

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

May 2, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, May 2, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chair Carolyn McGinn; with the following present: Vice Chair Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Marty Bryan, LMLP, Children and Family Services, COMCARE; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD); Mr. R.J. Brassfield, Facility Manager, Judge Riddel Boys Ranch; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Operations, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE; Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources Department; Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Nikki Soice, Volunteer.

Ms. Jo Brown, Member, Advisory Council on Aging.

Mr. Cliff Helms, Member, Advisory Council on Aging.

'Mary', mother, child with mental illness.

Ms. Liz McGinnis, Coordinator, Psychological Services, Wichita Public Schools.

Mr. Duane Petersen, Board Member, Kansas Grown!.

Ms. Kathy Pike, President, Kansas Grown!.

Mr. Terry Hutter, Manager, Programs for Adolescents and Adults, Exploration Place.

Ms. Luella Sanders, Homeless Program.

INVOCATION

The Invocation as led by Phil Lamar, Chaplain for Via Christi.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chair McGinn said, “Before we call the next item, I would just like to mention the reporter for the Wichita Eagle that covers Sedgwick County Commission meetings is Dion Lefler and I would certainly like to extend our congratulations to him. He is the first place recipient of the National Headliner award for a portfolio of business articles that he had written at the Wichita Eagle. And I understand he had some tough competition. The second place winner was a Detroit newspaper and the third place winner went to U.S.A. Today. The National Headliner Awards are among the nation’s most prestigious awards for journalism and we’re very pleased to have Dion join us each week to write about County business, and again, we share our congratulations to him and the Wichita Eagle.”

“Clerk, call the next item.”

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARD

A. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AWARD TO NIKKI SOICE.

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, today we have another award recipient of the Community Enrichment award. And this award we started this year to say thanks to some of the folks out there that aren’t always in the paper and on the news and that type of thing for the work that they do in our community. And many times the work that they do helps us do our job, as elected officials, and they certainly help our citizens.

“Today, our recipient is Nikki Soice and I’d like to have her make a few comments, but before you do, I’d like to read why you’re here today. Nikki Soice has been involved in several Sedgwick County efforts. She has been a long-time member of the Solid Waste Planning Committee. She has visited other communities with us, to see how they deal with trash and recycling. And she’s provided her expertise on the Public Education Subcommittee, often assisting at public events, such as Earth Day and the Lawn, Flower and Garden shows. She most recently has been involved with the Sedgwick County Nuisance Task Force. She invested a lot of time and energy helping to rewrite our nuisance code. Nikki served as a drug prevention specialist, working with area schools on drug prevention issues. She does direct work with kids and also works with teachers and administrators to develop programs.

“Nikki, on behalf of the Sedgwick Commissioners, we want to extend this as our appreciation for what you do in our community. Thank you.

“One of the things I didn’t share was how many years you’ve been on the Solid Waste Committee and I know, I think you’ve been there since the beginning, and if you would just kind of share a

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little bit about how that process has gone and this latest thing is the Nuisance Task Force and that was certainly an exciting issue to have to deal with and you were very instrumental in helping us work through that.”

Ms. Nikki Soice, Volunteer, said, “Well, I think that the Solid Waste Committee had been in existence a little while before I got to the committee. I was appointed and said yes, frankly because I lived at the Moorings and we knew that there was going to be a landfill issue come up over there. The most I knew about trash was that you were supposed to take it out and you were supposed to put it on the corner and that was the total sum of what I knew about trash. And it’s been a real awakening. There are issues there that I never knew existed and I still have to think them through, every time they come up. I think, ‘Now, what is it that means’. We took trips. We took a bus trip. Kristi was reminding me, we went down to Tulsa and toured facilities down there, trying to decide what it is we do with that trash and trying to help you guys make that decision. We didn’t know what we were doing lots of times. The committee has evolved, it has changed. When the County took it, the committee became much bigger which caused some learning, growing problems. Everybody wants to have a voice and it’s hard to hear when there are 30 people in the room, but we got that done. And it’s down now to just kind of maintenance and seeing what new issues might come before us.

“The Nuisance Committee was another learning experience. I had no idea what I was getting into. It was very interesting.”

Chair McGinn said, “We didn’t know what we were getting into either.”

Ms. Soice said, “But it was interesting. It was a real growth opportunity and I thank you for that.”

Chair McGinn said, “Would you tell us just a little bit about what you do for drug prevention for the schools?”

Ms. Soice said, “Sure. I work as a drug prevention specialist. I do drug education, suicide prevention, gang prevention, violence prevention, all those prevention issues. And schools come to me when there is a crisis, but I’ve tried to discourage that to get on the prevention side, so that we’re doing curriculum ahead. And about 15 years ago, I started looking at media’s influence on kids and their behaviors and really focused most of my work in what’s the media’s role and how can we respond to that in teaching kids and parents and staff how to utilize the media to learn from it. So, when a school calls I end up going and I also do drug survey analysis for the school system.”

Chair McGinn said, “Well, we certainly appreciate that, as well, because of our part in drug prevention and all kinds of prevention programs for the children of our community. So, thank you very much. And I see your husband is here, too.”

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Ms. Soice said, "Yes, he is. Mr. Larry decided to join me this morning."

Chair McGinn said, "Thanks for being here today. Thank you very much."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Just an additional note. Nikki and Larry have been very active members in our community, both of them, and I appreciate . . . Congratulations to you, Nikki. Well deserved and Larry, thank you, too, for being here and for your involvement in our community. Thank you both."

Chair McGinn said, "Clerk, call the next item please."

PROCLAMATIONS

B. PROCLAMATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 6-12, 2001 AS "SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK.

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation I'd like to read into the record."

PROCLAMATION

"WHEREAS, there are more than 30,000 reported suicide deaths in this nation every year, the eighth leading cause of death for all Americans and the third leading cause of death for young people aged 15-24; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 16 attempted suicides for each completed suicide; and suicide attempts are also expressions of extreme distress that need to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has issued a Call to Action to Prevent Suicide which identifies suicide as a Public Health Issue and that Suicide can be reduced through awareness, education and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County has named a Suicide Prevention Task Force and acknowledges that support must be given for educational programs, research projects and intervention services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Carolyn McGinn, Chair of the Board of

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Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2001 as

“SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK”

in Sedgwick County.

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Hi. You’re not Dr. Magruder, so you’ll have to introduce yourself.”

Ms. Liz McGinnis, Coordinator, Psychological Services, Wichita Public Schools, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m here as one of the seventeen members of the Suicide Prevention Task Force. We would like to thank you, as a Board, for the vision and the insight in taking a look at this significant issue in our community. We are working hard, as a task force, to identify the variables that surround the core issues of suicide, so that we can do a better job of prevention and intervention. This is a significant issue for our community, as well as others and we’re working hard to address that concern. We will keep the Board updated on our progress, as we move through this issue, and we’ll continue to give you input. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “There’s some other members here today. Could you introduce them please.”

Ms. McGinnis said, “Certainly. Debbie Donaldson with COMCARE. Terry Moses with the Wichita Police Department. Jon Burghart with COMCARE and Beth Baalman.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you very much for being here today. And do you know when we will have the next update? You said you’ll be updating us periodically.”

Ms. McGinnis said, “We can provide that after our next meeting.”

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Chair McGinn said, "Okay. All right. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I'll just make one comment. I do really appreciate folks pulling together on this suicide prevention. We had, just yesterday in the news, these two accounts of two folks being in detention and going through that process and, as I listen to part of the media, it was interesting to see their concern about it and that was one time that I could at least think, 'Well, there is a task force out there now that is really trying to deal with this issue in a different way'. And, of course, the media didn't know about the task force, but I thought I wanted to call up and say, 'We do have people in our community that are aware and are concerned and working on this issue'. So, I certainly appreciate, as all of us do, the work that the task force is putting together and we're going to be interested in looking at whatever it might be, prevention, education issues that we can help, as Sedgwick County Commissioners, to distribute to the community. So, thanks for all your work."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Clerk, call the next item please."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 6-12 AS "CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Madam Chair, I'd like to read this into the record, on behalf of the Chair and the Commission."

PROCLAMATION

"WHEREAS, children and adolescents who have been diagnosed with severe emotional disorders must be supported in their attempts to remain in the home and in the community; and

WHEREAS, one of every twenty children and adolescents is severely emotionally disabled; and

WHEREAS, without support, the cost to keep these children in their families and in the community can be devastating to families; and

WHEREAS, efforts to provide education and information in the community regarding mental illness and its effect on all aspects of the lives of children and adolescents must continue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Carolyn McGinn, Chair of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2001 as

"CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Hi. And we have Marty Bryne here from COMCARE.”

Ms. Marty Bryan, LMLP, Children and Family Services Program, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m honored to accept this proclamation on behalf of children and families in our community. I also accept this proclamation on behalf of our community partners, who I would like to name. They include the Mental Health Association, Family Consultation Service, the Breakthrough Club, U.S.D. 259 with whom we have Project Wraparound Wichita, School Violence Prevention Program and also, our newest partner, SRS with whom we have Project 275, whose aim is to try to keep children with severe emotional problems in their homes and out of SRS custody.

“I wanted to tell you a little bit about activities that we have surrounding Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week. They included the art show, whose judging was last Saturday, at the Wichita Public Library, but the art continues on display through this week. The children’s art work will be compiled into a calendar and we’ll make sure that you all get copies of that calendar. And then, coming up on May the 12th, Saturday, at Joyland Park, we have Family Fest, which is a day-long activity for children and families involved in our system of care. They have fun and games, food, activities. So, it should be a real fun day.

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“I would now like to introduce Mary, who is a parent of a child in our system of care. And she would like to talk about what services have meant to her and her family.”

Mary, mother of child with mental illness, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I want to thank you for inviting me here today to tell you a little bit about my 15-year-old son, Mike. Mike also has five other brothers in his family and he is the second to the youngest. For years, my son grew up in a very abusive home, due to his dad’s drug and alcohol use. After 15 years of marriage, I divorced his father, which caused Mike to have a lot of anger towards me for making his father leave.

“Two years later, I met a man, through my church, which he also had six children. A year later, we married and because of so many years of my children being my family and I was involved with them, it was another time that was a difficult time for my son.

“Because of Mike’s illness, his behavior and his problems caused some problems in our marriage. At one point, his step-dad and I separated, but through counseling, we got back together. We also went in to seek help through therapy, but she thought Mike’s problems were more than what she could handle. So, I then investigated and looked for help for him. We took him to several different doctors. I took him to Charter. I took him to Saint Joseph Hospital but as soon as our insurance would run out, they would send him home, even though he was a danger to himself and others.

“I kept asking for help but I never seemed to find any at this time. Several months later, my son had to deal with his dad’s death, which he drowned, which then caused Mike to go into a very deep depression and his anger got even worse. He also, during this time, was having a lot of difficulty in the schools. Daily, I received calls that he was being suspended because of his out-of-control behavior. He started stealing, lying, fighting with his friends and his family.

“My life was going up and down. It was hard for me to keep a job, which eventually I had to give up to stay home and take care of my son. Then, one Saturday afternoon, my nightmare began. My son attempted suicide by hanging himself off my front porch. I almost lost my son that day. He was again taken to Saint Joseph hospital, where a very nice nurse asked why we weren’t getting help from a place called COMCARE, a system of care for severely emotionally disturbed children. I had no idea what she was talking about but she referred Mike to this service and he began to receive services such as case management, individual therapy, in-home therapy, attendant care and a lot of other services that helped my son.

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“He seemed to be doing better for a while. He had his ups and downs and then he got into trouble. He was arrested for threatening a neighbor and, again, COMCARE was there to help us through this difficult time. I thought Mike was making a lot of progress but now he is trying to deal with a lot of his problems by self-medicating. Again, some one from COMCARE has been there to help both Mike and I.

“When we are going through our most difficult times, I ask God why had he given me this burden to carry. One day he answered that prayer for me. At this time, I now work for the Mental Health of Kansas, as a parent support worker, helping other families find services for their children.

“At this time, I want to thank you for your support and your help and encourage that you continue to do so in the future, because you are helping us keep families in their homes. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you, Mary, for sharing your story because I’m sure there are other people that perhaps watch our show that may be dealing and struggling with some of those same issues that you are and just, as you said, you’d never heard of this thing called COMCARE, perhaps there are other people out there as well. So, thank you very much for sharing.

“Clerk, call the next item please.”

3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2001 AS “OLDER AMERICAN’S MONTH.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, generally I read proclamation, but I didn’t feel like I was qualified to read this one and so I’d like to ask our senior commissioner, Commissioner Sciortino, to read this into the record.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chairman.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Older Sedgwick County citizens exemplify the “Many Faces of Aging” which is the theme for this year’s Older American’s Month. Each older citizen is a unique member of our society, investing their varied experiences and wisdom to help enrich and enhance the community and the lives of younger generations; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized as a time for the nation to come together and honor the contributions of older persons- past, present and future; and

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WHEREAS, over 30,000 older adults were served in 2000 through the wide variety of services, educational programs and wellness programs, funded through Sedgwick County, State and Federal funds. With these services, seniors are able to remain independent and contribute to their own health and well-being and the health and well-being of their fellow citizens of all ages; and

WHEREAS, these services affirm the dignity, self-worth and independence of each older person; and

WHEREAS, today, more than ever, people are living longer, healthier, and more active lives by sharing their experiences, skills and knowledge the older adults in Sedgwick County can improve their community and the lives of all generations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Vice Chair of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

“OLDER AMERICAN’S MONTH”

and call upon all citizens in Sedgwick County to recognize the special contributions of the older adults.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Very good.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “And here today we have Ms. Jo Brown and, I’m sorry, I don’t have your name.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I know his name. His name is Cliff Helms.”

Mrs. Jo Brown, Member, Advisory Council on Aging, said, “I came here today at the request of the Council on Aging. I’m on the advisory committee and I got all the way to your parking lot and remembered that I had purchased a beautiful rose for Carolyn and I didn’t bring it. But as I have a sign in my office that says, ‘Senility isn’t so bad. You keep meeting new friends’. I do have the rose and the next time I come, I will bring it or I will make a special trip. It’s a red rose and it’s artificial, so it’s going to live. I wanted you to have it. I hope that you other commissioners are as active in your particular group as Carolyn is. I go to so many things, and Carolyn is always there to give encouragement. She’s just a wonderful person and I wanted to thank her for appointing me to this Council on Aging. It has been a very gratifying experience in my senior years. Thank you so much. And I think Cliff has something probably sensible to say.”

Mr. Cliff Helms, Member, Advisory Council on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We really do appreciate this honor that you’ve bestowed on the Sedgwick County aging population, the seniors. As we all age, and that’s better than the alternative, of course, it’s good to know that we have support from the County, through the mill levy and other means and it’s also good to know of all the providers that are out there. We heard about providers for other areas here, but we also have a lot of providers for these seniors and we appreciate that, but what makes that possible, in many cases, is support from Sedgwick County, through the mill levy and other means, and we do appreciate that.

“I would like to recognize two people here this morning. One, Annette Graham, she’s the Director of Sedgwick County Department on Aging and her assistant, Monica Cissell. And they both work very hard, I think, to help the seniors of Sedgwick County and we appreciate that. I, too, am on the advisory council and vice-chair and we see many things. Before I was on this council, I didn’t realize all of the avenues of support that’s out there and it would be my wish to the seniors that they, too, learn about and find out about all of the opportunities that are out there, from employment to support in home to wherever it might be, there are many areas of support and we do appreciate that.

“We also would like to invite all of the Commissioners and all of the aging, all of the seniors, to May the 24th at 2:00 at 21st, which is 2121 East 21st, the Northeast Sedgwick Senior Center there. We would like to have everyone come over for a reception at 2:00. We invite you, as well as the

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seniors in Sedgwick County. Thank you so much for the honor.”

Chair McGinn said, “Hang on here. We may have a question or a comment. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a comment. Cliff, you could have said something nice about me, too, to offset all that stuff that was said. That’s okay. No problem. I’ll still keep you on the Board. I had occasion to be with Annette, yesterday, at Linwood Senior Center. She does go around, on a periodic basis, to do exactly what was recommended, to inform the seniors of all the services that are available, all of the hot-line numbers that, if they have a unique situation, instead of just thinking that there’s no help, there’s a number that they can call to see what services are available. Plus, as I understand it, the directors of the senior centers have a pretty good feel for what services are available. Linwood has a unique problem we were exposed to last night. The one thing I can tell you, don’t play pool with a senior citizen. They have a very active group of fellows that get together and shoot pool and their room is so small, they have to have a little stubby cue stick. And the first thing we were hit up with was could they expand that and could they take over this other room. They would do all the work, if we would . . . but I thought I would play a game of pool and then I decided that wasn’t a good idea. They’re pretty good pool players.

“But no, I wanted to point out, Annette does go out and pro-actively seek seniors and let them know of our services, because that’s one of the things that’s the most depressing is we have a lot of services, not only for seniors but, as this one young lady pointed out about COMCARE, not being availed of the knowledge of the services is a continual problem that we have that we try to address. So, I congratulate both of you and I hope to see you Thursday evening. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “I want to thank you both for being here today, but mostly for taking the time to serve our community. We certainly appreciate that. Thank you. And I agree with you, Commissioner Sciortino. Annette is out there. I, too, have been on the senior tour and visiting some of the sites and that’s a real good opportunity to learn about what different centers are doing for the folks in their community and what’s important to them. Thank you. Next item please.”

CITIZEN INQUIRY

C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE KANSAS GROWN! FARMERS MARKET ORGANIZATION.

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Chair McGinn said, “We have Duane Petersen. Please come forward. For our viewing audience, we do have an opportunity for the public to come forward and share their thoughts on issues or anything for that matter. They just have to have a request, in writing, to the Manager’s Office prior to the meeting. Today, we have Duane Petersen, and we generally limit comment to about five minutes but we’ll see where we are by that time. So, just give your name and address please.”

Mr. Duane Petersen, Board Member, Kansas Grown!, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you, Commissioners. And with me is Kathy Pike, the better looking of the two of us. She’s the president of Kansas Grown! this year. And we thought, since we were using your property, it’s probably time that we got a little better acquainted.

“Kansas Grown! market opened June 30th, 1990 at Towne West Square. Five stalls were filled. Gradually, the market grew in size. However, in 1995, the City of Wichita decided that Towne West was not properly zoned for an outdoor market. In addition, if the market could be maintained, and that was questionable, and that would be an area around the former Mr. Steak building, a directional sign would be required with a fee of \$247, with professional installation, of course. In addition, a stand license for each vendor would be required with a \$50 per season, \$6 per day. This stand license would have to be picked up by vendors each week at City Hall. Needless to say, we began looking for a new site. It might seem that the City of Wichita did not want competition with the already established Farm and Art Market, but we are sure this is a complete misreading of the facts.

“Luckily, in 1995, the County Extension Office was in the midst of a campaign to encourage small growers in the area. In light of this campaign and our obvious need, Kansas Grown! was invited to move our operations to the north side of the County Extension building at 21st and Ridge. In 1995, this was sufficient. By 1999, we needed more space and, by agreement, were allowed to expand into the west parking lot of the Extension building. This, in effect, tripled our size, all of it sorely needed.

“Kansas Grown! is now the largest outdoor market in Kansas and we are a Saturday morning social event for many people. Our mission has always been to procure the best produce grown and produced in this area. We are very vigilant, inspecting growers when necessary and requiring that those growing operations be open to inspection when questions arise as to the origins of the produce sold. Crafts must also be locally produced.

“We are governed by a board of directors elected at our fall meeting. Kansas Grown! also has a membership board, which rules on membership applications and disputes between growers. Our market manager, hired by our board of directors, in charge of the day-to-day operation of the market as outlined by our by-laws and our operational rules.

“Problems, space. Space is a problem for us. Kansas Grown! market has grown until we averaged

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44.3 spaces rented last year, but in the month of June and July, we averaged 53 and 57.6 spaces. We don't know who the point six was. However, Kansas Grown! space can accommodate only 61 stalls for its 88 members. This means that Kansas Grown! may have to limit membership and, indeed, no new members were allowed after the 1st of July last year. We don't know what the solution is, but the members and officers are aware that we could be victims of our own success. It's not a bad problem to have.

“Lawsuit; Kansas Grown! is not immune to lawsuits, as no one is these days. Kansas Grown! officers are now fully insured against suits and Kansas Grown! customers are also protected by liability insurance.

“Here we may have been a little tardy, but as growers of produce and makers of gee-gaws, we have been a little oblivious of the 20th Century and its litigious outlook. We have taken steps to rectify this situation.

“Kansas Grown!’s most pressing need is to insure the stability of our site at the Educational Center. We would welcome a lease with Sedgwick County that would allow us to plan on a continuing presents at our present site. We have only to look at the problems that have occurred at the Farm and Art Market, since it's moved to its new site at Old Town, to realize that long-term stability is a necessity. Growers must be able to plan, sometimes years in advance. The consequences of moving a market of our size are often enormous and the consequences of losing it might be even more serious.

“Lastly, and I think I'm well within my five minutes, I hope, Kansas Grown! and its members wants to thank the County Extension Agency and, in particular, Bob Neier and Bev Dunning. They have been most helpful to our organization. We give aid to the County Extension Service whenever possible, cooperating with Herb Day and Tomato Day with market-bucks, which are one dollar certificates for free merchandise and we contribute to other educational programs, monetarily, at the organization.

“We also wish to thank the Sedgwick County Commissioners for your patience in listening to our presentation. As a reward, we have two baskets of gifts that we will leave for you. These gifts represent a little of the Kansas bounty, which Kansas Grown! distributes each Saturday morning, from 7 till 12, May through October. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you very much for being here today. And that was certainly very

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informative. All right, that one is mine.”

Mr. Petersen said, “By the way, you can’t eat the fern and you can’t eat the iris and please don’t eat the doggy biscuits.”

Chair McGinn said, “But you can eat the asparagus that I’ve got my eyes on.”

Ms. Kathy Pike, President, Kansas Grown!, said, “We’d like to present you with two baskets, and there are enough items that you do not have to bicker over them too much. We have fresh asparagus, jams and jellies. We have home-made nutritious dog biscuits. We have some herb vinegars, we have fresh herbs and we also have some wonderful, fresh, greenhouse tomatoes. And this is a sample of what is being offered, starting this Saturday. So, you can tell that the vendors have been working since last fall to prepare for the 1st of May.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. Could you once again say the hours and the days that the Kansas Grown! market is open for the viewers here?”

Ms. Pike said, “Yes. The market opens at 7 and lasts till 12, each Saturday, May through October.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “And when will they have good roasting ears ready to go.”

Ms. Pike said, “The roasting ears usually occur a little bit in the middle of July. Just depending on our weather.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, great.”

Chair McGinn said, “I can tell its been a big success. I drive by that corner a lot and I’ve watched it, over the years, really grow. And as my gardening time has gone downhill, your site looks more attractive to me, because I’m not getting much done in my own garden. So, appreciate it. Thank you.

“Kristi, can you just have that stuff put in the break room, and as Chair, I will see that it’s divided up equally. Thank you. Next item please.”

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

B. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

- 1. CASE NUMBERS DED2001-00008, DED2001-00009 AND DED2001-000010 - DEDICATIONS (THREE) OF STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY, LOCATED**

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NORTH OF 53RD STREET NORTH, EAST OF RIDGE ROAD.

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Let me take you up the road a few miles, on Ridge Road, to 53rd and Ridge, where you had two sand extraction cases on either side of 53rd, near Ridge Road that were approved recently. One of the conditions of approval, for both of those cases, was to dedicate right-of-way for future improvements along the frontages of the two properties in question. These three dedication instruments represents the owners providing those dedications. So, normally these would be on the consent agenda, but since I'm hear, I guess I'm asking you to accept those dedications."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Marvin?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to accept the Dedications and record the instruments with the Register of Deeds.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Marvin, for bringing us something that's not as . . ."

Mr. Krout said, "That's my gift for the day is that I'm bringing you no controversial zoning cases."

Chair McGinn said, "Short item there. All right, next item please."

2. MONTHLY REPORT.

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Mr. Krout said, “You have the written report for March, but let me talk about March and April, since we’re already into May and I’ll follow up with a written report shortly. The Planning Commission heard 66 zoning and subdivision items over the last two months. They included our usual quota these days of car lots and towers, which do continue. We also had a request, it was a City request, but I know we’ve talked about manufactured home parks here where we had a significant case in south Wichita area. It was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission but the City Council denied a request to expand into about 25 acres with almost 200 new manufactured home units, deciding there were other opportunities already available and that the market didn’t really demand that we provide additional sites at this time.

“We also had another kind of interesting case. I know you all drive on Rock Road. It’s a City case, but you may remember the old game of how many college students can you fit into a phone booth. Well, this is how many restaurants can you fit on Rock Road. What we actually had was the Sundance Apartments, if you can picture the apartments that are right across from Bradley Fair, that have those nice palm trees in the windows of their pool house. What they’re asking to do is take the entire frontage off of Rock Road, about four pad sites, for more restaurant, retail, bank-type locations on Rock Road. It’s still very popular and there’s very little undeveloped land that’s left on the Rock Road corridor. Initially, we didn’t think that we could afford to attract anymore traffic to Rock Road but we ran the numbers and projected the traffic. The City is making some major improvement, soon, at Rock and 21st Street and the numbers do work. So, that case isn’t finalized but it is going through the process and, so far, there was no opposition to redeveloping a portion of Rock Road, from residential to commercial uses.

“Also, some good news for one of the older neighborhoods in the City, the 21st and Broadway area. KPTS rezoned property to do a major expansion of their office facilities, which are at 21st and Waco for the Channel 8 facilities that are there. And I think that that will be a good base of operations and keep employment and investment in that particular area.

“We had numerous hearings and discussions with the Planning Commission on a number of zoning amendments, a package of zoning amendments that’s been developed by the Planning Commission since last fall really. They’ve been talking about it and we had hearings a couple of months ago. Those hearings were continued. Some of the amendments, and I’ll try to visit with you before they get to you on Wednesday, some of the amendments have to do with providing some more flexibility for residential development, both in newer and older areas, in terms of setbacks and lot size and those sorts of things.

“We are dealing, in the zoning code, with sex oriented businesses, to provide an additional tool that reinforces the resolution that you already passed last year concerning the future of those uses, especially where they’re non-conforming to your spacing requirements. We had the industry, the

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new industry that seems to be emerging that's interested in placing portable storage containers at various locations, not just for construction, but sometimes for extra storage uses for businesses, mostly on a temporary or seasonal basis, and provided some more flexibility for those to locate in areas where, the limited commercial areas, where storage has been limited to date. And then there's a variety of others.

"We also touched on the parking of vehicles and equipment in the front yards of residential lots, both in the City and the County. It's an area that's excluded from the resolution that you just passed. And that's an area that needs more work, we decided, after hearing from a number of residents, including some of the people who spoke to you, I'm sure, on your resolution. So, we're taking our time on that and working through the issues that have been raised. But probably will come back to you with that in a couple of months.

"It is a big package. You'll see an awful lot of Planning Commission minutes. They've spent a lot of time working on those. The Planning Commission also discussed one issue that was raised last summer, when you approved the Comprehensive Plan, which was looking at the issue of notification in the subdivision process. And the Planning Commission decided, by consensus, that they would try out the system of posting signs. Not providing written notification to neighbors, but posting signs on properties, like we do for zoning-related items for subdivision cases as well, so that people in the vicinity, if they have an interest, can call and find out what's happening, how is land being developed in their neighborhood.

"Speaking of the Comprehensive Plan, the advisory committee has finished their work and you should have their completed report and we're hoping to be able to schedule for you, maybe in an En Banc session with the City Council, maybe not, a report from the chairman of that committee, Stan Longhoffer from Wichita State, on the recommendations that did achieve consensus, which really deals mostly with rural areas in the County more than they do with the City of Wichita. I think you'll find those interesting.

"We have been working with City and County departments, trying to coordinate efforts to cooperate on what's called an Intelligent Transportation System. That's use of technology for transportation and emergency services. Those efforts continue and we've organized training sessions and meetings to try to discuss some of the early deployment issues regarding ITS.

"We also have been assisting consultants who are preparing access management policies for a committee that I think I've talked about before. A draft report is out now and we're meeting with interest groups and local citizens to try to get input and we're also trying to develop what I would call a laymen's summary version of that report, because it is very technical and initially seemed to go over the heads of some of the committee members.

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“The South Area Transportation Plan, that’s something that we talked about. We had, if you remember, that subdivision that was possibly in the corridor of a future road that might go, extended south, from K-96 at Kellogg. Our patience, I guess, has been rewarded. We do have pledges now from the State Transportation Department and the Kansas Turnpike Authority for a significant amount of funding, to try to get a study underway. Commissioner Sciortino was chairing the committee that we had late last year, where we talked about that. I think we’re probably ready to sit down again and then bring that committee together and see if we can raise the rest of the money that will probably be needed to initiate that study.

“We prepared our budget and I guess I’ll be talking to you in a few weeks about that. We provided an orientation to two new Planning Commissioners that have been appointed by the City Council within the last month or two. We’ve been meeting with citizens in College Hill and Delano both on issues where they are interested in possibly changing their zoning map and how it affects their property. So far, Towne West hasn’t come to us and asked to change their zoning to allow for farm and art markets, but they may someday. And we’ve also been participating in meetings of the City and County staff committees on the Capital Improvement Programs which, for a change, are sort of in sync with each other and so there is a little more coordination maybe than has happened previously, in terms of timing.”

Chair McGinn said, “Marvin, who are the new committee members for the MAPC?”

Mr. Krout said, “Dorman Blake, appointed by Council Member Gale, and Elizabeth Bishop, appointed by Council Member Fearey.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, and so the other new member was Carl Brewer. Has he . . .?”

Mr. Krout said, “No, he hasn’t made an appointment. All of the City Council appointments would, traditionally, come up in June and so, sometimes, Council Members will let the current person in that position ride out the rest of their term but by June, I guess, everyone will be making new appointments, including these two new appointments, may or may not be reappointed.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you. Just on one of your day-to-day activities, and it may not be of system-wide importance, but I see that you have met with the property management staff on the future of the Wichita Mall. That certainly has to be a challenging process there, doesn’t it?”

Mr. Krout said, “It sure is. There’s an awful lot of vacant space and, obviously, the prospects for large-scale retail development are much more limited. I think the news was better over at Towne

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West, where Dillard's decided that they could expand into the Wards space. But I don't think the market offers the same opportunities in Towne West [sic] but there are other opportunities and we've had discount stores that have turned into self-storage warehouse, into limited manufacturing, and assembly uses. We've seen other locations, the Twin Lakes location has . . . a large portion of Twin Lakes has converted to office uses and when you have telemarketing or other office uses where, you know, you can have large spaces that can be adapted that way, it works fairly well. Unfortunately, we had a day reporting center that was considered an office use that raised a little controversy at Twin Lakes. But it's a real problem in many cities, where the markets have changed and the population has moved out and the incomes have changed. How do you re-adapt these centers. There are some real exciting possibilities. There may be potentials for mixed use, including some residential redevelopment in areas like that in the future."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, that will be real interesting. You know, you can see the success of the Eastgate Shopping Center but it is rewarded by its location. And so, for that shopping center to make the turn around that it did, probably was not as nearly as challenging as turning around this increasing vacant real estate there on East Harry. So, be interesting to kind of see what happens there. It was, at one time, was a viable place but with Montgomery Wards closing and more and more vacancy there, the tax base is not supporting that facility. So, it would be nice to see if something could turn that around."

Mr. Krout said, "We'll continue working with it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any other questions for Mavin?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Marvin. Next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

E. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT JUDGE JAMES V. RIDDEL BOYS RANCH TO EXPLORATION PLACE UNDER AUTHORITY OF K.S.A. 19-211(D).

Mr. R.J. Brassfield, Facility Manager, Judge Riddel Boys Ranch, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In 1966, 76-year-old Bernice E. Mead and his wife Blanche, of 331 Oakwood Drive, donated a large model train collection to the Lake Afton Boy's Ranch. Mr. Mead was a retired Omaha district manager for the JIK's Farm Equipment Company. Mr. Mead reportedly spent more than twenty years building the railroad layout, before Bernice [sic] and he decided it was, quote, 'time to get rid of the trains' and donated them to the Ranch. Mr. Mead said, 'If just one boy a year out there gets one thing out of it, I will feel that it's well worth it'.

"The train collection was enjoyed for many years by the youth at the Ranch. But what, in 1966, served troubled youth who stayed for more than a year, now we provide treatment to male juvenile offenders who stay an average of 140 days. Under this format, there is no longer time in the schedule to operate a successful model train club program. This is why we have search for a way to pass the train collection to an agency that could benefit the community.

"I'm here this morning to ask for your approval to transfer the train set to Exploration Place for one dollar. They have agreed to display the train at their facility, which will provide both historical and educational value to the public. I ask that you approve the resolution authorizing this transaction and I will answer any questions you may have."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. R.J., you gave us a little history of how the train set came to be in the possession of Judge Riddel. Who is it, on our staff, or who can I thank for thinking of this solution? How did that come to be?"

Mr. Brassfield said, "I actually have to credit the solution to this, what to do with the train, to Anderson McMinn, who retired February the 28th. He found the appraiser to appraise the train set and made the connections with Exploration Place to have it transferred to them."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, you know it's wonderful because Commissioner McGinn and I were talking about how this came to be. Most of us didn't even know we had this wonderful asset and thank that former employee for us for coming up with a solution that utilizes a wonderful gift that we can again then give to a wonderful exhibit. That's great. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. And when will we see it all put together and all that?"

Mr. Brassfield said, "Mr. Hutter is here, from Exploration Place, to accept the train set and he could probably answer that question better than I."

Chair McGinn said, "Oh, good. Please come forward."

Mr. Terry Hutter, Manager, Programs for Adolescents and Adults, Exploration Place, greeted the Commissioners and said, "First of all, I'd like to thank you, on behalf of Exploration Place, for this wonderful donation. We do have plans in place to restore the set. Marty Sewing and John Callison, of our technical services department, have had a brief look at the train set and realized that, in some cases, we'll have to replace couplers and wheels and that sort of thing, and so we're actively looking at getting the rolling stock up and moving again and invite you to come out to Exploration Place where it will be on display and rotated through our Kansas in Miniature. So, you'll be able to see this rolling stock and the engines and everything moving again, not just static, but it will be on active display."

Chair McGinn said, "So, they'll have something different, periodically, and so will you let us know when it's going to be on display?"

Dr. Hutter said, "We can certainly let you know when we'll have the first ones on, but the plans are almost on a daily basis, when we go in to start it up, to add different cars, change the engines, make the length of the train different. There's so much rolling stock there that we can change this, certainly weekly at the very least, a large portion of it."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Will there be anything that says, you know, 'Compliments of Judge Riddel's Ranch' or Sedgwick County?"

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Dr. Hutter said, "I would assume that would be within the arrangements that were made with Marty Sewing, the Director of Technical Services and Dr. Al DeSena. And to that I can't speak as to how the gift will be recognized."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Let me ask that gentleman to come back up just one more time. I, too, didn't even know we had a train set. Is it a Lionel train?"

Dr. Hutter said, "There are some Lionel, there are some pre-Lionel pieces in there as well. There's post-war. It's primarily wood construction, very little plastic. There's a lot of brass parts to it. So, there are some Lionel but there's also a lot of pre-Lionel as well."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, I've been out there and I've explored that thing in miniature, where the trains are really small on the tracks in that room. Now, this one is a fairly large, much larger gauge train set, is that not right?"

Dr. Hutter said, "It should be the same gauge from what they looked at. It should be H.O., as I recall them looking at it and, from what I understand, there's not a problem."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Oh, so it's the same . . . it's in miniature. I thought it was a much larger. . ."

Dr. Hutter said, "It's an H.O. scale, which isn't the extremely small scale."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Oh, okay. That's what my concern was, that the one was a much bigger, that the one that we were donating was much bigger and that, in that room . . . somebody say yes or no."

Dr. Hutter said, "Some of the cars are absolutely that large and that's what this . . . it's an H.O. scale track. So, it can accommodate that sort of train. In fact, we've had one train on that that went around the entire Kansas in Miniature stretched out, so it can accommodate the larger cars. That was one of the concerns when John and Marty first went out there, was it the same scale and would the rolling stock be usable and, from their assessment, yes it would."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, great. That's all I had. Thanks. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. I don't see any other questions. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you for being here. Next item please."

2. AGREEMENT WITH LIEBAU, WOODALL AND ASSOCIATES, L.P. FOR LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE AT 154 NORTH TOPEKA FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE HOMELESS PROGRAM, CENTER CITY.

Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Operations, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you is a lease agreement for the property located at 154 North Topeka. This lease will allow us to complete the relocation of Center City, COMCARE's program for the homeless mentally ill.

"Last winter, this program was displaced because of facility inadequacies and has been temporarily housed at the State Office building in space shared with both SRS and COMCARE's Project 275. This new location meets the needs of the program staff and the consumers and is only one block from the previous location. DIO Facilities Management and Information Technology staff have reviewed the location and assisted in site selection and lease development. Annual lease cost is \$59,004, 31% of the funding coming from County funds, 69% from State funds.

"I request approval of the lease and grant the Chair sign. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just have one. Just to show off my newly acquired appraisal skills. This is considered a net lease, is that correct? Because then we also pick up some other

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costs, other than just the lease.”

Mr. Kaufman said, “Those costs are included in that, with the exception of utilities. That dollar figure does include taxes and insurance.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Oh, the \$6.02 per square foot includes real estate taxes or is that in addition to the \$6.02?”

Mr. Kaufman said, “It’s in addition to the \$6.02.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, so it is a net lease. Okay, thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Tim, would you like to counter that at all, or any other comments?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Unless you think it’s a gross lease and we’ll see who scored on the tests.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I think this conversation is becoming gross.”

Chair McGinn said, “What’s the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

3. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH BREAKTHROUGH CLUB OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PROVIDING TERM AND COMPENSATION

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ADJUSTMENTS.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This particular amendment is similar to what you've been seeing from me for the last several months, in terms of getting the terms of contracts more in sync with the funding streams, which in this case would be the State fiscal year. And also, as you're aware, we've also made some rate changes in that this amendment also reflects those changes. I would recommend your approval and the Chair to sign. I would be glad to answer any questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Debbie? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Amendment to Contract and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item. Thank you, Debbie."

- 4. GRANT APPLICATION TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, FOR FUNDING OF ADDICTIONS TREATMENT FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.**

Ms. Luella Sanders, Program Director, COMCARE of Sedgwick County's Homeless program,

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greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to thank the Board for allowing me the opportunity to bring this proposal for your consideration and I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Donna Duland and Kimberly Reynolds, both with the State of Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for their guidance and support throughout the development of this proposal.

"We're asking for your approval to include COMCARE of Sedgwick County's proposal in the State's grant application to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment or CSAT. The goal of the CSAT grant proposal is to increase access to supportive services through enhanced coordination and increased capacity of existing programs which serve homeless individuals who have a substance abuse disorder or a substance abuse disorder and co-occurring mental illness. The proposed services and coordination activities are designed to assist homeless individuals to abstain from substance abuse, manage the symptoms of their mental illness and increase self-sufficiency in order to transition out of homelessness into permanent housing.

"The proposed activities to increase capacity include the establishment of 7.25 full-time equivalent positions at the homeless program, in order to serve an additional 75 homeless individuals each year. It would also include the establishment of two positions at Miracles Incorporated, a substance abuse treatment provider and also a member of the Wichita Homeless Services Coalition, in order to assist an additional 26 homeless individuals in their program secure permanent housing and one case-management position at Parallax Program Incorporated, another substance abuse treatment provider to serve an additional 20 homeless individuals with their services.

"The tentative budget is approximately \$350,000 annually, to be renewed for up to three years. Other partners not included in the Sedgwick County budget, but would be included in the State's application, are the Substance Abuse Assessment Center of Kansas, or SAACK, and Wichita State University.

"The activities to enhance coordination include an agreement with SAACK and the substance abuse providers to reduce the barriers to entering substance abuse treatment for homeless individuals by prioritizing pre-authorization, so that eligible project participants would be able to go directly to a provider without additional pre-authorization needed. There would also be an agreement between partners to increase access to mental health assessment and on-going psychiatric services for homeless individuals who have a substance abuse disorder or primary substance abuse disorder.

"It would also include new short-term case-management services to increase coordination in assisting homeless people to navigate across those systems of substance abuse and mental health. The State's application would include an evaluation and research component. Researchers would interview project participants, at base-line, or in other words at the time of enrollment into services, and again at six months and twelve months after enrollment into services. The homeless individuals

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who are interviewed would be paid a ten dollar stipend for each person, for each interview.

“The evaluation component, as well as federal site visits to the State, throughout the grant period, would provide feedback on the progress toward the grant’s goals. If you approve inclusion of this proposal in the application, because it is a proposal that would be included in the State’s application, your signature would be on the notice of award, rather than the grant application itself, as indicated in the wording of the action to be taken. I thank you for your consideration and would welcome any questions that you might have.”

Chair McGinn said, “I was just curious, are these dollars, would they be affected at all by the liquor tax dollars? I’m thinking about some of the things that are going on at the State House right now and some funding was cut and that type of thing and I think some of the liquor tax dollars go towards prevention programs.”

Ms. Sanders said, “This would be completely separate from the liquor tax dollars. This actually would be drawing new federal funds to the State, which would in turn come to Sedgwick County, as one of the communities included in that. Wyandotte County is also . . . the State is also working with Wyandotte County to include that as a second community in this proposal. But the State’s liquor tax money was not in it.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well, I think you’ve answered my question. I was going to ask if the State was . . . if there were any other counties in the State that were participating with the State of Kansas in this federal grant program.”

Ms. Sanders said, “And yes, those are the two communities, both counties, Wyandotte and Sedgwick, that the State has proposed to be included. What they are also considering though, that if successful and once it’s implemented, that they might use this as a model or a pilot to do an additional application in future years to potentially include additional communities.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Is the Wyandotte grant similar in size to ours?”

Ms. Sanders said, “No, it is not. Their application, and I am not able to speak specifically towards theirs, because I don’t know what agreements they’ve been working with is with the State, but I know that in deciding, kind of, proportion of that proposal that part of it was the size of the urban area, the number of people to be served that the State had tracked that were homeless and had a substance abuse disorder and so it was that Sedgwick County’s proposal would be the largest component in that State’s application.”

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Commissioner Winters said, “And the amount of our portion coming to Sedgwick County again was what? \$350.”

Ms. Sanders said, “Approximately \$350,000. Right now, not all of the components, because it does include travel to semi-annual, two trips a year, to Washington for grantee meetings and we haven’t gotten a consensus yet about who would be going and so what travel funds should be included in that and so I don’t have a concrete finalized number but it would be right around . . . right now, it is at \$342,000 but I anticipate probably around \$6,000 being added for that travel for those grantee meetings, which is a requirement of participation.”

Commissioner Winters said, “And so, really this is a State grant and we’re part of it.”

Ms. Sanders said, “Exactly, to bring new federal funds to both the State and to Sedgwick County.”

Commissioner Winters said, “All right, thank you very much. Thank you, Madam Chair.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thanks. What’s the potential population or estimated population in Sedgwick County this could serve? Do you have those numbers?”

Ms. Sanders said, “Well, the homeless task force, which is now the Community Council on Homeless Advocacy, and the Wichita Homeless Services Coalition has estimated that there’s about 600 homeless individuals on any given night who are homeless in Sedgwick County. And over the course of a year, that translates to between 2,000 or more homeless individuals over the course of a year and about a third of those are estimated to have a mental illness. But a much larger percentage, and anywhere from 50% up to 70% of those individuals have been estimated of having a substance abuse disorder. And so, it really expands what is being . . . what would be the target population for COMCARE’s homeless program because the project includes individuals who may not have a mental illness, but may only have a substance abuse disorder, and that may go clear up to estimates of 70% of that population.”

Commissioner Norton said, “With the new programs, new funding, how many additional people will that serve? I mean, you kind of plugged it in with numbers, but I didn’t get the whole total.”

Ms. Sanders said, “Well, what we’re estimating is 75 per year at the homeless program and 26 that would be served through Miracles Inc. and about 20 per year through the case-management services at Pallarax. We have actually been in discussions trying to decide how much of those and an estimate on the number that would be duplicated among those, so that the researchers would know that as to how many they’re likely to be interviewing. And, at this point, we’re estimating that it might be anywhere between 60 and 75 new individuals served that have not been served, you know,

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that would be eligible for this project. But that combination of, because they might move from one service provider to the other, as they move towards permanent housing, they may interact with more than one service provider, and that's why the numbers are more than that and are actually more than 100, but it's actually, unduplicated, would be probably 60 to 75 homeless individuals."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thanks."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks, Madam Chair. If I heard right, you said that the estimate is about 600 homeless people per day, on any given night. What percentage of those are here inside Wichita City Limits?"

Ms. Sanders said, "I don't have an exact estimate on how many that would be. I would think that the majority would be within Wichita, but it also includes the metropolitan area, which of course is quite big."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It probably includes all of Sedgwick County. The point I was trying to make is I was trying to get some kind of a feel for how many of those are actually here, inside Wichita City Limits."

Ms. Sanders said, "About 77%, well actually 77% of the people that we worked with, through the course of the Access Demonstration grant which WSU was the researcher on that and they tracked individuals and 77% of those were from the Wichita area and so, I'm assuming that that is still pretty much the case. From our outreach team, the outreach team does go throughout Sedgwick County, but the majority is here in Wichita."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, I got my answer. Now, my second question is how many of those people are we presently serving? There's 600 per day, per night. How many of those are we presently serving?"

Ms. Sanders said, "In our program, we serve between 275 to 350 a year. That's what we average."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "How much does that equate out to per day? I mean, there's 600. . . I'm trying to get apples to apples here. We've got 600 per night. How many of those people are we finding something for?"

Ms. Sanders said, "Right now, in services we have about 200 people enrolled in services at the homeless program that those individuals are homeless and have a mental illness, but the majority, about 57%, also have a co-occurring substance abuse disorder. Again, and that roughly equates to about a third of that homeless population. That changes though because we typically work with a

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person for about a year, till they are stabilized in housing and are working and involved in a treatment plan and involved in their services and then we transition to long-term services as needed and so, then we would serve other individuals the following year.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, we have 600. We’re serving about a third of that population and, after a year, what percentage of that 200 that were homeless have we successfully transitioned into a home on their own or whatever?”

Ms. Sanders said, “Each quarter, we range between 84 and 90% that have obtained housing. And through the Access Research Demonstration grant, they were able to document that almost 80%, or it’s actually 77 point something percent, were able to maintain housing at the one year follow-up interview, had maintained that housing for a year. And so, by far the majority were able to not only obtain housing but also maintain it, which for this population is often times more difficult than obtaining it.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, if my math is correct, in three years we should have gotten to all 600. Is there just a continual influx at the top of the bucket of more and more people becoming homeless? Maybe we should try to attack that problem, to stop them from becoming homeless.”

Ms. Sanders said, “That is an excellent point and, yes, as people transition out of homelessness, new individuals or different individuals are entering homelessness and while the mission of COMCARE’s homeless program is not towards prevention services, except in a tertiary prevention to help in that cycle and help transition out of homelessness. Other agencies in the community do have that mission to prevent homelessness and I think we all, through the Wichita Homeless Services Coalition and the Community Council on Homeless Advocacy, that is our goal is to work at reducing the number of homelessness in Sedgwick County and in that cycle of homelessness while it is at the risk side.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay and I had one more question, but while you were talking I lost it. Well, it’s a senior moment. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thanks. Commissioners, are there any other questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I remembered it. With the grant, presently we serve about 200, a third. With these new funds, how many more per night are we going to be able to serve? We serve 200 a night. How many more will we be able to serve, per day?”

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Ms. Sanders said, "And of course, this proposal includes not just the homeless program. It includes two other agencies that also provide services to individuals who are homeless and may not be eligible for services at the homeless program and that's when we have an estimate that we think, unduplicated, there will be about 60 to 75 individuals served by that. But there is, . . . and I'm doing the math right quick in my head because I forgot the figure, 95 and 26 . . . more than 100 individuals that receive services, but some of those may be receiving services from more than one of those partner agencies."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "The question was, how many more homeless people will we be able to serve?"

Ms. Sanders said, "Sixty to seventy-five, unduplicated."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Sixty to seventy-five per evening?"

Ms. Sanders said, "Per year."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, but does that also mean per day, because we were given 600 per day, the 200 per day. How many more per day?"

Ms. Sanders said, "And per day, I have not figured it on a per day basis. We figured it on a per year basis. I think we could and would be happy to do that and break that down as a per day."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I was just trying to get . . . Like right now we serve about a third of the population and you gave the figures on a per day basis, 600 per day, and you said we serve about 200 per day, about a third. What I was trying to say, with these grants, how many more per day would we serve so that I could see how we've increased productivity?"

Ms. Sanders said, "And the complexity of that is that some of the services provided, for instance the two positions that are going to be established at Miracles Incorporated are so that they can now utilize the vouchers in partnership with Wichita Housing Authority for permanent housing, so for those 26 individuals, there would be 26 individuals served through those vouchers because they can maintain those vouchers until they would roll over to Section 8 Housing and so, there may be 26 individuals served by that, over that three year course. Or there may be more than that, if they are able to increase their income, find other permanent housing or get rolled over into other rental subsidies before the end of that, then they may be able to increase that number. But because it's kind of like comparing apples and oranges, the case-management services at Parallax would be able to serve up to 20 at any given time, and so that would go more towards that number, Commissioner, that you were referring to. Whereas, the numbers served through Miracles Incorporated would not go . . . would go to it at any given night, which would be 26, but that would not change over the course of the three-year period."

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“And so, to answer your question, I would assume that it would still be right around 50 to 60, but it’s going to be very difficult to tell, because some of them are in permanent housing, whereas others are receiving like case-management services, one of the services provided would be short-term case management with a limit of 90 days to just help navigate across the systems. So, for those 90 days, and it would be likely with one case management, with a typical case load for this target population, research has indicated about 10 to 14 as the ideal case load, so at any given time, in those case management services, there would be 15 individuals served through that service fund, plus then the 26 that would be in permanent housing, plus the 20 in other case management services. And so, again, we’re anticipating between 50 and 60, I would say, at any given time and likely more than that. More like 75, over the course of one year and then that number would be extrapolated out to cover a three-year period, again with the variations in the types of services that are being offered through there. But I would certainly be happy to put that in . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you.”

Commissioner Norton said, “It’s very much like counting goldfish in a bowl. They’re constantly moving.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I was just trying to get a handle on how we could say, ‘this was productive, this wasn’t productive’ etcetera but I’m kind of drowning here. Okay, thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “The other question that this begs then is, these are not the only funds that we use to administer this program. Is that correct? Or are these the only funds that we are using to provide homeless services?”

Ms. Sanders said, “This would be new funds coming in. These would be the only funds dedicated for . . . I would hate to say that, without the executive directors of the other two agencies but the other two agencies, these would be positions created as dedicated to providing homeless services and while they are serving homeless individuals through their agencies, they don’t have positions

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dedicated to doing that. And so, for them, that would be the only funds coming in specifically for staff and services.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I’m speaking just about Sedgwick County government.”

Ms. Sanders said, “And Sedgwick County government, again these would be new positions and this would be new funds coming in to supply that for these staff and this service. We have other funds that the homeless program would use that would go towards administering the remaining program and staffing and services that are provided and those would stay the same as they are now and so these would be funds in addition to that, to cover the additional expenses, not only the staff expenses but the benefits and the office expenses and the supplies and space and all.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. Commissioners, are there any other questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. Next item.”

5. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND

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**REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR FUNDING OF ASSISTANCE IN
TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS.**

Ms. Sanders said, “Well, and that’s me again. And the second proposal is not quite as complicated as the previous one. But it, too, is a proposal for Sedgwick County to be included in the State of Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services grant application.

“This application, though, is an annual renewal application for the Projects of Assistance in Transition from Homeless, or PATH, that program. COMCARE of Sedgwick County’s homeless program has been a PATH grant recipient since 1991. This formula grant program administered by the Center for Mental Health Services and the homeless programs branch of the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, provides funding for 4.5 full-time equivalent staff at COMCARE’s homeless program. The \$95,306 grant allocation to COMCARE’s homeless program has remained stable, at that amount, since 1992. Renewal of the PATH grant will allow COMCARE’s homeless program to remain at the current level of service provision for homeless people who have a serious mental illness.

“In fiscal year 2000, the homeless program made 960 unduplicated outreach contacts and provided more intensive mental health services for almost 300 homeless individuals. The three PATH grant-funded case management positions were crucial to this service provision. COMCARE’s homeless program is estimating that the outreach team will, this year, make 1,000 unduplicated contacts. The outreach contacts are made in order to engage homeless individuals who have a mental illness, but are not involved in services into those needed services. We’re asking for your consideration and approval of inclusion of this proposal into the State’s application to renew those PATH funds for Sedgwick County. I’d be happy to answer any questions on this one.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chairman. Is this just a renewal of a program that’s already in existence?”

Ms. Sanders said, “Exactly. We’ve been receiving these funds since 1991.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “And these positions are presently being filled by us and we’re just hoping that we can continue to have the funds to . . . not new positions that we’re creating, is that correct?”

Ms. Sanders said, “Exactly. This one is just to maintain capacity, where the previous was to build on it. This is just to maintain the current staffing and services that we provide.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. That’s all I have, Madam Chairman.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. Commissioners, are there any other questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. Next item.”

F. RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES IMPOSED ON COUNTIES BY K.S.A. 12-519, ET SEQ. (KANSAS ANNEXATION STATUTES).

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have before you a resolution that had its seed in three annexations that we handled in the fall, and we did that without a procedural resolution in place and we just worked through it. But following that, we decided to get together and develop a formalized procedure for these. Randy Partington, in the Manager’s Office, helped a lot with this.

“Then, after we developed a formal procedure, we sent it out to the cities for comment from the different cities. We have received formal comments from the City of Maize and the City of Wichita and an informal comment from Cheney. The City of Maize pointed out that, for the smaller cities, they don’t have the staff and the support that the larger cities would have in doing County approved annexations and they requested some help, in terms of providing a simpler summary of steps that

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the city must take in order to accomplish a County approved annexation. We intend to provide that to them. When we send them a copy of the resolution, we'll provide a summary.

“Cheney’s comment was along those lines, too. They also raised a concern about cost, whether it was going to cost them any more to do an annexation and we explained that it wouldn’t necessarily be. It wouldn’t be a cost increase for them.

“City of Wichita had four points that they wanted to make. Their first concern was the publication of the notice of the hearing. They would have liked to have done that themselves. Our position is, it’s our hearing, it’s the BOCC’s hearing and that we’re responsible, under the statute, for having the hearings so that we ought to be providing the notice and be able to control that.

“They also had two questions about . . . a couple of the things in the resolution are optional for cities. First, that they could provide us a supplemental report at their option and the City of Wichita has indicated they don’t feel that’s necessary and they would probably not be doing that in a county approved annexation. We’ve also suggested, in our resolution, that if a city was going to do a county approved annexation that, in between the time they adopt their resolution, starting the process and before the hearing in front of the BoCC, that they have some sort of a public hearing for the land owners so the land owners can be filled in, prior to the BoCC hearing, on what the annexation entails. City of Wichita has also indicated that they feel that, since that’s optional, they would not do that particular step.

“Their last concern was more or less from a legal perspective, an ex parte contact issue. They felt that if staff was preparing a report on the proposed annexation, County staff, and providing it to you directly, that they wouldn’t have an opportunity to respond to that, prior to the hearing. However, in the resolution, we have a build-in step that a copy of that report will be provided to the city, prior to the BoCC hearing. So, they will have that in advance and I think that’s addressed that concern.

“Other than that, we didn’t have any other comments. I’ll answer any questions about the resolution.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you, Commissioner McGinn. Bob, could you just . . . I don’t know if you can do this briefly or not, but for those who may be listening or watching our proceedings here, by far the majority of annexations that cities do, they do not have to come or are not required to come to the County Commissioners to ask for permission to do those. They can do those annexations themselves. Can you explain, briefly, to those who may be watching or listening which kinds of annexations does these regulations apply to.”

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Mr. Parnacott said, "Asking a lawyer to be brief is a dangerous proposition. I will do my best. There are three kinds of annexations, basically, under Kansas annexation statutes. There are what we call the unilateral annexation, which are the ones that you're referring to, that the city does on their own, basically. County does not get directly involved in that process. They don't have to ask our approval. They don't have to come before the BoCC and present anything. Usually those involve either land that is already owned by the city, land that is adjacent to the city and is platted. They may be a few. . . there's a laundry list of different kinds of annexations that can be done under a unilateral annexation.

"Then we have what we call island annexations, which is where the owner of land that is not adjacent to the city would like to be part of the city. They approach the city and ask they ask the city to annex their property. So, the owner of that land has to request that or consent to it in writing. Because that annexation may effect the growth potential of other cities around that area, the legislature has decided that the city who wants to annex that property come before the BoCC and the BoCC has to consider the annexation and determine if that annexation would hinder or prevent the proper growth of any other city in the area. And that of course was the City of Wichita annexation last fall was an island annexation that impacted or could have impacted Bel Aire."

"The final form of annexation is the county approved annexation which allows a city to annex any other kind of property they couldn't normally do, under an island annexation or under a unilateral annexation, they can come to the BoCC and ask for approval to do that annexation. There are no limitations on that type of annexation. For instance, ordinarily under a unilateral annexation, even if it was adjacent to the city, the city would not be able to annex an improvement district. However, they could proceed under a county approved annexation and try to obtain the county approval to annex that type of district."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. Well, I think that's a good explanation. With the City of Wichita's recent annexation policy, I think all of us, as Commissioners, have had those calls from constituents saying, 'Why are you allowing this to happen?', where in the far, vast majority of those instances, they are unilateral annexations that we have no control over and the resolution that we're talking about today would be more involved in those few that are out there that would need to come before the Board of Commissioners. So, I hope that is at least clarifying to some folks. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Commissioner Winters, for clarifying that. Commissioners, are there any other questions on this item?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Bob. Next item."

G. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR FURTHER FUNDING OF A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY.

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "One year ago, we applied to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for a grant to help build our Household Hazardous Waste facility. They approved \$100,000 last year and said to reapply this year for an additional \$100,000. The reason they did not give us \$200,000 last year is that they have a limited budget. They need to fund programs from across the state and they would prefer to have broken it up into a two year segment. This is a formality. They had told us they would already approve the money. All we need to do is reapply the second year for the next \$100,000. That's what we're doing today. I'd ask for you to approve the grant application and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Susan?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yes, Madam Chair. Was this a \$200,000 application and we got 100 last year and we're going to get the 100 this year or is this \$100,000 spread over two years? Which of the two?"

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Ms. Erlenwein said, "It's \$200,000 spread over two years."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "You already received 100 and now we'll get the other 100."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Right, this will be the second portion. That's correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks, that's all I had."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Susan. Next item please."

H. ENDORSEMENT OF OLD COWTOWN MUSEUM'S APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND HOUSING FOR KANSAS COMMUNITY SERVICE TAX CREDIT.

Mr. Jarold Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "However, today I'm appearing in my role as a member of the Board of Trustees of Old Cowtown Museum. Old Cowtown Museum is in the process of designing a new visitor's center to be located on the east end of the property in the current water department property occupied by the City of Wichita. As part of that process, we will be constructing additional parking for the visitor's center on the east end of the property."

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In discussions with a potential contractor who would perhaps be involved in donating services for that, they have asked us if we would be willing to apply to the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing for a tax credit, Community Service tax credit. This is a program established by the State. It is a competitive program, through the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing and it is funded fully by the State. It has no impact on local taxes or tax distributions to us from the State. They would be eligible for a 50% tax credit. In this particular project, this would be approximately \$150,000 tax credit.

“As part of the process, we have been asked and it is required that the City and the County, who are both partners in this project and members of the Board, sign a form endorsing this project. What we’re here today to ask is that you authorize the Chair to sign the endorsement so we can attach them to the applications sent to the State. Be glad to answer any questions.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Jerry, the State Department of Commerce and Housing does have latitude and they’ll probably award this to several communities or to several organizations, but several will probably not receive it. Is that correct?”

Mr. Harrison said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I mean, not everyone gets this deal.”

Mr. Harrison said, “It’s a competitive process and the State has a committee that . . .”

Commissioner Winters said, “Do you have any idea what the total amount of tax credits are that the State has available at their discretion?”

Mr. Harrison said, “They’ve budgeted, for this fiscal year, \$5,000,000.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, so that means several folks are going to be able to participate in that.”

Mr. Harrison said, “I would assume so.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. That’s all I have.”

Chair McGinn said, “It appears to be a very good deal. It’s State dollars coming south of I-70. So, all right, Commissioners, are there any other questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Endorsement and authorize the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, Jerry. Next item."

I. KANSAS COLISEUM.

1. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA FESTIVALS, INC. FOR USE OF PORTABLE BLEACHERS.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is our standard form agreement for the rental of equipment. Wichita River Festivals have been renting bleachers for the past several years. Our procedures are the rental fee is pre-paid. The client provides the transportation to the site and then returns the equipment to the Coliseum. They also insure against any damage and replacement value. We recommend approval."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. SELECT-A-SEAT CONVENIENCE CHARGE RATE INCREASE.

Mr. Nath said, "We're requesting a slight increase in the convenience fees in relating to the purchasing of tickets with Select-a-Seat for the purpose of allowing us to provide a real-time internet module which will speed up the transactions through the internet. That is where all the ticket business is going, not only here, but nationally. Right now, we're doing about 23% of all our tickets over the internet. With a module like this, we can improve our service, not only to the local ticket buyers, but to our clients, the promoters. Imagine the promoter for Elton John had a \$600,000 risk on that show. His mind is definitely put at ease if it could sell out in 30 minutes and he has nothing left to worry about. He can work on the other issues.

"By comparison, several years ago we did five Garth Brooks shows. We expanded our phone room in preparation for that. We sold five of those out in two and a half hours. With the system that we're looking to put in today, we would sell those five shows out in under an hour. That's the kind of capabilities that we would have. We recommend approval."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. John, on the charges that you're proposing to increase, how do those compare to other areas or other parts of this region?"

Mr. Nath said, "We've surveyed the systems in Topeka, Kansas City and Oak City, the cities that we compete with for shows all the time. Ticketmaster is in Topeka and Kansas City and Tickets.com is in Oak City. And Tickets.com is the owner of the laser gate software that we have and we will be fifty cents to a dollar under what the service charge would be in those other markets."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. Well, I appreciate the backup."

Mr. Nath said, "We will still be the lowest in the region."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Right. The information that we got ahead of time and it certainly looks

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like, in comparison, we're still quite a bargain."

Mr. Nath said, "Yes, we are and it has to do with market forces and some economics. We do not have to share that service charge with any of the other entities involved."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, just an economic question, John. You indicated if we got this we could sell out a Garth Brooks show in an hour as opposed to five hours."

Mr. Nath said, "I said we'd sell out five Garth Brooks shows in an hour."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So, price doesn't seem to be a resistance. Why is it advantageous for us to continue to be so much below people that are in the . . . Ok City or what have you. Why is that advantageous?"

Mr. Nath said, "Well, it's been the direction that we've received. We want to keep user fees low to the consumer. We're going to provide the excellent service and keep the fees low, as much as possible. But certainly, we don't want it to cost anything to provide these services, but our direction has always been to keep fees low to the consumer. One of the reasons they're so high in these other markets is that to compete for business, Ticketmaster and Tickets.com offer a portion of that service charge to the facilities and to the promoters and to the acts. Everybody gets a piece of that. Everybody's taken care of and the customer ends up paying the price. They're not going to take it out of their end. We don't do that and that's another reason why we can keep our fees low, because we don't have to pay for the facility. We don't have to pay for the promoter and we don't have to pay for the act."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I see. Okay, that makes sense. Thank you. That's all I have."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Are there any other questions for John? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the rate increase.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Next item."

J. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZING SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PERFORM INSPECTION AND TESTING OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT: 646-10 THROUGH 14, 797-CC, 644-15 THROUGH W ¼ OF 17; E/W ROADS BETWEEN CLEARWATER AND VIOLA ROAD. CIP# R-192. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item J-1 is a force account agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to reimburse Sedgwick County for construction engineering services performed by our personnel during construction of the road project located between Clearwater and Viola. This project is designated as R-192 in the Capital Improvement Program and will have 80% reimbursement. The maximum amount of federal funds the County can receive is \$105,745.30. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for David?"

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. APPLICATION BY KIWANIS CLUB OF DERBY FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON OLIVER FROM 47TH STREET SOUTH TO BUCKNER IN DERBY. DISTRICT #5.

Mr. Spears said, "Item J-2 is an agreement with the Kiwanis Club of Derby for the Sedgwick County Adopt a Highway Program. They will be responsible for Oliver from 47th Street South to approximately 63rd Street South. They are represented here today by Mr. Bill Bishop, who has some comments to make. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, do I have a motion to approve? Does he want to talk first? Go ahead."

Mr. Bill Bishop, Member, Kiwanis Club of Derby, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm past president of the Derby Kiwanis Club and the past Lieutenant Governor of the Kansas Kiwanis District. On behalf of Jim Craig, our current president, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to let us serve the community. Kiwanis is the world's largest service organization, in terms of service hours, and this will just allow us to increase that service to our community. We thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you very much. Commissioners, are there any other questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Application and authorize the Chair to sign.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

Chair McGinn said, "Is there any other questions? Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just wanted to say, real briefly, sir I certainly appreciate your willingness to work on efforts like this. We were having a discussion with a group of folks, just earlier this week, about how service organizations do so much and seem to have difficulty recruiting new individuals who want to get involved in service club organizations. Folks like the Kiwanis do play a great role in our communities and I'm sure this is just one of the many good things that your organization does. I think we all need to keep remembering that we need to support these organizations because they do valuable work. With this gentleman taking the time to come today, I think we really do appreciate the work that Kiwanis does every place. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Any other discussion? Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you for being here today. Next item."

J. RESIGNATION OF MARTIN HAMMER FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We've received this written resignation request and I would ask that you accept it."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to accept the resignation.

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Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Commissioner Winters said, "I have a comment about this. I'm probably confident that Martin Hammer is not watching today, but in case he is, I certainly want to thank him for his work on this. He's been my appointment to this board for at least the eight years I was here previously and he has done excellent work and we appreciate all his efforts and I intend to send him a note of thanks. I just wanted to make that comment. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. All right, next item."

K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2001.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Board of Bids and Contracts held a regular meeting on April 26th, 2001. As a result of this meeting, the following items are being presented today for approval.

**1) COMPUTERIZED TICKETING SOLUTION- KANSAS COLISEUM
FUNDING: KANSAS COLISEUM**

"Item one, computerized ticketing solution for the Kansas Coliseum. Recommend low proposal of Tickets West for \$53,750.

**2) ROAD IMPROVEMENTS- 23RD ST. SOUTH & 199TH ST. WEST- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

"Item two, road improvements, 23rd Street South and 199th Street West for Public Works. Recommend low bid of Ritchie Paving for \$180,261.75.

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- 3) **ANNUAL MAINTENANCE RENEWAL FOR GIS LICENSES- DIV INFORMATION/ OPERATIONS**
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS

“Item three, annual maintenance renewal for GIS licenses for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommending a renewal contract with ESRI Incorporated for \$16,279.60.

- 4) **MEGALINK DIGITAL SERVICE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**
FUNDING: JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY GRANT

“Item four, a megalink digital service for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the sole source quote of Southwestern Bell for \$35,100.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC APPROVAL

- 5) **ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE- FACILITY PROJECTS**
FUNDING: DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY
- 6) **SCANNERS & PRINTERS- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

“There were two items that were tabled for further review at this meeting. The first one, engineering services for building infrastructure for Facility Projects. The second one is scanners and printers for the Division of Information and Operations.

“If there are no questions, I would recommend approval of these items as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, are there any questions for Iris? Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chairman. Iris, on five and six it indicates that bids were received but I don’t see what amounts they were.”

Ms. Baker said, “They’re being evaluated at this time.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “In the past, we did have the amounts here, even though it was tabled. Was there a reason why we’re no longer having the amounts.”

Ms. Baker said, “On quotations, if what was received is black and white, the bid value is recorded.

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If there are issues or, in this case, there were a lot of alternatives that were provided in the quotation and we don't know which alternatives we're going to accept, if any, and that's why it's being reviewed right now. So, we just recorded as received and then when the decision's made, then the tabulations will be entered into the tables."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So this was just an exception of our normal rule and now, in the future, even though something might be tabled, there's a possibility we would be seeing the bid."

Ms. Baker said, "On a quotation, you will see at least base pricing, what's deemed base pricing. Proposal, it is not uncommon to just mark it 'received'."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you. On number one, Tickets West is obviously a good price, but why are the other two so far off? I mean, are they not legitimate companies or they didn't understand the bid?"

Ms. Baker said, "They are legitimate companies. When we went out for proposal, we asked for a solution, a ticketing solution, and the other two responses offered an entire solution, which included software, hardware and maintenance. With Tickets West, we found in reviewing the proposals and visiting with them, they had the source code to the original Select-a-Seat so they, in essence, just wrote a module that is integrated and in reviewing the proposals and in reviewing what we had, we found that that was going to be sufficient to meet our needs. So, that's why we took that route. But in the proposal itself, we offered the vendors the option to provide what they think we're going to need. We leave it open-ended and that's how we found one that ended up . . . that's how we were able to find Tickets West and they were able to submit just a portion of what the others did."

Commissioner Norton said, "You feel pretty comfortable that really is a solution to what we're looking for."

Ms. Baker said, "Yes. Because this program was written from the source code of our existing system, so we feel very comfortable that it is compatible."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay, all right, thanks."

Chair McGinn said, "Any other questions for Iris? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

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Contracts.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

M. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreement.

One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 628-10, 11; MacArthur Road through Lake Afton. CIP# R-233. District #3.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V01071	\$270.00	3	Mt. Hope Community Development, Inc.
V01072	\$263.00	3	Mt. Hope Community

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "I don't see that we have a Fire agenda so, Commissioners, is there any other business to come before this Board?"

N. OTHER

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved that the Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session for 10 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel 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 11:10 a.m.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "We're in Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:58 a.m. and returned at 11:29 a.m.

Chair McGinn said, "I'll call the Regular Meeting back to order. Let the record show there was no binding action taken while in Executive Session. Is there any other business to come before the Board? Mr. Euson? Mr. Manager? We're adjourned."

O. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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