years, this was a diminishing grant with an increased level of County participation of match for that. This particular year, there is no match so we'll be requesting the full amount of \$37,216. I request the Commission approve the grant and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**4. GRANT APPLICATION TO STATE OF KANSAS TO PROVIDE FUNDING OF AFTERCARE SUPERVISION SERVICES FOR JUVENILES DEPARTING JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH.**

**Mr. Hales** said, "This is another grant through the Department of SRS to the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention. This is a new initiative. This past summer, the program format for the Boys Ranch received a modification in payment structure from SRS and therefore, we reduced the length of stay from nine months to 140 days. Subsequent to that, staff witnessed an increase in recidivism of the boys who had graduation from the program. It is the staff's intent, by targeting aftercare supervision that we may be able to respond to that increase in recidivism and help intervene on behalf of that. Therefore, funds are available through a challenge grant to provide this type of service and that is the nature of this request. I request that the Commission approve the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Ken. Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Ken, I know in working with juveniles and working with the Corrections Department, I think we can all agree that there is a key component that sometimes and probably more times often yes than no, missing in the equation of success for individuals who are detained or either found having some problems and therefore 'at risk' that go through a program and then they're bam, back into the community or back on the streets. I think you know I am very supportive of recognizing that we are able to vie for a grant and I'm hopeful that we do get it, that will make that experience a continuum and have that aftercare component that is missing for the most part that will hopefully more ensure their success in the long run. I'm hopeful that we can see an increase in this type of funding source. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Ken, I noticed that in the backup, it says when the length of stay was reduced from nine months to 140 days that you were seeing a lot of recidivism. Is there any chance that SRS or those other changes will be corrected if you will so we can go back to a longer program out there?"

**Mr. Hales** said, "That is a very good question. At this point, that would, as of July 1, be under the authority of the Youth Authority. The Judge and I are in a position to advocate vigorously a change in that. What I would add is when SRS changed the length of stay, most of that was for service providers that did not target juvenile offenders specifically. JRBR is the only service provider that serves only juvenile offenders. I think we would have a very strong case to argue for an extended length of participation."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Well if there is anything we can do to help you with that, I appreciate this grant and in the meantime we are going to try to do something to stay with them and their families, but when you reduce a program from nine months to four, it is obvious that they don't have the time they need with the counselors and people to help them kind of turn their lives around. Whatever we can do to help you institute the changes let us know. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Any further comments or questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. Thank you Ken. Next item please."

**F. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY NEEDED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO 21ST STREET NORTH BETWEEN K-96 AND THE BUTLER COUNTY LINE.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "The Bureau of Public Services is in the process of acquiring right-of-way for the 21st Street project which is a road widening project between the K-96 bypass on the west and the County line on the east. This is a stretch of about 2 ½ miles. They have obtained all the right-of-way they need with the exception of six tracts at the time we prepared this Resolution. So the Resolution would authorize us to begin condemnation proceedings upon these tracts. Since that time, I might note for that record, since the time we prepared the Resolution, one of the tracts has been signed, but we are not sure that we are going to be able to get the other ones and we need those in order to go ahead and stay on track with the project. So we would recommend that you approve this Resolution at this time. I might note for the record that there were, we noted after this Resolution was prepared that there were some misspellings in the backup and we have corrected those if you will notice that when it comes around for your signature. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Okay, thank you Rich. Are there any questions for Richard?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "One question Mr. Chairman. Richard, you have already made the statement that there is one tract out of the six that has signed in the interim. So how the action reads is for condemnation of certain real properties, those real properties will be defined, we're not talking about six any longer we're talking about five, correct?"

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**Mr. Euson** said, "We're talking about five. This frequently happens that we will get a number as the ongoing negotiations process continues we will prepare a Resolution for X number of tracts and between the time we get it on the agenda and the time it comes to you, some of them will be settled. We would recommend that you go ahead and pass the Resolution as it stands. It is really rather mute as the tract number four, which is the one that has settled."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Okay, very good. Thank you."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Are there any other questions?"

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "I have one. Rich, these numbers out here, the offer, that was the latest offer made to these individuals that's on this sheet that you sent to us?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "Yes, that's the latest information I have."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay, then what is the next step then? This enters the court system?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "The next step is that assuming that nothing gets done between now and that time, we prepare a petition which would be in the next couple of weeks. We would use this Resolution as authority to go forward. We would prepare a petition and file it in District Court. Appraisers would be appointed and the process would go on for about three months in order to acquire this."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "So there will be some time between now and the date that it gets into the court system that these could be settled?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay, so there's still a window of opportunity."

**Mr. Euson** said, "Yes, and there is always that negotiation that will continue."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay, thank you Rich."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Any other questions?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you very much. Next item please."

**G. AGREEMENT WITH HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HCC) WHEREBY SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WILL PROVIDE FIELD INTERNSHIPS TO HCC TRAINING PROGRAM STUDENTS.**

**Mr. Tom Pollan**, Director, Emergency Medical Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have before you an agreement with Hutchinson Community College for field internship. Again, this is for paramedic level students. It does run for a year. It is in standard form and the County Counselor has reviewed it and would recommend approval and signature by the Chair."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Tom. Are there any questions?"



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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Tom. Next item please."

**H. BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS ALLOWING DIRECT BILLING TO MEDICAID FOR THE FEDERAL PORTION OF THE COST OF SERVICES PROVIDED.**

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson**, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This particular agreement allows the Mental Health Association to bill Medicaid for psycho-social groups and adult case management. We are just providing the match and this allows an expansion of services in those areas. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Debbie. Commissioners, any questions?"

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

**2. AMENDMENT TO ATTENDANT CARE CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS REGARDING COMPENSATION AND PURPOSE, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, this particular item just expands the attendant care contract. We are purchasing more hours of service for individuals, many of whom are returning from the state hospital or are working on avoiding going to the state hospital. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Debbie. Commissioners, any questions?"

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. Next item."

**3. ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WITH BREAKTHROUGH CLUB REGARDING COMPENSATION.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, again this particular contract is an expansion for Breakthrough Club. These particular dollars focus on that transitional age program for those individuals with a serious mental illness ages 16 to 24 and this allows some additional staffing especially during the summer and work toward educational pursuits and individuals getting their GED. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Addendum to Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Debbie. Next item please."

**I. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE PROJECT FOR THE 1996 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR.**

**Ms. Honeycutt-Burress** said, "Earlier in the meeting today, you considered an economic development benefit that you granted to a company. There are a number of other economic development incentives that are offered through local government that can benefit businesses that are attempting to expand and grow. One of these is the Sedgwick County Foreign-Trade Zone Project. We don't discuss this a lot. Local government, being close to the people as you well know, are primarily occupied with pressing projects, solid waste, a number of others that do require a great deal of energy and resources. One incentive that we do have in Sedgwick County and in which is available to businesses that are involved in international trade is the Sedgwick County Foreign-Trade Zone Project. I do have a few slides that I would like to show you that address this project and then I will address any questions you have. I do have, here in the audience this morning, a number of people who are actively involved in this project. I would like to point out that we hear about public private partnerships. I think this is an ideal example of that. It is not only a partnership between local government and private sector, the federal government is also a partner in this. The federal government actually facilitates this. So at this time, I would like to run through some of these slides for the benefit of the public so that people can become more aware of an important incentive that is available locally.

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

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“The purpose of Foreign-Trade Zones is to promote and attract international commerce. This creates jobs for people within the United States. What we find is that in recent years, many companies have found that it is too expensive to try to manufacture and do some of their business in the United States so they move offshore. Foreign-trade zones are physical locations within the United States that allows businesses to continue to do their thing in the United States and keep jobs here rather than sending them abroad. Foreign-trade zones in the United States are a positive force in trade and economic development. That is the whole purpose that Sedgwick County expressed when it decided to make a foreign-trade zone available in the community. It is an economic development tool. The purpose again is to expedite and encourage foreign commerce.

“When we think of a port, generally this is what we think of. We think of the ocean and ships. You certainly don’t think about the amber waves of grain that we have in Kansas. Again, this is what one would think of when you think of a port, but we do have a port in Wichita and it is at the airport. It is a customs port of entry and shipments that are coming into our county, into this portion of the state and the region do come through that port.

“In a foreign-trade zone, if you have a shipment admitted there is no customs duty on valued added in the zone. It does provide faster eligibility for drawbacks and excise tax rebates and it also reduces the warehouse costs to the shipper. Here are a number of other advantages. We won’t go through all of these. One that I would like to point out is the fourth one down, it says avoid the custom duties on waste or damaged goods. Occasionally, businesses make incorrect decisions just like individuals do. If a company, a business, should bring a shipment into the United States and once it is here if they discover for one reason or another they cannot sell it, if it is damaged or if there happens to be a legal problem involved with it. If they paid the duty on it, they are pretty well stuck. What a company can do, is if they have the shipment go into the foreign-trade zone, at that point it is still outside the United States in terms of customs, so they can go through the shipment, fix something that needs to be fixed, there are a variety of things that they can do. If they decide there is something here they didn’t expect, something that should be there that they can’t import, in the zone they can actually destroy it. Grind it up or do whatever has to be done and they do not have to enter it into customs territory. They can ship it back overseas or dispose of it in a variety of ways. They do not have to pay duty on it. If they destroyed it after they brought it into customs territory, they would have already paid duty and they would have lost that investment.

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“Foreign-trade zones create jobs and investments. This is something that the public needs to recognize and I know that you’re aware of this, the public in general may not be aware of it, but foreign-trade zones have been around the world, the globe, since time out of mind. Foreign-trade zones have been available and operating in the United States since 1934. When the program was first initiated and it was initiated by Congress, there were just a handful throughout the United States. They were primarily on the coast. Over time, we’ve learned ways to make them work other places such as Wichita, Kansas. So we have foreign-trade zones throughout the country.

“If you have been out to the Garvey Industrial Park on South Hoover Road, you will see this sign. This is where the Sedgwick County Foreign-Trade Zone is located. Back in 1988, when we went to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board and requested that we have the designation, we asked that the whole industrial park be designated a foreign-trade zone. The question is, why is it out there, why not someplace else? This program is very tightly regulated by the federal government and you can’t just throw one of these any where. We had to develop a very extensive application. We had to provide considerable information. Sedgwick County didn’t have an industrial park. What we found is that the most expedient way to get a trade-zone up and running is to actually contract with a private company and that is part of where this partnership comes together. Local government went to the federal government and requested that we be allowed to establish a foreign-trade zone in Sedgwick County. We contracted with Builders Incorporated, a commercial real estate firm, that also owns the industrial park out on South Hoover Road. They have 280 acres out there and we have requested and received authority to establish a foreign-trade zone throughout that 280 acres. The positive thing about this is that if we need to 280 acres as a foreign-trade zone, it is there. If we don’t, then we only have to activate a small portion of that. So you can activate and deactivate as commerce requires it.

“This is building number five out at the public warehouse at the Garvey Industrial Park, and you can see the sign there that says Sedgwick County Foreign-Trade Zone 161. When you go into that building, you would see the sign and the sign tells anybody should happen to read it that it is a foreign-trade zone. It is very closely monitored by customs and it is an area that we have to monitor.

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“Mr. Jack Brooks is here who is the manager of the foreign-trade zone itself out at the Garvey Industrial Park and he could, I’m sure, explain to you a little bit about what happens when somebody would just walk in. You can’t just walk in and remove something from that. There is paperwork and a procedure we have to go through. Again, Customs monitors this very closely. In foreign-trade zones you can do a variety of activity. I explained that you can destroy merchandise that you are unable to use, but you can manufacture and assemble merchandise. Every automobile that is manufactured in the United States is manufactured in a foreign-trade zone.

“Here you can see we’ve got U.S. goods and foreign imports. The purpose of this is to allow us to compete. We also receive a number of community benefits from the use of foreign-trade zones. Jobs, which are what we’re always trying to get, foreign-trade zones do allow us to create jobs and investment in the community. We have new development with the jobs which ultimately increases the tax base and that’s what we’re all looking for.

“One third of the merchandise that flows through foreign-trade zones is exported from the United States, so we’re not looking just at imports we’re looking at exports. Of course, it is the export side that does bring the money in to us.

“You can do any number of things in a foreign-trade zone. Some merchandise that comes into our foreign trade zone is just warehoused there. It just sits there until the business needs that product. What that allows the business to do is to enhance their cash flow, because they do not have to pay that duty until they actually take the product from the zone. Again, the purpose of this is to increase the tax base. It does decrease duty payments to the businesses that are able to use it. They bring merchandise into the foreign-trade zone. They do not pay duty on the product while it is in the zone. If they decide to export the product from the zone then they never pay duty.

“Frequently, we find that component parts that are imported into a foreign-trade zone to be combined with domestic product or to be used in assembly, we find the component parts have a higher duty rate than a finished product. So one very important advantage of a foreign-trade zone is that whenever you do actually import in the final product into the customs territory, you can choose the duty rate of the part which went into the product or the duty rate of the finished product itself.

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“This is true of automobiles. Many of the parts that are used in an automobile have a very high duty rate. The automobile itself may only have a 2.5% duty rate and so it does allow the manufacturers of automobiles in the United States to better compete with the automobile manufacturers of other parts of the world. Again, this is just another slide that shows that parts frequently have a higher duty rate than a finished product.

“The growth in foreign-trade zones right now is in the area of special purpose subzones. A subzone is simply a foreign-trade zone that is restricted to a single plant site. This is the Sanofi Winthrop Pharmaceutical firm in McPherson. That is also known as special purpose subzone number 161A. This is a subzone that is a part of the Sedgwick County Foreign Trade Zone project. There is the sign in that subzone which declares that it is a foreign-trade zone.

“This is something new. If you’ve gone up the turnpike, obviously you recognize this as the Texaco refinery in El Dorado. As of, I think it was last week, this plant is known as special purpose subzone number 161B. It is our newest subzone, the second subzone for our project and it is the Texaco oil refinery. This is another shot of the plant. I think that just about does it for the slides. I’m telling you about the Texaco subzone, the Sanofi Winthrop subzone, this represents growth in our project. I have to submit an annual report to the Foreign-Trade Zone Board, I have to put it in the mail today. I do have some people here this morning that are very active in the Foreign-Trade Zone Project and I would like to introduce them and then we’ll address any questions. First I have Leon Leachman, who is the foreign-trade zone coordinator with Texaco, our newest foreign-trade zone. I think they are getting ready for their first shipment which comes by pipeline from the gulf. Ms. Dee Garvey, she’s the president of Builder’s Incorporated. That’s our operator. We have Karen Page with the World Trade Center. We work very closely with the World Trade Center on this project. Jack Brooks, who is actually the manager, he is the guy out at the Foreign-Trade Zone itself, if you want to take a shipment out there.”

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you Louanna. We’re glad all of you could be here today. I know that the Foreign-Trade Zone was created before I came on back in 1987-88, and I know it went slow for a while but now it is picking up. Things have been growing out there and it has been an educational process for many of the citizens and businesses here in Sedgwick County first and that has been quite a process. We appreciate your working on the project and we’re very pleased to be at the Garvey Industrial Park.



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“It has been a good place to be and it will continue to work good for us. Mr. Leachman, congratulations. I visited with Mr. Leachman before the meeting and I understand their first shipment of oil is coming in February. They’ll be processing it and sending it back out I assume while it is in the zone. Thank you for being here today, we appreciate it. Commissioners, any other questions? Commissioner Gwin?”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Commissioner Miller was first.”

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Okay, thank you.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Louanna, first of all, the presentation was wonderful. The detail, I needed to hear it because when I came on board it was at a time when we were, it was just kind of sitting there it seemed as though and now we see lots of progress. We can see some of the vision that I talked with you about two years ago. I’m glad to see that. A couple of questions. How much space have we actually realized on the 240 acres?”

**Ms. Burress** said, “Two hundred eight acres. During the time of this report, now the report runs from October 1 through September 30 because it is the federal fiscal year. Actually, when I give the report I pretty well just review the January through December. During that time, we did actually increase the space in the activated portion by about 1,200 square feet. We had 3,000 square feet activated all along. There was a need to have more space so we activated an additional portion. I believe now the need has gone away and so we’ve reduced the amount that is activated and we can do that by simply sending a letter to customs advising them as to what our need is.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Okay. Do we feel, in terms of projection, do you project or what are we projecting we’ll actually utilize? What would we like to get to?”

**Ms. Burress** said, “Well, I’d like to see 280 acres.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Wanted to hear that, all right. There was another question that was floating in my mind. Subzones, how many do we have designated at this time?”

**Ms. Burress** said, “We have two.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “And they have to be within a what mile radius?”

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**Ms. Burress** said, "This really has not been, there is not really a definite answer to that because the Foreign-Trade Zone Board and the government realize that a business shouldn't be punished because it would say build in western Kansas or Iowa or wherever. So generally the way the Foreign-Trade Zones Board handles this is that it allows it to approach the nearest general purpose zone and become a subzone of that project. That is generally the way it is handled. There have been some exceptions but that's pretty much the way it is done."

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

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Louanna, I want to talk a little bit about subzones too, but in the context I think that what the Foreign-Trade Zone and the two subzones that we have allow Sedgwick County to do is to be a leader, if you will, in this region or as far out as we need to go in creating jobs, in increasing tax bases, and in helping successful businesses and successful communities, whether they are in Sedgwick County or not, but in this region. I think it is a real privilege that we have to be a part of a regional thinking government that had the opportunity to try and help communities succeed and businesses within those communities succeed and I'm delighted that our Foreign-Trade Zone exists and that we're able to expand it into the south central part of this state. I think it is very important for all of us if we continue to be successful outside the boundaries of Sedgwick County and we can help encourage that, I'm delighted and look for other opportunities to do that."

**Ms. Burress** said, "Well, we do have to take a regional approach to economic development because we don't exist just by ourselves. We need El Dorado. We need McPherson, and wherever."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I think it is a great opportunity for us to show that leadership and I'm delighted to do it. Thank you all for being here today."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Louanna, anything else?"

**Ms. Burress** said, "The recommended action is that you authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of transmittal. That will be sent with the annual report to Washington."

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**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any other questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Report and authorize the Chairman to sign a submission letter.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. Thank you all for being here today, we appreciate it. Next item please."

**J. KANSAS COLISEUM.**

**1. TICKET OUTLET AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA PROFESSIONAL SOCCER, L.L.C.**

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you know, we have two separate relationships with the Wichita Wings. The first one, of course, is the landlord/tenant relationship as they are a major tenant in our facility. The second one is they act as our agent and sell tickets for all the other events and other entities that are serviced by the Select-A-Seat computerized ticketing service. This governs that relationship. They'll be selling tickets for other people's events. We recommend approval."

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Next item please."

**2. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.**

**Mr. Nath** said, "December, we finished on an up note. It was a very good year for us. It was probably the fourth best year in the history of the Coliseum revenue wise. We had 17 events resulting in 28 performances, a total attendance of almost 45,000 people through the gates. Net revenues were \$99,000. That put us over 700,000 people that came out and visited our complex over the year. That's a very good turnout.

"We started a couple of new exciting things. We instituted a customer service booth that is getting a lot of attraction up there. It is getting a lot of usage. We hand out literature and we help people with any of their seating problems, et cetera. We started construction on pavilion two, which is progressing very rapidly. As you know, we have an event scheduled in two weeks. We will be substantially completed enough to function that event, we won't have a problem with it although it is cold out there right now for the guys working.

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“As you know, we are going right into our busy season. Between January and March is when we’re having an event just about every day. Sesame Street, which opens tomorrow night, is performing ahead of last year’s ticket pace. We’re actually ahead on that one. We have a Christian Concert on Monday with Steven Curtis Chapman and also the first of our big country concerts of this year goes on sale Monday with Allen Jackson and Lee Ann Rimes. We also have a brand new event over the weekend which is a cat show in pavilion one. I’ll be willing to answer any questions if you have some at this time.”

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you John. Commissioners, any questions?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you John, nice to see you again. Next item please.”

**K. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.**

**Mr. Larry D. Jecha**, MD, MPH, Director/Health Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before you is the Health Department monthly report for December. The best news is that the Director of Personal Health position was filled during the month of December. Marilyn Peterson is coming on board. She has a Bachelor Degree in Nursing from Kansas State and a Masters in Public Health from the University of Michigan. She has had over 20 years of vast experience in public health nursing and organizational management. It is a great pleasure to have her aboard and she’s stepping right in and doing a great job for us already.”

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“The bug of the month in December was really *Neisseria meningitis*. We’ve had five confirmed culture cases. Three of those were systemic with one death. None of them were related to each other and we do treatment of close contacts and because of that, we have had no secondary spread so far. We haven’t had any cases in the last few weeks to hopefully that’s the end of the meningitis occurrence in our community.

“December was probably the largest month of flu although flu wasn’t near as bad in our community as in some of the neighboring states. Hopefully, that was from good immunizations. I don’t know what it was, but it seems like our community was spared different than Colorado and New Mexico and some of our neighboring states. So that was the good news.

“Good news on Tuberculosis for the year. We only had 17 active cases and this is down from 30 last year. The bad news is that we have three new cases in December and we’re getting more than that even in January. So it wasn’t cause for celebration yet on this. With these, it causes a lot of work for us. We’ve had our first drug resistant strain now where we’re treating and that takes a lot more manpower to do, plus there are some changes in immigrations and we’re getting more people coming in on medications but without good records. We really don’t know what medications they’re on and what the culture and sensitivities were on those. Tuberculosis is still a concern in our community.

“The homeless overflow shelters were opened December 1 and we provided vaccines for flu, pneumonia and tetanus and TB screenings were given and we’ve had two positives out of the homeless population.

“Adolescent Health Station is working with our alcohol treatment center for a grant requesting funding that focuses on reduction of domestic violence. We’re hopeful that it will be approved.

“Family Planning received an onsite audit by the state and it was very positive and favorable. With that, we are one nurse practitioner short in that clinic and we’ve not been able to fill this going outside. The state has given us funds to send one of our nurses to nurse practitioner school which we are doing this month. It seems like this is the best source of our nurse practitioners is to train the people who are on board and they have a lot better chance of staying on board too once they’re trained for us. That’s been a good program for us.

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“Our Bilingual/Bicultural program is up and running better than ever. Our translators monthly schedules are in place and are flexible. Spanish speaking clients are rapidly increasing because of this program.

“Going into environmental health services, our staff has had discussion with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and EPA concerning the proposed standards and ozone and particulate matter. Like I mentioned before, this shouldn't have any effect upon our County. Overall, in the United States, they are estimating that new proposals probably will save an estimated 20,000 premature deaths a year. They are important.

“Increases were seen in code enforcement compliance. Although the number of complaints were down 3%, that's a lot of cases, 7,589 complaints. The compliance was up by 10%. We've had 5,500 compliances so we're proud of that.

“Our household hazardous waste has completed the sixth year of the program. We had 407 tons collected so far in this program and through reuse, recycling, and other environmentally sound practices approximately 90-95% of the collected material avoids disposal, it is reused. That sure keeps a lot of stuff out of the landfill for us.

“The animal shelter has had a banner year for adoptions. We had a total of 1,584 for 1996, this is a 35% increase over the last year and those people really deserve a pat on the back for doing well with these adoptions. It sure keeps a lot of animals from being euthanized. Applaud them for that.

“National industrial corridor, the City Council has approved a contract for Camp, Dresser and McKee of Wichita to perform the environmental investigation of the North Industrial Corridor. They have already submitted the NIC Remediation Investigation/Feasibility Study Work to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. On January 29, Camp, Dresser and McKee, KDHE, and City staff and the NIC participants will meet to discuss the project, set goals and determine scheduling.

“The Brooks Landfill. Field activities have been conducted to determine the characteristics of the aquifer and pumping rates needed to install a cleanup well at the southern end of the contaminated plume south of the Brooks Landfill. The cleanup of this portion of the plume should begin later this year, utilizing one extraction well with disposal of the treated water to an undetermined location at this time. The five properties located south of the plume have been connected to the City of Wichita's water supply as a precautionary measure.

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“December was World AIDS Day and we participated mainly in some of the activities, but our main contribution was free HIV/AIDS testing for that day. With that, I will close and answer any questions.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you. For those of you out there who aren’t aware, we’re losing Dr. Jecha. I’m not sure to a better place, but he’ll be going to Washington where he will be serving as Health Officer for the Benton Practon County Health Department, is that correct?”

**Dr. Jecha** said, “That’s correct.”

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Dr. Jecha has been with us since 1992 and we’re going to miss him. Doctor, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we want to say thank you for coming here and serving our Health Department and the people of Sedgwick County and to remember us, we’d like to give you a small token of our appreciation and say thank you.”

**Dr. Jecha** said, “Thank you. It’s been a great 4 ½ years. I want to thank you all for the Commission’s support, the Manger, and all the staff of Sedgwick County has been tremendous. I just want to say thanks.”



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**L. BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES.**

- 1. APPLICATION BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 522 FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON CENTRAL FROM GREENWICH ROAD TO 143RD STREET EAST. DISTRICT #1.**

**Mr. David C. Spears**, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Bureau of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item L-1 is an Agreement with Boy Scout Troop 522 regarding our Adopt A Highway litter pickup program. They will be responsible for Central between Greenwich Road and 143rd Street East. Recommend that you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. Next item please."

- 2. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE SALEM TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #2.**

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**Mr. Spears** said, "It is standard procedure that after roads are constructed in a platted subdivision in accordance with County standards, those roads are then assigned to the township system. In this particular case, Gordon, Bennett and Chucker Circle, which are located in the Polo Addition, will become the responsibility of Salem Township. Recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you David. Any discussion?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Next item please."

**M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JANUARY 23, 1997 REGULAR MEETING.**

**Mr. Darren Muci**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have minutes from the January 23 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There is just one item for consideration this morning."

**(1) PEST CONTROL - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**  
**FUNDING: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

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“Pest control for the Bureau of Central Services and other County facilities. It was moved to accept the low bid of Schendel Pest Control, in the annual amount of \$18,065. That’s a yearly total based upon individual prices.

**ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION**

- (2) **CARPETING - CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**
- (3) **LOCAL AREA NETWORK - COMCARE**  
**FUNDING: COMCARE**
- (4) **INTENSIVE SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM - COMCARE**  
**FUNDING: COMCARE**
- (5) **MECHANICAL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE - FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**  
**FUNDING: FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**

“There are four items that do not require action at this time. Those include carpeting for Capital Projects, personal computers and a local area network set up for COMCARE, intensive supported housing program also for COMCARE, and mechanical system maintenance for the Coroner. Those items were all tabled for revue. Now if there are no questions, I’d recommend approving the recommendations presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you Darren. Commissioner Miller.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “With Schendel, is this the first time or a repeat?”

**Mr. Muci** said, “This is the first contract we would have with Schendel Pest Control.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Who were we with prior? Just let me know.”

**Mr. Muci** said, “I’m sorry. Mr. Brace, do you recall the vendor?”

**Mr. Don Brace** said, “Signature Pest Control.”

**Mr. Muci** said, “Thank you Mr. Brace.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Thank you.”

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you. Next item please.”

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**N. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**1. Right-of-Way Instruments.**

- a. Five Easements for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 614-E½ 34, 35, 36; 21st Street North between the K-96 Bypass and the Butler County Line. CIP #R-197. District #1.

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- b. One Easement for Drainage and Utilities for Sedgwick County Project No. 817-G through N½ J; Meridian from the north city limits of Wichita to the south city limits of Valley Center. CIP #R-169. District #4.

**2. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are being amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to a change in the income level of the participating client.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V96017	\$401.00	\$398.00
C96014	\$380.00	\$376.00
V95116	\$337.00	\$000.00
V93109	\$450.00	\$333.00

**3. Order dated January 22, 1997 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

**4. Consideration of the Check Register of January 24, 1997.**

**5. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
970071	Personnel	Transfer
970072	Sheriff	Transfer
970073	Appraiser	Transfer
970074	Court Trustee	Transfer
970075	COMCARE-CDDO Grant	Supplemental Appropriation
970076	COMCARE-CDDO Grant	Supplemental Appropriation
970077	District Attorney	
	DEA Asset Forfeiture	Supplemental Appropriation
970078	Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
970079	Finance General/Coroner	Transfer

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. Is there other business? If not I would recess this meeting."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Sewer District meeting at 10:45 a.m. and returned at 10:46 A.M.**

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I will bring back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Is there any further business?"

**O. OTHER**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Miller moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for fifteen minutes to consider consultation with legal council on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "We're in Executive Session."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. and returned at 11:13**

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "We're back in session. Let the record show there was no binding action taken while in Executive Session. Anything else? We are adjourned."

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

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

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**James Alford**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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