

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 1, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 1, 1998 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Mark F. Schroeder; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Paul W. Hancock; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Melody C. Miller; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Marty Hughes, Grant Manager, Bureau of Finance; Ms. Mary Ann Nichols, Director, Personnel Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Bureau of Comprehensive Community Care; Ms. Lynn Melton, Assistant Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Michael Knecht, Director, Old Cowtown Museum; Mr. Jim Weber, P.A., Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance; Mr. Mark Borst, P.E., Chief Deputy, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Linda M. Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell
Mr. Chuck Houseman, Right of Way Examiner, Bureau of Public Services
Ms. Susan Farrell, Executive Director, YMCA
Mr. Clark Bastien, Trustee, Old Cowtown Museum
Mr. Nick Dondlinger, President Trustee, Old Cowtown Museum

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Bob Bruner of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, March 11, 1998

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of March 11, 1998.

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, you've received the Minutes of the Meeting, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Minutes of March 11, 1998, as presented.

Commissioner Gwin 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Mr. Marty Hughes, Grant Manager, Bureau of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I certify that there are funds available for the items that we have identified on today's Agenda regarding the expenditure of funds. A listing of those items have been provided to you previously. I'll be glad to answer any questions you might have."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I see no questions. Thank you, Marty. Next item, please."

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PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 3, 1998 AS "EQUAL PAY DAY."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, I've have the Proclamation before me which I will read into the record."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than three decades after the passage of the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, women continue to suffer the consequences of unfair pay differentials; and

WHEREAS, women nationally are paid only 74 cents for each dollar a man earns, while in Kansas, women earn even less: 66.6 cents for every dollar a man is paid--Kansas ranks 32nd nationally; and

WHEREAS, April 3, 1998 is the day on which American women's wages for 1998, when added to their entire 1997 earnings, finally equal what men earned in 1997; and

WHEREAS, when women are paid fairly, families are stronger, business prospers and American values and economy are strengthened; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 1998, women across the nation will join together to call attention to the inequity between the wages of women and men;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 3, 1998, as

"EQUAL PAY DAY"

in Sedgwick County, and call upon government officials, business and industry leaders, educators, law enforcement agencies and all the people of Sedgwick County to recognize the full value of women's skills and contributions to the labor force.

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MOTION

Chairman Schroeder moved to adopt the Proclamation.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was discussion on the Motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, today we have with us Susan Farrell, Executive Director of the YWCA. Susan, welcome. Thank you, for being here."

Ms. Susan Farrell, Executive Director, YMCA, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for having me and for making this Proclamation and as you stated April 3rd is the day that American woman's wages for 1998, when added to 1997, equal what men entered in 1997. Last year it was April 11th, so we've made eight days of headway. Slowly, but surely and that's good news and with me today is Bev May, and she is our employment and resource network Director, who works specifically with the woman's pay issue, displaced homemakers and gender equity. We appreciate this Proclamation. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you very much for being here, Susan. Appreciate it. Next item, please."

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RETIREMENTS

B. RETIREMENTS.

1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO CHUCK HOUSEMAN, RIGHT-OF-WAY EXAMINER, BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

Ms. Mary Anne Nichols, Director, Personnel Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, I am honored this morning to present a retirement certificate to Charles D., better known as Chuck Houseman. Chuck started with Sedgwick County on November 1, 1948 as an Engineering Aid #1, he was making 95 cents an hour. He was promoted to Right-of-Way Agent November 16, 1959, became a Senior Right-of-Way Agent, October 1, 1978. Then became Right-of-Way Examiner on January 1, 1992. Chuck sent in a form, so I'm going to read it. Chuck is a man of many words, so I'm sure he is going to want to say some words to you also.

“Chuck plans to spend some time with his three sons, Chick who is an engineer, Woody who is a Superintendent of Schools at Valley Fall, Kansas and CJ who is a Finance Manager for IBM in San Francisco. He has eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. His mother in New Jersey will be a 100 years old next June 20th. Chuck plans to devote more time to the Albert Pike Lodge #303, Disabled American Veterans' and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and church. He says 'he and his wife have plenty of traveling to do to visit their sons. Chuck has worked in Public Services and also did some part time work for the Election Commissioner.' Chuck says 'I worked for and with the Board of County Commissioners and I feel they are considerate of us all. I feel that I have direct contact with the County Engineer. He does a fine job with a very good staff. The employees are an integral part of getting things done.' Many of us know Chuck and of course Chuck was here when I came, so I'm sure he remembers that. He is a very special person. I want to congratulate him on his retirement and wish him well. Chuck. We also have a picture of him when he came to work.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “First of all, I just want to say we finally found somebody that has worked here longer than I've been alive. That's just amazing to me. You have obviously put a lot of time and talent into your job and on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners we want to congratulate you and thank you for your 50 years of service to Sedgwick County and to its citizens. Obviously, this record will probably go unmatched, unless Bill Hancock stays around a little longer. It is absolutely wonderful that you're here with us today and so that we can present this to you and honor you in all the things you've done for us in the last 50 years, Chuck. Congratulations and thank you.”

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Mr. Chuck Houseman, Right-of-Way Examiner, Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Well I'd say, I don't think I know what to say. I get a laugh out of that. Just talking about people, I have met a lot of nice people, great people. I think the County has accomplished a lot and will continue to. When I first came to Wichita in 1945, stationed at Salina, Wichita to me seemed like one of the nicest, cleanest cities I'd ever been in. I come from suburban Philadelphia, Delaware County and I have been around. Back then we use to travel by train, went to Chicago and changed stations. It was quite a different thing then today. I just wanted to say that if I've done anything to hurt anybody, or. . . I just want to say forgive me and I wanted to add to this, all things work together for good. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord. To them. . . according to his purpose. Thank you."

2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO BENNY VAUGHN, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Nichols said, "Our next retiree is Benny Vaughn and Benny Vaughn is the Deputy Sheriff with the Sheriff Department and he will retire April 1, 1998 after 19½ years of service. Benny was hired on August 30, 1978 and as Road Patrolman and was reclassified as a Deputy Sheriff on January 1, 1984. Benny says 'he plans to spend time with his four children, his ten grandchildren, all of whom live close by and will keep him very busy.' Benny also plans to go fishing, gardening and traveling with wife, Michelle. He also has a woodworking shop where he builds just about anything. Benny started to work in 1968 under Sheriff Vern Miller and worked as a Road Patrolman for eight years, left Sedgwick County for 1½ years, came back with the Sheriff's Department in 1978 as a Road Patrolman for ten years. In 1987 he transferred to the Judicial Services and was assigned to extraditions for a total of 28½ years with the County. Benny describes his career of employment with Sedgwick County as 'great, had a lot of fun and made many friends.' We want to wish him well in his retirement. Benny."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Benny, on behalf of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners we want to wish you the best in your retirement. We want to thank you for your service to Sedgwick County, particularly in the law enforcement field. I know that's a difficult one from time to time and you have risked your life for the citizens of this community and we thank you and we congratulate you."

Ms. Nichols said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, Mary Anne. We thank all of you for coming today for the retirements, both of these are very special. Appreciate you being here. Next item."

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PUBLIC HEARING

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION CREATING A LATERAL SEWER DISTRICT WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN (COUNTRY CLUB COURT ADDITION).

Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore and Bell, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item is a public hearing and resolution creating a lateral district within the eastern portion of Sedgwick County.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

"On the screen before you is a map depicting the general area and location of this proposed district which is called Country Club Court Addition. It is located west of 127th Street East, north of Central and south of 13th Street. On the screen before you now is the plat map which depicts 67 parcels within this proposed sewer district. You will note that the parcels to the right are larger than the parcels to the left. That will come into play when we talk about the apportionment of cost. Bureau of Public Services has prepared an estimate of cost to these sewer improvements. The total being approximately \$220,000. There are 67 lots. The principal cost per lot you have on the screen there depicts an average lot. The range on assessments based on the size of that lot would be somewhere between \$2,800 and \$4,100 with the larger lots preparing a higher cost of the program and the smaller lots apportioning a smaller cost of the program. Jim Weber is here with me also from the Bureau of Public Services and we could attempt to address any questions you may have now or at the conclusion of a public hearing. Appropriately, it would be to open the public hearing, receive comment, close the hearing and then consider the Resolution which we have prepared that would authorize this project to go forward."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. Thank you, Joe. Questions at this point Commissioners? At this time we will open up the public hearing and anybody that would like to be heard on this item, please come forward. You are limited to five minutes. Is there anybody here today that would like to be heard on this item? Item No. C under public hearing. If not, we'll close the public hearing and limit discussion to bench and staff."

Mr. Norton said, "I would recommend adoption of the Resolution."

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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 W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

NEW BUSINESS

D. RESOLUTION CREATING A ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN (COUNTRY CLUB COURT ADDITION).

Mr. Norton said, "This is a companion item to the one we just addressed in Country Club Court Addition. Again for your review the general area located west of 127th Street East. The plat map which is the same as we considered for the sewer improvement district. The estimate of cost for the street project prepared by the Bureau of Public Services is approximately \$780,000 to be assessed against the 67 lots. Again the \$11,000 figure is an average cost. They range from about \$9,900 to about \$14,500 depending upon the size of the lot. With the larger lots a very higher apportionment at cost. Again, Mr. Weber and I are here to address any questions you may have. There is no requirement by State Law of a public hearing. You may wish to receive comment from the public prior to considering the Resolution which we would recommend for your adoption."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Joe. Commissioners any questions or comments on this item? Let me ask if there is anybody in the audience that would like to be heard on this item. Item No. D, under new business. There doesn't appear to be, Commissioners."

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion.

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Thank you, Joe. Appreciate it. Next item please."

E. RESOLUTION IMPOSING WEIGHT LIMITS ON CERTAIN ROADS IN SALEM TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We prepared a Resolution regarding this item and so I told Commissioner Hancock that I would go ahead and present it as far as I can. The Resolution would impose restrictions on certain roads in Salem Township in the southern part of the County. In order to divert commercial truck traffic to paved roads.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

"The roads proposed for restriction are Bluff, between 83rd Street South, and 103rd Street South which is here. Oliver between 103rd Street South and 119th Street South and Hillside between 95th Street South and 119th Street South. The County does have authority to pass this Resolution and I will leave it for your discussion and try and answer any questions that you may have."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. Thank you, Rich. Commissioner Hancock."

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Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The only thing I have to say on this is, what brought this about there is considerable amount of heavy truck traffic between 53 Highway and 83rd Street going into Derby. Sand trucks with about, Tom would know this better, about 80 thousand pounds going up and down the streets. It is generally. . . with the availability of Hydraulic, that's the dark line to the left of Hillside there, it is really just a matter of driving two more miles and using a County highway to haul this sand. The result is they are taking the short cut and it has been very difficult to keep up and maintain those particular three streets between 53 Highway and 83rd Street South. That's the only thing I have to say. It was a request by the township to ask if we would do this."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have looked at the Resolution and one of the things I see. . . I find lacking is something to do with enforcement. I mean we're hard pressed I think to make sure that once the signs are posted that traffic that is supposed to be banned, doesn't continue to use it. We certainly know from the Sheriff's budget in his request that he doesn't have officers standing by, if you will, to write tickets. I have a concern about adopting a Resolution that . . . it doesn't appear we can enforce. The other dilemma I think we face is, I think we need to be real cautious in creating something that. . . for whatever reason, may allow Townships to avoid the responsibility of maintaining roads. I know from talking to Commissioner Hancock, that these roads kind of take a beating. I don't know that I can support it, Bill, based upon, like I said, the fact that it would be very difficult for us to enforce and to make sure that what we passed is abided by. I continue to have concerns about if this may cause other. . . a ripple effect if you will, with other Townships trying to avoid their responsibility. At this point, I'm kind of leaning against not, but I will certainly listen to discussion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have been a Commissioner now for five years and Commissioner Hancock I think you and I have probably agreed on almost every vote we have taken in that five years. I can think of one or two times we didn't vote the same way but I really know you have spent a lot of time and you and I normally just agree pretty much on items."

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“I’m going to share some of the concerns that Commissioner Gwin has raised as being kind of serious concerns for me on this particular issue. I think the enforcement of these weight limits on this stretch of road is going to be almost impossible unless we take a whole new action of how we do weight limits here in Sedgwick County. I think it would really kind of open the flood gates for anybody else, or even citizens to say I don’t want anymore trucks going by my house or my business so I want to restrict truck traffic on my particular road. I don’t know how you would go through the criteria of figuring out which road you really want to restrict and which ones you don’t. Again, kind of agreeing with Commissioner Gwin, this is the business we’re in, it’s the business the Townships are in. If there is some way that we could assist the Township. I don’t know necessarily what that would be but I would sure want to try and do any other kind of thing that we could to keep all the roads in each Township open to the citizens whoever they are or whatever vehicles their driving. I know these roads have kind of had a unique experience in the Township some years ago. It is my understanding, put down just asphalt millings and really hope that they would do what a asphalt road would do and they haven’t done that. I think now if the roads could somehow be reworked they might have a sufficient base to really develop into a good road. Right now in closing this many miles to truck traffic, I think I’m going to have to vote ‘no’ and would still offer at least our services and discussion to try to come to another solution about how to handle problems on these roads. I think this could one of the places where Township and County need to work together because there are certain things that Townships are unable to do. If they are unable to do it, they just need to say that and perhaps we would take a completely different track. Right now I’m going to be pretty reluctant to support this Resolution. Thank you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Commissioner Miller.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have some clarifying questions that may be Counsel or possibly our County Engineer would be able to answer. One would be in terms of the County in total, where are there other areas that we do restrict or actually impose weight limitations as this is requesting and secondly. . . well let’s start with that answer and then I think I might be able to drop the next question.”

Mr. Euson said, “I’ll take a stab at that. I’m aware of weight limitations on bridges but not on any of the roads in the County.”

Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The only other place Commissioner Miller and Richard is Oaklawn. We have a weight limitation of some streets in Oaklawn because people were complaining about trucks parking on the streets. But it’s for parking and not really the travel of. It’s a different sort of situation.”

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Commissioner Miller said, "So there are no other roads within the County that have weight limitations imposed upon them."

Mr. Spears said, "Not to my knowledge."

Commissioner Miller said, "There are some. . . a similar situation has come before me by way of constituents that actually live probably within the City boundary lines but around the Brooks Landfill where there is a lot of truck traffic that has caused some rutting and terrible roads in that area. Within the City I know that there are some streets that can have that type of weight limitation or that type of limitation of no truck traffic. What's the difference in the County structure roads which are probably not at the level that the City is, meaning the pavement. What's the difference between the County and the City?"

Mr. Spears said, "Okay. Our roads, our paved roads, the County paved roads are at a level which can accept any legal weighted load."

Commissioner Miller said, "But I'm thinking. . .are these roads paved, all of them?"

Mr. Spears said, "No."

Commissioner Miller said, "No. So that's what I'm thinking of, these roads."

Mr. Spears said, "Right, and like Commissioner Gwin and Commissioner Winters said, one of the things in the County is, years ago, I'm going to say 15 years ago, there were temporary scales and there was someone that did go out and weigh trucks but that's just not done anymore. There was a case that went through court and Rich can elaborate on that, where the problem was who was going to collect the fee for the ticket. As it turned out I think this went to the Supreme Court and the State gets all the money for this. So, the County decided we weren't going to weigh trucks anymore. There is no point in having a weight limitation."

Commissioner Miller said, "A weight limitation because there is no way to check and balance and ensure that indeed they either don't. . .they aren't carrying that amount of weight or they aren't on that road."

Mr. Spears said, "Right."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you."

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Commissioner Hancock said, "In this case Commissioner Miller the only one that would be available would be on Highway 53 which is a State highway. Kansas Department of Transportation operates portable scales there on occasion. That would really be the only opportunity."

Commissioner Miller said, "That's it. Okay. Thank you."

Commissioner Hancock said, "At that point they are on Highway 53."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Let me ask this question. Rich when it comes to County law enforcement what tickets or all tickets that the County writes, does that revenue go to the State of Kansas?"

Mr. Euson said, "This would be a traffic matter, traffic enforcement and because of that the revenue would go to the State of Kansas."

Chairman Schroeder asked, "In what situation does revenue not go to the State of Kansas if the Sheriffs Department writes a ticket? Is there any situation?"

Mr. Euson said, "We have a code called the 'Code for Enforcement of County Resolutions' and it applies to County Resolutions such as Code Enforcement matters involving nuisance abatement that kind of thing. Parking around the courthouse and the County is allowed to keep those fines but that code specifically does not apply to traffic enforcement."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Are those tickets issued by the County Sheriff or they issued by our like Animal Control, Code Enforcement and those people?"

Mr. Euson said, "They can be issued by the Sheriff, but I think in most cases their issued by others, for instance Code Enforcement."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I think this whole conversation is proving to whoever is listening today that the Counties obviously come under some different rules when it comes to enforcement of different kinds of Statutes or Resolutions as compared to Cities and as Dave said before, I remember that conversation regarding the weighing of vehicles out in the County that the revenue did go to the State of Kansas."

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“Therefore, if there is going to be an incentive it was the revenue that the County would receive from penalizing those people who violated weight limits. I had not made up my mind on this one today, but I’m a little bit concerned. I think it was mentioned earlier that we open up a flood gate if we start the process and if you can’t enforce it, then what do you tell your constituents when they call you. Let’s say these people keep violating this Resolution, you know it’s almost . . . I don’t know. If we really can’t enforce it, then why is it on the books. Now down in Oaklawn when I got here, they were having some serious problems with tractor trailer rigs parking on those three inch road bases. That’s basically what they were in front of houses where the tractor trailer rigs were longer than the lots were. And so, these people who drove these trucks were imposing upon their neighbors’ parking a truck in front of their house too. This would go on two, three or four days, maybe five days at a time. It got to a point where they were looking out the window and all they could see was truck. That became a problem and we imposed the weight restriction based on parking. For the most part it has worked. The law enforcement, Sheriff’s Department helped us through that process and it was an education process and we don’t have that many problems with it anymore. But I’m concerned about using it as a traffic control device and it would be great if I could help them.

“I will say one thing if Township’s are having problems with this, they need to look to their attorneys, their counsel to see what other solutions they can come up with. As Tom said earlier, if we can help them we will try and do that outside of just going in and repaving all the roads so they can handle truck traffic. That seems to be one of my biggest problems in my district is the condition of the roads. They simply don’t have enough money to maintain those roads in proper condition. That’s why we have asked the State Legislature this year to look at and approve a bill that would allow these Townships to dissolve themselves as the voters see fit and give that responsibility to the County. This is quite a process, Bill and I know you’re having some problems down there. I know what’s going on and I think we are all having those problems. It’s a difficult one at best, but I think it tells us a little bit about Townships in general that in some ways they are a little bit antiquated. In my district I’ve got a couple that are having some serious problems. I know out in western Sedgwick County some of them do very well. It depends on the traffic, it depends upon the revenue that they can bring in. There are a lot of factors here that are different throughout the County and throughout each Township. Bill, I’d like to help you today, but I don’t think I can in this way. If there is another way we can help you outside of increasing the budget a few million to build roads, I’d be glad to help you. I’m probably going to have to vote against it.”

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Commissioner Hancock said, "I can see. . . what I'll do is I'll visit with David Spears. Commissioner Winter alluded to some of the roads that have been covered with asphalt crumbs and those are especially in terrible shape. David's staff went down and took some pictures and gave them to me and they worked pretty good for wet weather but they are awfully rough. I've seen wagon trails be a little better to travel on. So I may talk to David and some of his folks and see if he could make a recommendation for me to go to them and talk to the township and see how they might improve some of the things they do down there. I understand the problem associated with this kind of Resolution. I really do."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Appreciate you bringing it to us and I understand your concerns and problems. Commissioners, any other comments on this item? If not does somebody want to try a . . ."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution

Chairman Schroeder asked, "Do I hear a second? The Resolution fails for a lack of a second."

Commissioner Hancock said, "That doesn't happen very often."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'm really sorry about that."

Commissioner Hancock said, "If it was a bad idea, it was a bad idea."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Well, I'll tell you what at least it says you're trying to help those people that come to you with their problems and I admire you for that and sorry we could not help you today, but. . ."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Maybe there is a better solution out there."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Let's hope so."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "You bet. Thank you, Commissioners. Next item please. Thank you, Rich."

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F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF ANDALE, KANSAS.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, the County owns property within the city limits of the City of Andale. On the overhead is showing in the upper right hand corner, the intersection of Andale road and . . . I am sorry I have the other part of that cut off. That is one of the main section line roads. Dave Spears can you help me out with that possibly. Is that, would that be 61st Street north?"

Mr. Spears said, "Not right there at the . . ."

Mr. Euson said, "At the very upper portion of the overhead?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes. I believe 5th is 61st. Commissioner Winters might know."

Commissioner Winters said, "It is 61st Street."

Mr. Euson said, "Thank you very much and I apologize. To give you an orientation, the County owns two tracts inside of the city limits and they are marked in yellow on the map. The County is no longer using these for purpose of county yards. The City has indicated an interest in purchasing them and I have prepared a Resolution which would authorize them to so purchase. The County is authorized to sell property to individuals by a negotiated sale if the property is worth less than \$50,000 which in this case we have determined that it is. The County is required to pass a Resolution by four fifths majority vote and publish twice in the County paper. Since I put this on the Agenda I have talked to the city attorney for the City of Andale. The City Council would like a opportunity to consider this at their meeting on April 27th and they may have some additions they might want to add to the publications. So, I would recommend if you deem appropriate that you approve the Resolution and withhold publication until after April 27th. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Rich. Commissioner Winters."

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Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’m certainly going to speak in favor of this and if we will all remember the County has constructed new County yards out on what you can see is K-296 which is old K-96 that goes just by the east edge of Andale. These two properties that you see highlighted on the map are basically on Main Street, that is main street and kind of right on the edge of their downtown district. These properties are not in a good state of repair. The one to the right is just a vacant lot and the other one does have a rather old dilapidated building on it which is one of the reasons why the County has built new buildings, new yards out on the highway. I think it’s, in my opinion a good plan . When this property is in public use in our local government if the City of Andale believes that they have a use and can put it to use for equipment storage and in fact I even talked to Sherman Township about . . . maybe Sherman Township is going to use some of it for parking of their equipment. I think it’s a good plan to keep a property like this for use of the public sector and another unit of government can use it. I will certainly be supportive. Unless somebody else has a question I’m prepared to make a Motion.

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution, withhold the final publication until after April 27, 1998.

Commissioner Hancock 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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G. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF LAND NOT ADJOINING THE CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners we have prepared a Resolution that would approve the annexation of property not adjoining the City of Maize, Kansas. The property is shown on the overhead as being on the half mile point between 37th Street North and 45th Street North just south of the city limits of the City of Maize. It is on the east side of Maize Road. It is a piece of property that is approximately 200 feet by 700 feet and comprises approximately 3 acres. The owner of this property desires to use it for retail sale of lawn and garden, feed and seed, equipment rentals and hardware sales. The applicant has been before the Maize Planning Commission and the Maize Board of Zoning Appeals and they have taken action to approve this in February and in March. Their actions were subject to your approval of the island annexation. Maize City Council has passed a Resolution requesting that you approve the island annexation and that Resolution has been filed with the County Clerk. The County Commission is authorized to approve this island annexation if you find and determine that the annexation of this property into the City of Maize will not hinder or prevent the proper growth of any other incorporated city within Sedgwick County. Marvin Krout is here to answer any questions you may have, Glen Dockery the City Administrator for the City is here and the applicant Gerald Woodard is also present. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Rich. Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't really have any questions at this time. I am going to be in favor or in support of this Resolution. I would though like to request Marvin Krout, if there is anything you would like to add that has not been stated."

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, said, "No."

Commissioner Miller said, "No. Very good then. I have no further comments."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I don't have a comment. I'm going to assume that if Metropolitan Area Planning Department which is a joint City/County Department, if they had a serious concern about this that staff would stand up and say that. I'm assuming by not standing up and saying that I'm assuming they do not have a serious problem with this."

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Commissioner Miller said, "That's giving it all . . . every chance."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. All right. Thank you. I realize that this is not a public hearing but if there is anybody here in the room today that would like to speak to this item, you're welcome to do so at this time. Anybody here who would like to speak to this item? If not, we'll limit discussion to bench and staff. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock 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 W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Rich. Next item please."

H. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA AREA COUNCIL OF CAR CLUBS FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK JUNE 14, 1998 TO HOLD ITS 26TH ANNUAL ALL WHEELS CAR SHOW.

Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This will be the 26th year for this car show at Lake Afton and it has grown annually. There having some conversations with other folks and at other events at the park talking about maybe even combining this and making it even a larger show. The annual average attendance is around 26,000 people and is a highly successful event for the park. We have coordinated dates with the park superintendent and we would recommend your approval."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Jerry. Discussion on this item?"

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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 W. Hancock	Absent at Vote
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Thanks, Jerry. Next item please."

I. AGREEMENT WITH SHEPLERS WESTERN WEAR FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT THE KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This agreement is our standard Agreement that we have developed to cover advertising and sponsorship rights at the Coliseum. This also fulfills our initial target of ten of the three by ten foot signs in the arena itself. We are real pleased to have Sheplers on board as a partner. We recommend approve approval."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, John. Discussion on this item?"

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.

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VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thanks, John."

Mr. Nath said, "Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "You bet. Next item please."

J. BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE.

- 1. CONTRACT WITH REGIONAL PREVENTION CENTER TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE DRUG/ALCOHOL EDUCATION, INFORMATION, REFERRAL AND PREVENTION SERVICES.**

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Bureau of Comprehensive of Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item is a contract with the Regional Prevention Center and these funds are the liquor tax dollars that are collected in the County. I would be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Debbie. Discussion on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Contract 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 W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

2. AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Ms. Donaldson said "This particular agreement allows Youth Developmental Services to provide the summer program for youths. I would recommend your approval.

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock 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 W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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K. DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

1. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH FINCH HOLLOW SENIOR RESIDENCE, INC. TO PROVIDE A SENIOR COORDINATOR AT FINCH HOLLOW.

Ms. Lynn Melton, Assistant Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The first Agenda item is a renewal five year contract with Finch Hollow Senior Residence through Mennonite Housing. They received a grant from Housing and Urban Development, otherwise known as HUD for providing a senior coordinator at their residency. Finch Hollow located on Golden Hills just west of Maize Road on Central. We have a part-time senior coordinator out there that provides information and assistance and networks with service providers and agencies and provides management with an effective tool for adverting crises and keeping residents in their homes so they do not have to go to further care. I ask your approval of this contract."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Lynn. Discussion on this item?"

Commissioner Miller said, "Just a brief question. Lynn is this typical way of funding a position at a senior center?"

Ms. Melton said, "HUD has made this program available for certain housing that they have financed. The residency through Mennonite Housing are looking at other options also on some of their programs. Yes, it is a way of funding a coordinator out there. I think HUD firmly believes that they're needed in senior residence just to help. . ."

Commissioner Miller said, "I need to clarify that it is not a senior center. I just . . ."

Ms. Melton said, "No. It's a senior residence."

Commissioner Miller said, "It's a residence and HUD is recognizing the importance of having a permanent full time person that can coordinate."

Ms. Melton said, "Right. What they are finding is that they get into their apartments . . . they need services to keep them in their apartments just like they would in their home. This way a senior coordinator is able to work with providers and provide those kind of services so that again, their in an independent living situation."

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Commissioner Miller asked, “Are there any other senior residences that have this type of a partnership?”

Ms. Melton said, “We’re working on the next agenda item with Kansas Match. There is one on there and we’re recommending that Mennonite’s use part of that money that we give them for a coordinator that does Kansas Match and also is able to go into some of their residences, some of the other residence like in Derby, and the one on 21st Street and some of those residence to also effectively continue this program.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Very good. Thank you, Lynn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Other questions or comments on this item?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

2. CONTRACTS (16) FOR 1998 SENIOR CENTERS, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND IN-HOME SERVICES.

- **CHENEY SENIOR CLUB: \$3,995**
- **COLWICH SENIOR CLUB: \$3,216**
- **DOWNTOWN MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER: \$108,000**

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- **GARDEN PLAIN SENIOR CLUB: \$369**
- **HISPANIC MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER: \$35,514**
- **LINWOOD MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER: \$45,000**
- **NORTHEAST MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER: \$53,000**
- **ORCHARD PARK MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER: \$48,000**
- **PARK CITY SENIOR CENTER: \$3,946**
- **SENIOR EMPLOYMENT - SENIOR SERVICES INC.: \$47,250**
- **KANSAS MATCH - MENNONITE HOUSING: \$33,541**
- **MEALS ON WHEELS - SENIOR SERVICES INC.: \$169,224**
- **MINOR HOME REPAIR - MENNONITE HOUSING: \$108,313**
- **NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS - SENIOR SERVICES INC.: \$15,000**
- **RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM - SENIOR SERVICES INC.: \$22,103**
- **ROVING PANTRY - SENIOR SERVICES INC.: \$51,750**

Ms. Melton said, “The total of these contracts are \$748,221. The first nine that she gave you are senior centers. I would like to give just a real brief synopsis of any of the other programs that might be interesting for the audience if that’s what you would like.”

Chairman Schroeder asked, “Commissioners, do you have any questions?”

Commissioner Winters said, “No. I have a different kind of question.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay. Commissioner Winters.”

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Commissioner Winters said, “Lynn, this is mill levy money?”

Ms. Melton said, “This is mill levy money included in the 1998 budget.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right. We remember that, I don’t know how many years ago the citizens of Sedgwick County voted on amount of money we should spend up a mill on seniors and services to be provided for them. I think this is something that citizens want us to be about. I can’t remember exactly when that vote was but I think this is a good program that we provide for seniors here in Sedgwick County. I’m certainly going to be supportive as I think the rest of us are as we work through these subjects as we deal with the budget. Thank you. That’s all I had.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Other questions or comments? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Next item.”

3. AGREEMENTS (12) TO PROVIDE TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

- **MARY BUSH**
- **KATHRYN D. COIT**

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- **CINDY CRANGLE**
- **LAURA L. GRAHAM**
- **MAE LOIS FIELDS**
- **KYLE JONES**
- **WILMA LOGANBILL**
- **JODY I. LUJAN**
- **GREG OGDEN**
- **LISA PARKER**
- **FRANK RODRIGUEZ**
- **MICHELLE SHAHEEN**

Ms. Melton said, “Commissioners as you are aware, January 19, 1997 we took over the SRS (Social Rehabilitation Services) Home and Community base services and the Medicaid program and this is issuing additional contracts to approximately the 17 we have now for persons to do contracted case management for this program. They are reimbursed totally through Medicaid and no County dollars are used for this program.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay. Thank you. Discussion on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Agreements 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 W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

4. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING TRANSFERRING \$25,000 OF INCOME ELIGIBLE PROGRAM FUNDS TO THE SENIOR CARE ACT PROGRAM.

Ms. Melton said, “We took over the income eligible program also from SRS in July of 1997. When we took over this program we found that some of these persons were eligible for the Medicaid HCBS program. Some should not have been on the income eligible. By doing that we have saved the State some money with that program and what they have recommended is that we transfer \$25,000 of income eligible to the Senior Care Act Program which is a program that does in-home services and requires at least a 20% co-pay from the clients receiving services. I would be glad to answer any questions.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Questions on this item? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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5. ADDITION OF ONE FULL-TIME CLIENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, RANGE 20, AND ONE PERMANENT PART-TIME FIELD CASE MANAGER, RANGE 16, TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Melton said, "When we did the Income Eligible Program and did the HCBS Programs we weren't exactly sure what kind of staffing we would need. We did an application that included a supervisor for income eligible. We have not added that to this staffing table. It is totally paid from the income eligible funds. We have also asked for a permanent part-time case manager to be paid under Medicaid HCBS that will work totally in Harvey County. We are finding that that County is needing some additional services up there. We only have one person in Harvey County and it's becoming too much for her. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Lynn. Discussion on this item?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Mr. Chairman, just one thing. In the past we have been very careful not to increase staffing tables based upon other people's money except our own. We always try to make it clear to those folks that the decision doesn't reside with us at all about the future of those funds."

Ms. Melton said, "If the funds would go away, or if we do not have enough cases that would bring in enough Medicaid then we would have to eliminate the position."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I just want to make sure that it's fair to those folks that choose to take on this responsibility. Thank you, Lynn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Further discussion, if not what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the additions to the Department on Aging staffing table.

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 W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Lynn."

L. POLICY WAIVER TO HIRE A YOUTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ABOVE STEP 3.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have completed the recruitment and screening process for the Youth Service Division Administrator position. This is a range 26 position, second highest in the Corrections Department. The responsibility of the position include management and administration of our juvenile detention and juvenile treatment facilities. Approximately 160 employees in this division. I'm very pleased to report having an outstanding candidate Mr. Larry Ternes with more than 20 years experience in juvenile corrections in this area to recommend for hiring. However, in order to hire this individual I'll need your approval to provide a salary offer above step 3. Specifically it will take step 9, \$53,000 in order to hire this individual. Mr. Ternes has outstanding qualifications. He has worked in the field since 1977. His education in 1993, he earned a Masters Degree in management from Friends University. He has a Bachelor's Degree in social work and is a licensed social worker. His experience the last 5 ½ years he has been the program director of the DECCA Day Report Center which during his tenure he has been the only director and has become ACA accredited. Prior to that for 11 years he was the unit manager of the Juvenile Offender Unit at the Wichita Area SRS where he worked closely with our department. Prior to that he provided direct services as a social worker to offenders coming out of the youth centers. He was instrumental in working with our SYCP Program in its early days. An additional qualification that certainly strengthens team is Mr. Ternes is a member of the school board out in Goddard. Has political experience and experience in education and in our youth programs we work closely and operate two schools. At the Boys Ranch and at the Detention and Residential Facility that he will be very helpful in being part of that process. Funding to approve this request is available in the 1998 budget. If you have any questions I'd be happy to answer them."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. Thank you, Mark. Commissioner Miller."

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Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mark I simply have some clarifying questions once again. They have nothing to do with the integrity or the ability of Mr. Ternes because I do know who he is and have the utmost respect for him and the job he has done in the community. This just simply goes back to the old question of hiring from within and did we have individuals that were capable, had the abilities to assume this type of a role within the Sedgwick County structure?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Our candidate who came in second was from within the organization. Does not possess the combination of skills that includes a Masters Degree that is preferred in this job process and the combination of experience with running treatment programs. The experience on the front end that Mr. Ternes has in operating the Day Report Center. He is presently involved in implementing one of the prevention programs that you funded and is a skill and piece of information experience that does not exist with the other candidates that will strengthen our management team."

Commissioner Miller said, "I simply needed to hear that vocalized in fairness to employees that work within the department then they fill that indeed their was an individual or individuals that could have risen to the position that Mr. Ternes has assumed or is going to be offered. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Just a quick follow up. I think probably all of us agree with Commissioner Miller that when we can find somebody in-house that we like to do that. I think Mark Masterson is a perfect example of that. Mark I don't know where you started out with your first job with Sedgwick County but now being Director of our Corrections I think we're certainly pleased with the work that you're doing now and the tasks that lie ahead of you in the next few months. I'm going to be supportive of this and keep up the good work and I think you are an example of somebody that's been with Sedgwick County for quite a while. How long have you been with the County?"

Mr. Masterson said, "Since 1983. I started as a Juvenile Counselor at the Boys Ranch."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Been around a while. Further discussion on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the policy waiver.

Commissioner Gwin 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Mark. Next item please."

M. ADVANCE OF REMAINDER OF FUNDS FOR OLD COWTOWN MUSEUM VISITOR CENTER/STRATEGIC PLAN PROJECT.

Mr. Michael Knecht, Director, Old Cowtown Museum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today with Clark Bastien and Nick Dondlinger to discuss some of the changes that are taking place. It is an exciting out at Cowtown. We open for the 1998 season on the first of March and while the weather hasn't been the greatest during the month there has been about 1500 visitors' coming through the gates and taking a look at the history and heritage we're providing them the opportunity to see, learn from and enjoy it. This year when you come to Cowtown you'll see a lot of increased interpreted activity. We have about 11 interpreter's on the grounds seven days a week doing a lot of different hands on living history interpretation. One new item we added this year is we now have a 21 day rotating schedule of the activities. So everyday when you come out to Cowtown in addition to the normal black smithing and daily life activities, we have four or five different special activities such as forge welding, log hewing, butter churning. Activities each day that visitors' will have a chance to see and once again what we're trying to do is get visitors to come out and see us five times a year or more rather than once every five years. So we're looking at how do we change that product and get more people out to see us.

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“In addition, our Museum Store and Chuck Wagon Cafe operations which opened last year are being improved and increased this year as well. We now have daily specials in the Chuck Wagon, not just hot dogs and Bratwurst. So we have improved the menu there as well as in the Museum Store. In addition to that we have some exciting changes coming which you all have an illustration in front of you and it’s up here on the screen. To tell you a little bit more about the strategic plan and the capital improvements here is Clark Bastien one of our Trustees.”

Mr. Clark Bastien, Trustee, Old Cowtown Museum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you, Michael. I’m pleased to say the Strategic Plan implementation is going quite well at Cowtown. It was a little over two years ago that we gathered the stakeholders to find out what should the vision be for Old Cowtown Museum five years into the future and how do we build a road map to get there. We are doing that. One of the significant elements of that strategic plan is the 1880 Sedgwick County farm. Memorial Day weekend we will be opening to the public the 1880 Sedgwick County farm. We have been very busy the past nine months. Last summer we tore out half of our parking lot to make room for the farm and we have been renovating a period farm house and we’re in the process of constructing the barn, chicken coop, livestock and machinery sheds and they are located in this area. We will populate the farm with daemonic chickens, percheron horses, and red durham cattle. We will be interpreting planting, cultivation and harvesting in the wheat, corn and oat fields that have been prepared. Domestic tasks will be interpreted in canning, gardening, and caring for poultry. It will be a fantastic place for people to see. Nineteenth century demonstration farm right here in Kansas. And the progress is due in large part to the assistance of Sedgwick County. Cash advances over the past two years have served as a catalyst for Cowtowns development. I’m pleased to inform you to date Cowtown has raised pledges and gifts totally \$757,000. Additional contributions are expected that will take us over \$1,000,000 by the opening of the farm on Memorial Day weekend. We are here today on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Old Cowtown to request the Board of County Commissioners release the remaining \$427,454 to Cowtown for continuation of the strategic plan implementation. We certainly appreciate your consideration. Nick Dondlinger the President of our Board of Trustees has a few words also.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Clark. Welcome, Nick.”

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Mr. Nick Dondlinger, President, Board of Trustees Old Cowtown Museum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Well it’s not every day that we get to appear before you in person. I’d like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Old Cowtown Museum to thank the Board of County Commissioners for their support of Old Cowtown Museum. I would like to especially thank Jerry Harrison who serves on our Board of Trustees for the time and energy he has put in to Old Cowtown Museum. It is truly appreciated. It’s just an example of the County’s support. Not only the Board of Trustees but from all the County department’s and the general operating support the County has given us. It plays an integral part in the preservation and the presentation of County’s heritage at Old Cowtown. It is this partnership that will allow Old Cowtown Museum to grow in the future for the betterment of Sedgwick County in Kansas and for this we thank you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Nick. I appreciate you guys being here today and I will say that this has been a long process and I’ve got these kinds of drawings back in my office where it looks totally different from the first time that there was an idea to do something different at Cowtown. Maybe because of this period of time it has allowed you to put this in to prospective exactly of how you would like to see it. I think maybe there is some positive things to the length of time that we have taken to get to this point. I know back in 1988 I believe the County committed its funding of approximately \$800,000 to this project and that seems like a long time ago. I guess it is a long time ago. We had asked the City also, and you that ask the City to participate in an equal amount and we’re thrilled as to what has happened. We really appreciate all that you and your Board have done, the staff at Cowtown. Mike, you guys have done a wonderful job. It is one of those tourist stops now and we hope that this will make it even a better attraction. I for one think it is a great facility. My kids love it. Every body that I have talked to who has been through it is excited about the renovations and changes that you are making. Because they obviously will be positive ones and it’s going right along with what we’re doing at the Exploration Place. I think Wichita will offer a lot to this entire region and this is one of these facilities that will make Wichita a much better place and an exciting place to visit. I do have one question as a follow up to the funding aspect and I’m very supportive of giving you the balance of that \$800,000, what are the City’s plan in the process as move through this, where do you see them participating and how?”

Mr. Bastien said, “Well, the City has in this area. . .”

Chairman Schroeder asked, “When is that proposed to happen?”

Mr. Bastien said, “The City has I believe it was last August has expressed this site plan for Cowtown as a preferred site and the plans that we talked about that time was no sooner than January of 2001. The site would be available. That fits with our plans.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "If it's available 2001 then what is your construction time then to have those facilities ready and open."

Mr. Bastien said, "It will be at least a year."

Mr. Knecht said, "My hope is that the education center, 10,000 square foot structure that is existing that we can use that year of 2001 to prepare it so that we can open it in the spring of 2002 which will be the 50th anniversary of the opening of Old Cowtown Museum. I think timing wise it would be just wonderful to get our new gateway and entrance to the Museum in 2002. We are going to work over the next several years. We're already working with our architects, McCluggage, VanSickle, Perry to design how we are going to reutilize those three existing facilities so that when we do take ownership or acquire them we're ready to get right in there and re-design them and get them open."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That's fantastic. It's a wonderful project and I really appreciate your hard work on this. There are obviously some questions up here. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Not really questions, Mr. Chairman just an opportunity to comment on behalf of the citizens of Sedgwick County. I'm real happy to be involved in Old Cowtown. Since I have been elected I've seen Old Cowtown come alive. One of my long time complaints had been that it's a lovely place to stroll through but I never understood what it was I was seeing other than some old buildings or whatever. Through this process the fact that interpreters are now there available to show me, my family, my friends and visitors exactly what it is that happens to interpret our past and to really make it alive. I think it's a real plus. It was kind of lonesome before you know and it was kind of quiet with buildings closed and not very welcoming. So the fact that we do in fact have people there who can talk and demonstrate and make you feel a part of the experience and not apart from it has been such a wonderful improvement. I don't know whether it's too late for the County employees to sign up for memberships, payrolls are not, but I also noticed that we have the opportunity to do that out of payroll deduction to become members of Cowtown. I've done that and I signed up again and would encourage all of our employees to do the same. Their continuing contribution and the public's continuing contribution to Old Cowtown will only make it better."

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“I think something that will really be a shining star of exhibits and attractions in Wichita and Sedgwick County for years to come. I’m real excited about the farm and look forward to being able to watch that grow and change and all of the changes that you all have planned for the near future. It’s going to be extraordinary and I’m real excited about it. I appreciate Nick and Clark and the other trustees, your hard work because you all have really had to change the way you’ve done business and bring some new thoughts and new ideas about your involvement about what volunteers mean to Old Cowtown. Michael, you and your staff I can’t thank you enough for the vision and the attitude that you have brought to making good things happen. So, I’m excited about it, I look forward to all of the changes in the future and am delighted to be a part of it. Thanks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Commissioner Hancock.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well I can’t say much more than other Commissioners have said, we appreciate it, all the things you have done out there. You have responded so well. Any stableness that we might have given you through the original funding certainly you have made all that investment worth while for us. We have just been delighted with the results of anything that we have been able to do and what you’ve taken and gone way beyond I think sometimes our own expectations. We really appreciate that. Michael is in this thing I don’t know a couple weeks and he had spoke of concerns about the crop that was growing out there over the winter. So in my vast experience because of it, went out to have a look at it. Unfortunately, Michael it looks better than most of them I raised myself. They were working on the farm house, the construction workers, I thought I would cruise through there and see how the construction is going, but those guys looked like they didn’t want me around. I just looked at it from the fence and went on about my business and everything looked wonderful. I really appreciate what you have done. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “It’s great. Thank you. Obviously it sounds like you’ve got plenty of support and we wish you the best and looking forward to the day it’s all completed and that we can take that stroll through Cowtown and really have an interactive part in what it felt like back in that era. That era again is eighteen seventy what. . .?”

Mr. Knecht said, “Eighteen sixty five to eighteen eighty.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Eighteen sixty five to eighteen eighty.”

Mr. Knecht said, “Correct.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Well, it's great you guys have done a wonderful job. Super. Any other questions or comments? Gentlemen, do you have anything else you would like to say, Mike, Nick? Thank you for being here. Clark, thank you, appreciate it. Further discussion on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the funds advance.

Commissioner Hancock 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Thank you gentlemen, again for being here. Next item please."

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N. BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH RAYTHEON AIRCRAFT CO. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF GOEBEL STREET. DISTRICT #1.

Mr. Jim Weber, Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In item N-1 we are requesting your approval of a Contract with Raytheon Aircraft for private construction of public street improvements serving their property. Raytheon has requested the vacation of a portion of Goebel Street and Byrd Streets within their property and as a condition of the vacation they are required to provide suitable turn arounds for both streets. Raytheon has proposed reconstruction of Goebel along with construction of a new segment of street that will connect the south end of Goebel with the south end of Byrd. All cost of this work including design, right of way acquisition, construction staking, inspection and street construction will be paid for by Raytheon. Joe Freeman who is with their plan engineering people is here today if you have any questions. We would request your approval of the recommended action."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Discussion on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

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2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS OF TOWNSHIP ROADS WITHIN VALLEY CENTER TOWNSHIP, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. DISTRICT #4.

Mr. Mark Borst, P.E., Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This Resolution before you this morning is for the intersection of 97th Street North and Hoover and it will be provide westbound stop control at this T intersection. Several years ago the County did build a bridge on Hoover immediately south of this intersection and the township has stated that we've had sight restriction since that time due to part of the bridge railing. That is, in fact, partly true as well as some other growths. I do recommend that we do allow the township to install a stop sign. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Mark. Discussion on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Miller 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 W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Mark. Next item please."

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3. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING A CERTAIN STREET TO THE MORTON TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. David Spears, Deputy, Bureau of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential development in accordance with County standards, that road is then assigned to the township system. In this particular case, 383rd Street West Court in the Northridge Estate Sub-division which is located near 23rd Street South and 375th Street West will become the responsibility of Morton Township. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution.

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, David. Next item please."

O. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' MARCH 26, 1998 REGULAR MEETING.

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you Minutes of March 26, 1998 Meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are five items for consideration.

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**(1) PAVING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS-BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

“Item one is paving & drainage improvements for the Bureau of Public Services on Country Club Court. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Asphalt Construction. That amount is \$517,386.40.

**(2) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

“Item two is bridge improvements for the Bureau of Public Services. The projects on Greenwich Road between Kellogg & Central. It was recommended to accept the low bid of King Construction. That amount is \$835,427.75.

**(3) TIMBER PLANKS - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

“Item three is various sizes of timber planks also for the Bureau of Public Services. It was recommended to accept the low total bid of Riley’s Builders. That amount is \$68,296.”

**(4) TOILET TISSUE - BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES
FUNDING: BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES**

“Item four is toilet tissue for the Bureau of Central Services. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Southwest Paper. That amount is \$18,445.

**(5) ANNUAL SECURITY SYSTEM MAINTENANCE-CENTRAL SERVICES
FUNDING: BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES**

“Item five is the annual security system maintenance for the Bureau of Central Services for the Adult Detention Facility. That amount with Simplex Time Recorder is \$72,542. I’ll be happy to take questions and would recommend approval of the Minutes provided by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Darren. Discussion on this item? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Darren. Next item please."

CONSENT AGENDA

P. CONSENT AGENDA. .

1. Right-of-Way Easements.

- a. One Dedication of Abutter's Access Rights and one Floodway Reserve Easement as a condition of Vacation Case V-1990.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract.

<u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Rent</u> <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>District</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
C98015	\$385.00	5	Springcreek Apartments

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- 3. 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>
C871020	\$200.00	\$205.00
V871019	\$235.00	\$289.00
C862026	\$97.00	\$118.00
V94034	\$209.00	\$223.00
V96042	\$227.00	\$220.00
V96041	\$260.00	\$215.00
C96027	\$59.00	\$58.00
C97031	\$222.00	\$235.00
V97053	\$325.00	\$285.00

- 4. Consideration of the Check Register of March 27, 1998.**
- 5. Order dated March 25, 1998 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980144	Finance General	
	Organizational Development	Transfer
980145	Personnel	Transfer
980146	Information Services	Transfer
980147	Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
980148	Physical Disabilities	Transfer
980149	Aging	Transfer
980150	Aging	Supplemental Appropriation
980151	Aging	Supplemental Appropriation
980152	Corrections-Juvenile	
	Justice Field Services	Transfer
980153	Road and Bridge	
	Sales Tax	Transfer

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980154	Country Club Court Addition-Street	Supplemental Appropriation
980155	1998 Bridge Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
980156	Detention Facility Expansion	Supplemental Appropriation

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

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Gwin 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "We do not have a Fire or Sewer Agenda as I see here. At this time, Commissioners, other business."

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Q. OTHER

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 40 minutes to consider consultation of legal counsel on matters privileged in attorney client relationship relating to legal advise and personnel matters of non-elected personnel and preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of real property for public purposes. The Board of County Commissioners will return from Executive no sooner than 11:10 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 W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

R. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

MARK F SCHROEDER, Chairman
Fifth District

PAUL W. HANCOCK, Chairman Pro Tem
Second District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner
First District

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Commissioner
Third District

MELODY C. MILLER, Commissioner
Fourth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

_____, 1998