

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

November 21, 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, November 21, 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. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Department of Human Resources; Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; 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. Carolyn Bunch, Executive Director, KANSEL.
Dr. Rose Mary Mohr, President & CEO, South Central Mental Health Association.
Ms. Nancy Corkins, Director of Expect Respect program, Family Consultation Service.
Ms. Green, Urban Outreach Director, Wichita YMCA.
Mr. Gary Brown, Coordinator, Teen Intervention program, Episcopal Social Service.
Ms. Mary Sainte Martine, Director, High Ground.
Dr. Marty Selburg, EMT, Medical Advisor, Fire Department.
Mr. Mike Johnson, Lead Paramedic, Midwest Lifeteam.
Ms. Robin Justice, Program Director, Regional Nurse Manager, Air Evac Lifeteam.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Terri Messner, Ecumenical Christian Ministries Wichita State University Campus Pastor.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, October 31, 2001

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The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of October 31, 2001.

MOTION

Commissioner Scortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 31, 2001.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

RETIREMENTS

A. RETIREMENTS (TWO).

1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO KAREN TURNER, HOUSING ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST, HOUSING OFFICE.

Ms. Jo Templin, Assistant Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have two retirements on the agenda this morning and the first is Karen Turner, who is the Housing Eligibility Specialist from our Housing Office in Community Development.

Karen Turner plans to retire December 1, 2001 after 16 years of service. Karen was unable to be with us this morning but we did want to mention her.

2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO PATRICIA HYATT, FISCAL ASSOCIATE, REGISTER OF DEEDS.

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Today, we do have Pat Hyatt, if you'd like to come forward. Pat Hyatt is a Fiscal Associate in the Register of Deeds Office and she will retire December 1, 2001 after 14 years of service. Pat plans to spend time with her husband and children, out-of-state relatives and friends. She can now devote more time to traveling, gardening and various types of crafts. While at Sedgwick County, Patricia worked for Register of Deeds and Code Enforcement and describes her employment as always interesting."

Chair McGinn said, "Here's your certificate of recognition. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and Sedgwick County, we'd like to present to you this retirement clock and wish you the best for your retirement and we want to certainly thank you for all your years of service. Thank you.

Clerk, call the next item please."

DEFERRED ITEMS

B. AGREEMENT WITH ELITE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES AT KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We would like you to defer this indefinitely. We will bring this issue back to you when we think it's appropriate."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to defer indefinitely.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

C. PRESENTATION OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY GRANT AWARD COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2002 COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION FUNDING.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Jeannette Livingston, Contract Administrator, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present the 2002 funding recommendations for the Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention grant.

The grants for the prevention fund are allocated through the request for proposal process, utilizing the purchasing policies and procedures of the County. There were 22 proposals received and reviewed. The total number of requests were more than double the funds available.

The Sedgwick County Grant Award Committee reviewed all 22 proposals. It includes representation from the District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Intake and Assessment, Corrections, Social and Rehabilitation Service, Children's Mental Health, Human Services, among several others. We're fortunate to have a diverse array of professionals that bring with them knowledge, not only of crime prevention research, but child development research, as well as practical experience with these programs. The committee recommended funding 13 programs.

Episcopal Social Services, their Teen Intervention Program, is a current prevention grant recipient. They have serviced 174 youth to date. The program serves youth arrested for a minor misdemeanor. They work with parents and also provide follow-up services. The committee recommended funding the program at \$59,835 for 2002.

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Catholic Charities would be a new prevention grant recipient. The grant would fund a family advocate that is estimated to serve 100 families in 2002. They would provide case management for families as they leave the Harbor House and Anthony Family shelters. Families in those shelters have experienced domestic violence or homelessness. The case manager would provide follow-up services, to try to prevent continuing instability in the families. The committee recommended funding \$30,000 for Catholic Charities.

Communities in Schools is a current grant recipient. They've served 209 youth to date. The program provides collaborative school-based services. The County grant funds services at Oaklawn and Cooper Elementary and Derby Sixth Grade Center. The committee recommended funding the program at \$140,000 in 2002.

KANSEL, Education and Transition program is a current grant recipient. It has served 239 youth to date. It is a GED program serving youth that have dropped out of school. A key component of this program are the remedial classes that they provide, particularly in reading and in math. The committee recommended funding the program for \$95,000 in 2002.

Boys and Girls Club, the Targeted Outreach Program is a current grant recipient for 2001. They have served 84 kids to date. It is an academic program serving youth that have been suspended or expelled from school. They provide follow-up services for two semesters after the kids return to school. They work with kids with not only their short-term goal of returning to school, but also their long-term goals of graduating and looking at what they want to do after school. The committee recommended funding the program at \$114,409 for 2002.

Family Consultation Service, the Expect Respect program is a current grant recipient. They have served 2,723 youth to date through presentations in 9th grade gym classes. The program targets teen domestic and relationship violence and, upon request, victims of domestic violence can have support groups also. The committee recommended funding the program at \$47,903 for 2002.

Wichita Family Services Institute, the On Trac program is a current contractor, having served 82 youth to date. The program targets youth who are exhibiting problem behavior, receiving referrals from Juvenile Intake and Assessment or school districts or even concerned parents. They offer bi-weekly classes working with the kids and also a six-month follow-up. The committee recommended funding the program at \$59,295 in 2002.

Higher Ground, Learning the Ropes program is also a current contractor. They have served 297 youth to date. It is an adolescent substance abuse prevention and intervention program. A key

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feature is the experiential components that incorporate both in the treatment and the prevention. The committee recommended funding the program at \$104,665 in 2002.

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, their Intensive Prevention program has served 105 youth to date. It is one-on-one mentoring services, the traditional Big Brothers/ Big Sisters services, matching screened adult volunteers with at-risk youth. The committee recommended funding the program at \$125,006 for 2002.

Big Brother/ Big Sisters Operation Jump Start program is a current contractor and has served 119 youth to date. The program is a collaboration with Communities in Schools and provides in school mentoring and tutoring services to youth. The committee recommended funding the program at \$48,440.

The Wichita YMCA Black Achiever's program is also a current contractor. They have served 454 youth to date. Their program includes a summer internship, career-focused lecture series and a summer fitness camp. They serve minority youth between the ages of 6 and 18. The committee recommended funding the program for \$83,278 for 2002.

The Mental Health Association's Reducing Anger in Preschool program would be new to the prevention fund. It is estimated to serve 150 kids in 2002. It would target anti-social behavior in preschool youth, providing a problem-solving curriculum for preschool teachers to use and this would benefit not only youth that are exhibiting the problem behaviors, but other kids that are in the class with them also. The committee recommended funding the program at \$51,673 for 2002.

Wichita A.C.T.S. on Truancy provides truancy intervention services. They are a current contractor and have served 254 youth to date. The County grant will fund services at Pleasant Valley Middle School. The committee recommended funding the program for \$150,000 in 2002.

You have before you the recommendations of the Sedgwick County Grant Awards Committee, summarized. I'm available if you have any questions. The recommended action is to approve the committee recommendations. I believe there are also some representatives from programs in the audience if you have program-specific questions."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Thank you, Jeannette. Are there any questions for Jeannette at this time? If not, I see there are some service providers in the audience today. If any of you would like to come up and share some things about your programs or anything you think we need to know, you're certainly welcome to do so but you don't have to. Just if you want to."

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Ms. Carolyn Bunch, Executive Director, KANSEL, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just want to say how much we appreciate the County and the prevention grant funding. We have the opportunity, every single day, to see the difference that we make in the lives of the youth in our county and I would like to invite everyone to come to our graduation if you really want to see where the prevention funding and the results of that. We'll have our graduation ceremonies on December the 14th at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church and you'll be able to see, first-hand, the difference that we've made in the lives of these children. One of our boys that was most at-risk made a complete turn-around from having dropped out of school and not being able to be successful and he finished his GED and he said what he intends to do is enlist. He wants to fight for his country and I'm rarely speechless but that made me speechless. So, thank you very much."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "When is the date again, please, and the time of that graduation?"

Ms. Bunch said, "It's December the 14th. It's a Friday night and it's at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at 300 North Broadway in their Meredith Hall. And we'll make sure that you get a personal invitation."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

Ms. Rose Mary Mohr, President & CEO, South Central Mental Health Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to talk to you just a moment about the anger prevention program for preschoolers. We currently have some other programming that we do with early Head Start, in particular, with screening parents for depression. What we've had, in connection with some of our anger/ violence prevention group work with children is we're beginning to have referrals of preschool children. And we know of a significant number of preschool children who are eliminated from the preschool setting because of their behaviors and the endangerment that provides for other children.

So, we have found an established program, research-based program that we think . . . we're really excited to have an opportunity. It will involve working with the staff, as well as parents of children and we have, I think, nine preschools who've indicated an interest in our being able to work with their staff, their children and their families. So, thank you for making this possible. We'll report to you later on the results."

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

Ms. Nancy Corkins, Director of Expect Respect program, Family Consultation Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm the Director of the Expect Respect program. That's a program that

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we developed five year's ago, in the schools, to help youth identify what behaviors are healthy in a relationship and what behaviors are unhealthy. And then, as they process through this classroom discussion that we have, some of the kids identify themselves as being in abusive homes or having been in abusive relationships. And in those schools who will allow us, then we come back in and we provide support groups for those students who have identified themselves.

So, we feel like this program has been a very wonderful asset to the students and youth of our community and with the grant that you guys allowed us to have last year, we were able to go county wide, instead of just staying in the City of Wichita. So, we feel very blessed and very fortunate that the commission is onboard with the vision that we have for our community in helping to prevent youth violence in our community and we appreciate your support and all that you've done for us, and whatever you will do for us in the future as well. Thank you very much."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you."

Ms. Green, Urban Outreach Director, Wichita YMCA, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And I wanted to say thank you very much for the grant you gave us. This year past, it has really been a blessing to the youth. With the internship program, a lot of the youth have had the opportunity not only to go through job awareness training, but also to be mentored by different companies and corporations within the city. Also, with the lecture series, they are having the opportunity to be exposed to different specialists and different corporations, sharing with them. And the most blessed part, this summer past, one of the interns that came in, we were trying to help them learn and develop skills to be prepared for the work force and one of the young ladies that came in, her mother passed during the interview process, and that was one young lady I definitely wanted to hire because they had five siblings, her mother's passed, no insurance. Also, we've had several other youth that have participated in the program that have really touched my heart this year. It has really been a blessed year and I want to say thank you, thank you, thank you.

We have had a couple of men who have been in the system. They also are now part of the program. They have pledged to the program. They have continued to be there, week after week, so that they would no longer be part of the system. We've had referrals from USD 259 that have come to be part of the program. The Wichita A.C.T.S. on Truancy, we work with them. We have youth referrals from them and they also have been a blessing to us. And I want to say thank you, thank you, thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Thank you for sharing, too."

Mr. Gary Brown, Coordinator, Teen Intervention program, Episcopal Social Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And I just want to again say thank you, also, for the funding. Also, I want to tell you that you are making a difference through your efforts and I would like to invite you to come down on Monday or Thursday evenings, when we meet with the youth. We meet with

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youth who have entered into the system, many for the first time. Many through the avenue of shop lifting but there are other avenues as well. And through a six-week program, they work with mentors and we help them to recognize and appreciate the consequences of their actions and just kind of give them some skills for making better choices. Give them the ability to stand up for themselves and say, 'I'm important enough to say no'. And so, you do make a difference and we do thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you."

Ms. Mary Sainte Martine, Director, Higher Ground, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I also want to say thank you for everything that you've done for our program. We provide experiential services to youth and help them develop skills in avoiding alcohol and drugs and getting into problems with the court system.

One of the things that I would like to invite you to do is to have one of our experiential people come and do some of the activities. We're starting to do some staff training, some team building with corporations and that's one of the ways we're doing some fund raising. And we would love to come and do maybe a half hour with you or an hour with you and kind of let you see the kinds of activities that we do with our kids. Also, we have the ropes challenge courses and we would be happy to have people come and visit or we would be happy to do a rope challenge course for you. So, just let us know and we would be happy to show you what we do with kids. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Great. Thank you, Mary."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm a little nervous. Does that mean she feels that the County Commissioners are at risk and that they need some help?"

Ms. Livingston said, "Have you seen the ropes course. They jump from telephone pole and grab things."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Wait a minute. You do what?"

Ms. Livingston said, "They have ground initiatives, in addition to the telephone pole."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Do they have a little orange crate for us senior citizens that we can jump from?"

Ms. Livingston said, "I think they could accommodate you."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great."

Chair McGinn said, "I think maybe we should look into that, after the first of the year. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, I'm going to be supportive of these lists of recommendations that the committee has given us and I do want to say thank you to Jeannette and all the folks who have served on that committee. We appreciate all the work you go through. Also want to say thanks to all of our partners who are here today that have been recipients in the past, and depending on what we do here in the next few minutes, maybe in the future. We've said this before, and so I don't know that I really need to repeat it, but we have, as we've talked in the last couple of weeks about this, the prevention effort is such an important part of what we do that I think the Commissioners really want to talk about this before this time next year, when again, at the end of next year we think about the prevention grants for 2003.

So, I hope some time in this first quarter of next year we can spend some quality time thinking about these prevention programs because, you know, as Gary said, we all are making a difference. I think we need to really stop and look at that and I agree with them that we are and they are making a difference. But we need to just rethink are we doing things the best way we can possibly do them in this area of prevention. Because with the money that the State of Kansas is providing, with the money that we are putting into some of these programs, we've got the ability to really do some great things. We just need to make sure that we're getting a result out the end that we think we're getting. And we think we've got a great set of partners that we're working with now, but again, this is such a priority with the Board of County Commissioners that we need to think about this more than just once a year, when it comes to this time. So, Madam Chair, that's all I have but I'm going to be supportive of this list that's been presented today."

Chair McGinn said, "Well, I appreciate your comments. I've gone out and looked at some of the different programs first hand and watched how they've worked with the youth and that type of thing. And it's been very good for me, because I'm learning about the different needs in our community and those kinds of things. And so, it was great to also hear today from many of you that we're seeing some progress and some success stories. So, I too am going to continue supporting this program and I agree that we do need to probably start really digging in to get more information and continue to fine-tune things in the future. Commissioner Gwin."

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Commissioner Gwin said, “Just real quickly too, while we’re thanking folks for not only their programs but their presence here today, I think we need to take a minute to thank Jeannette. I know you’re doing your job, but thank you. And also to the Grant Award committee members who have the most difficult task, if you will, of going through all of these very worthwhile requests for proposal and bringing information to us to help us make our decisions. They’re the ones who really can identify the needs of the community, because they are such a diverse group of folks from all different aspects of Sedgwick County government organization and Sedgwick County as a community. So, we are certainly indebted to those individuals for helping us gather the information and bringing us good, solid recommendations and my thanks to you, Jeannette, and to those folks, too. Thank you, Madam Chair.”

Chair McGinn said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there any other questions for Jeannette?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommendations.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

D. READY TO RESPOND PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We’ve been doing this for the last several weeks of reporting to you about the activities of Ready to Respond. You’ll recall that we have chunked it out into two sections. One is what we’ve referred to as citizen

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interaction or citizen education and the governmental piece.

Let me talk first about the citizen interaction. We've had Ready to Respond programs in several locations this past week, one at Countryside Christian Church, which had about 80 or so folks there.

The Realty Board, the real estate board, Commissioner Gwin presented that program to that group and the Eastridge neighborhood, where Representative Bonnie Huey was present, so we had some people from the State there.

Next week, we will be at Excel Corporation, a closed session for their folks in their corporate offices and Risen Savior Lutheran Church, which is an open session. Again, if people want to sign up, it's on our web site and the phone number is 383-7546, Emergency Management. The phone number, 383-7546.

You recall, these two brochures, the school district wanted to use these, USD 259. They combined the best of both brochures and produced some 70,000 of those and handed those out, distributed those. So, they are in the hands of school children in the School District 259 and we are beginning to get calls about more programs and we have a list of about four or five different programs in the first and second week of December already.

Besides those brochures, we are meeting with the P.T.A. at the McLean School to talk to them about these programs and we have done Shelter in Place at a number of different schools and will continue to do that.

We've been on the media. Channel 3 had a call-in show about terrorists and Ready to Respond. We received calls from Scott County, we received from Saline, we received from a lot of different places around the State that let us start thinking about our responsibility for the State and how we may be able to help and I'll get to that in a second. Last night, as I was channel-surfing, I saw Bob Lamkey on Channel 10 talking about this program and Channel 12 is planning to do a half-hour show on these kinds of issues and so, we will be a participant in that.

On the government side, we've had an evacuation of the Public Works building and the Old Courthouse. And I want to talk a little bit about the evacuation. Both went well. The evacuation of the Old Courthouse, we had volunteer spotters. These are people who volunteer for Emergency Management functions. We ask them to come in. These often are. . . some of them are storm

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trackers, or storm chasers. Some of them are just volunteers that we've developed who help with our evacuation. Who monitored the activities, wrote notes, took comments, discovered what we did well and didn't do particular well. All is a learning experience. We had a particular employee in the Department of Information and Operations by the name of Sam Baker who didn't know it was an exercise. Who thought it was a real thing on the second floor and Marv Duncan, who was in charge of the exercise, reported to us that without hesitation, this employee went into this second floor and made sure that everyone was out of there. Above and beyond the call of duty and we wanted to recognize Sam for those efforts.

I would remind employees and people that come to this building, if you have special needs or are temporarily disabled, let our Security Office know. We all know about Irene Hart and her spat with her ability to become agile on her crutches for the last six weeks. She followed the process and procedures, registered with the Security Department and so, in the evacuation of the Old Courthouse, Security went to the sixth floor to see if she needed assistance that day. That's how it should work and that's how we're prepared and we hope that is but we need to know where those folks are.

On the government side, you are hosting, on December 3rd, you have invited the County's partners to come here and hear about Ready to Respond and this is the quad-county meeting, our neighbors that surround Sedgwick County and you are hosting that. During that week also is the same time that the State will announce its plan for emergency preparedness and we believe what we're hearing is that the State will then require the counties to prepare a plan similar to what we've already done in the metropolitan medical response system. We hope it's not too different from that, because we've already done the work and filled out the boxes, which lead the team to start thinking about, since we have some experience we're going to ask you . . . come back to you and ask you to help us sponsor an education program for other counties. That we think our folks have enough experience that we may be used as consultants in other counties and we wouldn't want it to cost the taxpayers of Sedgwick County any money to do that, but we would want to participate with other counties and have them pay our expenses if they felt that was appropriate . . . if there were some expenses, and so we can provide some advice to other counties and we're developing that in the next week or so and

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so, from your experience with the quad-county meeting, we think that we have the expertise in our system that Sedgwick County Commissioners then could assist the State and assist other counties in developing this plan. So, we will be back to you with a program in a week or two regarding that.

So, that's the activities of this past week. It is going well. People still are interested. This is an important issue. The preparations for disasters is being prepared. Prepared is prevention and we continue to ask citizens to do that."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Thank you for that update. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just real quickly, on the presentation to the Wichita Area Realtor's Association last week. Allison had prepared a Powerpoint presentation for me, so if you all are going out and want to give kind of a thumbnail sketch, I didn't teach the whole class, but a thumbnail presentation of what this program contains and the information that they'll learn when they attend a class. That's what I demonstrated last week. What was interesting to me was, originally when they called they said well, they wanted to talk about trash. And I called them back and I said, 'In lieu of what's happened since September 11th, is this not a more important issue for you?' and they responded 'It certainly is, come and tell us'.

And I got wonderful comments and feedback from those folks who now are . . . talked to DeAnn Konkel, who was with me, but they are now contacting DeAnn on behalf of their neighborhood associations, on behalf of their firms, on behalf of their customer and client base, so they too can spread the word. So, be advised that there's a very effective probably 20 minutes or so, maybe 25 minute Powerpoint presentation for each of us to use, as we go out and about to kind of give an overall view of what this program contains. So, I thank Allison for her help on that, and look forward to being able to utilize that many times over as we go out on speaking engagements. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. I had occasion to be at the Countryside Christian Church meeting last week and it's really amazing to me. Every time that we go out and do this, we get better and better and smoother. This was an abbreviated presentation that took out a few things, just to have it condensed and we were done in, oh I think it was about a little bit over an

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hour, an hour and 15 minutes. One of the benchmarks that I look at to see how successful these are is how many people stay for the whole thing and not one of them left and then, the amount of questions that were asked. And these people, I think, were very appreciative, because they feel a little less intimidated when they realize that they are empowered to do some things. They can protect themselves and their immediate family, who after all are the immediate responders to any crisis. That's the first individuals that can respond are those people right in the home.

The fact that it was also this group's Thanksgiving dinner had nothing to do with me going. I was afforded a free lunch, which is always nice for a commissioner. I can't be bought, but I can always be borrowed for an hour for a Thanksgiving dinner. Anyway, it was a very nice meeting and I think we're really right on the ball in actually going out ahead of time, letting these people know that there are things . . . not only for biological or terrorist activities, but just refreshing what you can do in the face of a tornado or a train derailment, like we had down in Derby, etcetera. What you can do to prepare yourself and to protect yourself and then expand out to your neighbors and your community. I really applaud our efforts. Thank you."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Anyone else? I don't see any. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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E. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS).

1. AGREEMENT WITH AIR EVAC LIFETEAM, DBA MIDWEST LIFETEAM, PROVIDING AIR AMBULANCE HELICOPTER SERVICE.

Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item before you is a request by Midwest Lifeteam, as part of their air-evac team on a nationwide basis, for this area. And it is an approval for them to provide air-ambulance services in Sedgwick County.

To give a little bit of history, since about 1978, there have been helicopter services available to our County provided by different entities, singularly, for most of that time, by Lifewatch or Wesley Medical Center at that time, then joined by EagleMed in 1999 under a formal agreement. There were two. During the period of time there were obviously two questions that came up that needed to be answered when another agency wanted to join in on the process of providing emergency medical services in Sedgwick County was was there a need. And what we looked at, basically, was how often did that occur and prior to that we'd seen about 36 calls a year. Not a lot of calls but these are all critical calls. None of them would be what we would call a normal call. These are going to be trauma patients who have been injured significantly.

And what we also looked at was an issue of, well, how many times did the singular helicopter service . . . they weren't available because they were out on a different mission or some other mission to the region, which I think is something important to keep in mind here, that helicopter services are probably not all that beneficial just for Sedgwick County, but when you look at us as a regional area, now it becomes a service that is definitely needed for the region and it's here. It's a service that can be used by our organization, if there is a need.

The process we looked at, there had only been two in the first six months in 1998 in which a helicopter wasn't available and the patient met criteria to be transported that way. For the last year, a full year, of having two helicopter services available in 2000, there was one for two. There was one in which both helicopter services were not available in which the patient could have been transported by a helicopter, met criteria.

Based upon those issues, at the time, a different board setting, looked at the issue and chose not to make the decision based on a medical necessity and not to make it on any other issues other than the fact that the helicopter service was here, it was available, so why not use that service if we needed it in Sedgwick County. And so, we struck up the agreement that you have in front of you now. This one that we are talking about today mirrors the one that is in existence with EagleMed and it basically requires them to provide us with documentation. They are licensed by the State of

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Kansas, permitted by the State of Kansas to provide air ambulance service and they are operating currently.

Based upon that information, I believe there are other people who would like to address this issue in the crowd. I know that Robin Justice is the Regional Flight Nurse for Air Evac Lifeteam. She is here if you would like to hear from them before I make a recommendation.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Sciortino would like to make a comment.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’d like to . . . Tom, I’d like to ask that this item be deferred for a couple of weeks. I think some of us have had some questions that, because we’ve been gone all this week, we haven’t had a chance to visit with you on it. Personally, I have asked for and would like to take a look at this company’s safety record. You did touch on the need and I’d like to have time to visit with you to what has changed. I want to make sure that, by doing this, we’re actually going to improve this service in Sedgwick County and not, maybe . . . that’s what I want to get my hands around. That this will actually enhance the service that there is a need because the one thing we want to make sure is that, as these companies come in, it can be a viable business for them and they can be successful.

I do remember when we added one other company, the other company went out of business, because for some reason . . . I just want to get my hands around it and have enough time to make sure that I’m comfortable with it and would ask that we could defer this item, if it’s the will of the Board, for two weeks so that we might be able to get some of these questions answered. That would be my Motion.”

Chair McGinn said, “Okay. Do we want to take that Motion now? We have another comment from a Commissioner.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, that’s fine.”

Chair McGinn said, “All right. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “And I appreciate Commissioner Sciortino liking to do that. I don’t have any problem with taking comment from folks today, if they’re here and want to talk to us about this. They may have some information that would be valuable to us, as we gather more information if we do defer this for a couple of weeks. And I see a whole bunch of people in uniforms and others that may have something they’d like to say. So, it’s up to the Chair, obviously, but I have no problem taking input, if that would be appropriate.”

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Chair McGinn said, "Let's wait on this deferral. And is there anyone here today that would like to speak to this item?"

Ms. Robin Justice, Program Director, Regional Nurse Manager, Air Evac Lifeteam and Mid West Lifeteam, greeted the Commissioners and said, "To give you a little bit of a background, I've prepared some packets for you several weeks ago that you were each given. Midwest Corporate Aviation is also an aviation component to this as well as Saint Louis Helicopters, which is the Part 135 certificate holder here in Wichita which we operate a BO105. There are two components to this program. Midwest Corporate Aviation, which is the aviation component in Liberal, which I think you're going to hear some confusion there. The aviation component here in Wichita is St. Louis Helicopter, which is the Part 135 certificate holder, again, that gives us permission to provide the pilots and the maintenance for the BO105. The medical component is operated by Air Evac Lifeteam or Air Evac EMS, which is out of West Plains, Missouri. It was incorporated in 1985.

So there are some questions and, I think, confusion as to who the Part 135 certificate holder is. We are an extension of the services that are provided here in Sedgwick County, as far as the pre-hospital setting is concerned."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you for being here. Did you have a question for her? Just stay up here for a moment please. Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "If I understood that right . . . in order for you to be a viable business and stay in business here in this area, how many . . . I don't know what to call it, helicopters going out, in order for it to be a viable business for you on an annual basis?"

Ms. Justice said, "Sure. The most important thing to remember is that, just like Mr. Pollan just said, it's not just Sedgwick County in which this service provides air ambulance transport to. It's a regional effort and that would be south central Kansas, as well as even into the north central counties of Oklahoma as well. Can you base that on numbers? Not really. There are numbers that our CFO likes to see us have, but since it's a brand new venture, it would be very difficult to say, 'Yes, we need to have x amount of numbers in order to stay viable'."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, but I would assume, when you develop a plan . . . is your Chief Financial Officer here?"

Ms. Justice said, "No, sir. But to give you an example of what he has just generated a plan for would be 30 flights a month."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “30 flights a month. Would you have any problem maybe showing us the financial plan or letting us take a look at it to kind of get a feel for the viability of it here?”

Ms. Justice said, “I’ll certainly talk to him.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, so 30 flights a month is what, at least the company or the financial people feel, is needed to work. Okay. And do you have any feel for the number of flights, of those 30 flights, that you would hope would be generated out of Sedgwick County?”

Ms. Justice said, “For Sedgwick County, by history I believe, is about 36 air transports or maybe responses per year. And that’s just for Sedgwick County.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Would it work if there were three helicopters operating out of Sedgwick County now?”

Ms. Justice said, “That’s difficult to say. It depends on what’s happening at the time. And like I say, it’s also very important that you remember, as you make your decisions, this is a regional effort. It’s not just Sedgwick County because obviously there are going to be three helicopters, because we understand EagleMed has brought a second ship on board. My personal view on that and professional view on that is south central Kansas and north central Oklahoma is going to be much better served because there are going to be three ships available. I don’t know exactly how else to answer that question, as far as would three ships be too many. I think if you were the family member of that person or that patient and you had a helicopter available, we’re very glad that there’s three ships available in order to serve them.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. And I know I had, and I think one or two of my other commissioners had asked for like the safety record of the . . . now, I don’t know if I should be asking for the safety record of the entity out of West Plains, Missouri or St. Louis Helicopter, but the safety record of . . . Has that been provided, so that we could take a look at that?”

Ms. Justice said, “It will be happily provided to you and you will need the safety record for the Part 135 certificate holder, which is St. Louis Helicopters Airways Incorporated.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “What about the . . . now, okay . . . is that the company that’s been providing helicopter evacuation services?”

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Ms. Justice said, "That is the aviation component of this program."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, but what about the company that actually is part of this that has been providing air evacuation. What is the name of that company?"

Ms. Justice said, "St. Louis Helicopters Airway Incorporated. That is the aviation Part 135 certificate holder."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, but the Medical Air Evac Lifeteam from West Plains, Missouri, what is that?"

Ms. Justice said, "That's the medical component that provides the nurses and the paramedics to this program."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, so they're the people that just fly on the helicopter."

Ms. Justice said, "They're the care givers, the RNs and the paramedics."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. That is a little . . . Okay, that's all the questions I had."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. Well, thank you for being here today. Did you have something you wanted to comment on? Sure, come forward. Give your name please."

Mr. Mike Johnson, Lead Paramedic, Midwest Lifeteam, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I was asked today to just give a little speech about maybe why we could give some additional service to citizens of Sedgwick County. About the only thing that I could come up with is to tell you, just briefly, why I'm here in with this team. I've been with EMS for 16 years. I'm a flight paramedic from Topeka LifeStar for 6 years. I came down, basically, just to kind of check this system out just to kind of see what was going on, maybe a part-time job. I came down here and I was totally sold on the quality of the program that they've put together, from the crews, from the longevity. I actually feel like a minor in this arena of my fellow colleagues of just having 15 years.

I've been involved with St. Louis Helicopter for 6 years now. They're the vendor, Part 135 holder, for Topeka LifeStar. If they weren't safe, I wouldn't be flying with them. My number one goal is to go home to my family after finishing my shift. I think the number that needs to stick in your head is two. Two people didn't get air transport because there wasn't a helicopter available. That's why we're here, and maybe just one.

I'm excited about the opportunities of the Wichita area and regional communities that we can become a part of their team. Thank you."

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Chair McGinn said, "Well, thank you for being here today. Commissioners, I don't know if we've got someone else coming forward. Okay."

Dr. Marty Selburg, County Fire Medical Advisor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm an ER physician here in town and have been one for almost 15 years, which just means I'm old. We'd looked at the qualifications of the crew and we marveled at the over 50 years of flight medicine experience. And again, somebody brought up, that just means you guys are long in the tooth. As Mike said, about the experience and quality of the crew, that's one thing that is clear about this particular endeavor. And the questions that are being raised today I think are very important to be answered. That of exactly who is providing care. Who is operating the helicopter and performing the Part 135 piece of this operation and why we're in business because there is a very clear mission of this company, which is to provide rapid access to tertiary care for those in rural area that may be ill or injured. And this company's method of doing so is by establishing a network. Not a single helicopter or even two or even three, but the company operates over 20 helicopters.

There is concern on the County Commission, apparently, of viability of this operation and the company's commitment is such that they select an area where they can make a difference, where they can provide service that's currently not being provided or where they can augment the service that's already being provided.

Mike made a very important point that the key number is two. Maybe that key number is one, but a decision about this should not be one of guessing is this something that may benefit. If there's any question that it may benefit, then the answer is clear. I was very pleased and overwhelmed to see the presentation earlier on the program that's receiving funding for yet another year, which is very important and I'm equally pleased to come to you today and let you know there is no down side. There is not a financial down side for the County. As a businessperson, there is no cost involved to this whatsoever. We will be here. We will be operating. We are a resource that is simply available for the permission to operate.

A two-week deferral I respectfully acknowledge. At the same time, two weeks is a long time to not have the resource available in the community. And I'd be happy to answer any of the questions that may come up."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Doctor, are you working for this company that's applying for us right now?"

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Dr. Selburg said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And do you also work for the County?"

Dr. Selburg said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay."

Dr. Selburg said, "I've cleared this, with respect to conflict of interest, through the Assistant County Manager and through the County Fire Chief."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What actually do you do for us? Something with the Fire Department?"

Dr. Selburg said, "I'm the medical advisor for the County Fire Department."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, and then what will you be doing with this new company?"

Dr. Selburg said, "I'll be the medical director for this company. I am the medical director for this company. The reason I do that is my training is in aerospace medicine. I'm a boarded emergency medicine physician but my training is in aerospace medicine. I'm on my second term on the Board of Directors for the Air Medical Physicians Association. I'm the Chair Elect for the American College of Emergency Physicians section of air medical transport. If there is a physician initiative in the nation that involves physicians involved in air medical transport, I'm part of that decision. That's a resource for this region and I'm the luckiest man on earth, because I get to do what I love."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just want to talk a little bit about that potential conflict of interest. Your position with the County, you wouldn't be having the authority or the say of which company you would be calling in an emergency to . . . which evac team? Would you have any of that responsibility?"

Dr. Selburg said, "Absolutely not. You know, that now becomes almost a political or self-serving position and all of us must use intense scrutiny to be certain that's not the case. These are protocols and standards that are driven by the County medical society, by the County EMS agency. My assistance as County fire medical advisor is to assist those EMS and basic EMT resources that the County Fire Department utilizes. I have no say, nor should I, nor do I want any say on what services you'd like."

Chair McGinn said, "All right. Well, thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to defer the item for two weeks.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. LEASE AMENDMENT WITH ROCKCREEK, L.P. PROVIDING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR EMS STORAGE SPACE LOCATED AT 251 CLEVELAND, WICHITA.

Mr. Pollan said, "This item is to continue our lease of 251 Cleveland for our medical supplies and disposable supplies and our medical equipment that we store, to continue that lease for another year.

You know we are working diligently on moving to a new location at 1015 Stillwell, but that will not be completed, probably, till third quarter 2002. So, we have worked with the lessor here to put a paragraph in there that will allow us to tell them that we plan to move within 60 days and it would let us out of the lease as soon as we know when we'll be able to move in at 1015 Stillwell. With that I would make a recommendation that you approve the lease and allow the Chair to sign."

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

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Lease Amendment 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 R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

3. AGREEMENT WITH COWLEY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR EMS TO PROVIDE FIELD INTERNSHIPS TO STUDENTS.

Mr. Pollan said, "This is our standard form agreement with our teaching institutions for us to provide field internship for their students and it is a requirement of the State of Kansas and it is an excellent recruiting tool for our organization and has worked very well for us in the past in being able to benefit us in providing new human resources and getting them acclimated to our particular organization. Based upon that, I would recommend that you approve the agreement and allow the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners, are there any questions for Tom on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENTS (TWO) WITH IVAX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

- **PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT OF NURSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, AND A COMPUTER AND PRINTER**
- **PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF COMPUTER**

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This particular item involves a \$25,000 grant to COMCARE to hire a part-time lab technician to assist COMCARE in adhering to the very strict requirements of administering Clozapine, which is a medication for individuals who have a very serious mental illness. This is a medication of last resort. This is when other medications have failed and it has really been kind of a miracle medication for many individuals, bringing them literally out of the darkness of mental illness and being able to function in the community, go back to school, get some type of education, become employed. This has really been critical and, at this point, we have approximately 150 people on Clozapine and Clozaril. Clozapine is the generic equivalent to Clozaril and is a less expensive option and on Medicaid they are now requiring that people are tried on Clozapine before Clozaril, just because of that price difference. And so that's why we seeing some differences.

That's why we're seeing a different pharmaceutical company supporting that medication and the lab work that's involved. The reason why this becomes important is because there is a very serious side effect that has to be monitored for, through regular and routine lab work and we do have the

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laboratory equipment. This lab tech will work with us to help monitor that, to make sure all that lab work is done and the appropriate reporting is done with the pharmaceutical company. They also will bring over a specialized computer and software, which allows us to continue to keep people in the patient registry, which is important for this medication. I would recommend your approval and allowing the Chairman to sign the agreement.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Madam Chair. Debbie, I think I asked this of staff that presented this to me but so that the public will know, especially in giving the presentation that we had last Wednesday about the fact that we may be having a slow-down in the economy and that our projected revenues for next year might not be what we had budgeted for and asking staff to reprioritize expenses and what have you. Did we look at was there an existing technician that could do this part-time work, thereby reducing salary requirements by \$25,000 instead of going out and hiring an additional part-time person?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “Actually, we do not employ any laboratory technicians. We’ve been getting this work done and they’ve been paying through temporary service, which we’re all aware of, is a lot more expensive. This would allow the cost to be less, actually, and plus we . . . instead of having some temporary people coming in and out, we would have the consistency of one individual whose truly trained to work with us in that particular population. So, it really is a win/win situation for the pharmaceutical company and also for us.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. So, this person will just be part-time, just to do this job. It wouldn’t be folded into a full-time position, where we would have to pay the additional 50%. Is that correct?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you. That’s all I had. Thank you.”

Chair McGinn said, “Thank you. Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

2. ADDITION OF ONE PART-TIME LAB TECHNICIAN, RANGE 17, TO THE COMCARE STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, this adds that part-time position of a lab technician that I referred to in the previous item. I would recommend your approval."

Chair McGinn said, "Commissioners?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the addition to the COMCARE Staffing Table.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim R. Norton	Aye

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Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

3. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING FOR CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING (CPAAA) TO DEVELOP AN INTERGENERATIONAL CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This agreement is with the Kansas Department on Aging to provide an intergenerational congregate meal program as a pilot project in the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging tri-county area.

Kansas Department on Aging had requested that two or three across the State of Kansas Triple A's agree to provide a pilot project with the goal being to have a congregate meal site that would be in conjunction with a school meal program, lunch program to provide meals for a community or an area that did not currently have a congregate meal site available.

This contract will provide for that and we will develop an intergenerational congregate meal program to end no later than August 31st of 2002. This project will allow eligible seniors to receive a lunch meal and participate in an intergenerational activity at a local school.

We will collaborate with Mt. Hope Community Development Center to provide an intergenerational school congregate meal program at the Mt. Hope Grade School. Kansas Department on Aging will fully fund this program. We will be reimbursed \$15,000 to plan, implement and pay for this pilot project. There will be no financial obligation from the County. The Legal Department has reviewed this and approved to form. We would request approval and authorization of the Chair to sign and I would be available to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Next item.”

4. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING FOR CAAA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN PROCESSING SENIOR PHARMACY PROGRAM APPLICATION FORMS.

Ms. Graham said, “This consulting agreement is with the Kansas Department on Aging to provide assistance in processing the Senior Pharmacy program application forms. The Central Plains Area Agency on Aging will be reimbursed at a rate of ten dollars per application forwarded from the Area Agency on Aging and received by the Kansas Department on Aging.

The program will assist eligible older adults of Sedgwick, Harvey and Butler County to receive prescription reimbursement up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year, which is involving a 30% co-pay by the client and this is a reimbursement of expenses already incurred for medication.

There were a total of 675 applications mailed out from the Kansas Department on Aging in this tri-county area. These applications were mailed out by KDOA to those individuals age 65 and over, as of November 1st, who currently receive qualified Medicare beneficiary and limited Medicare beneficiary services through SRS.

We will be reimbursed the ten dollars per application. Each application that’s completed is processed by us, by our staff. Once we receive the application, help get it completed, we send that on to Kansas Department on Aging and that is where the final determination for eligibility is made and they will do the reimbursement for those medical expenses. So, we would request approval and authorize the Chairperson to sign. I would be available for questions.”

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

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.

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Next item."

5. CONTRACTS (11) TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL DISABILITY AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

PHYSICAL DISABILITY

- **INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER
DISABILITIES INFORMATION AND REFERRAL** \$28,391
- **CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES** \$36,400
- **ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS
EPILEPSY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT** \$18,000
- **RAINBOWS UNITED
VISION SERVICES** \$63,460

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- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES
FOSTER GRANDPARENT/DISABLED CHILDREN \$5,000**
- **INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER
FLEX AND HOME MODIFICATIONS \$62,059**
- **CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION
THERAPY \$52,800**
- **CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION
WHEELCHAIR MODIFICATIONS \$151,542**
- **SENIOR SERVICES
NUTRITION/HOME DELIVERED MEALS \$70,000**
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES
ADULT DAY CARE \$65,000**

TRANSPORTATION

- **AMERICAN RED CROSS
VOLUNTEER MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION \$24,169**

Ms. Graham said, “These contracts are for the mill levy physical disability services provided to Sedgwick County citizens who have a physical disability. And these include disability services, information and referral, employment counseling, job placement, epilepsy education and support, vision services for visually impaired children, enhancement of physical and mental well-being of disabled children through foster grandparent involvement, services and/or home modifications to address accessibility and safety issues, occupational and physical therapy prescribed by a physician, wheelchair modifications with persons with severe physical disabilities, home delivered meals and adult day care.

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The contracted mill levy aging services provided to elderly Sedgwick County citizens includes volunteer medical transportation. These 11 contracts are within the 2002 budget, as approved by the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners. These contractors, contracted agencies and amounts are as follows: for the Independent Living Resource Center for the disability information referral services, \$28,391, Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation for the employment program, \$36,400, The Association for Retarded Citizens, epilepsy education and support program, \$18,000, Rainbows United, the children's vision service, \$63,460, Catholic Charities for the foster grandparents program, \$5,000, Independent Living Resource Center for the flex dollars and home modification, \$62,059, for Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation for occupational and physical therapy, \$52,800, for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation Research, wheelchair modification program, \$151,542, for Senior Services, the nutrition/ home-delivered meals for the disabled under age 60, \$70,000 and Catholic Charities, adult day-care, \$65,000. That's under the physical disabilities mill levy contracts and under the aging mill levy for transportation, the American Red Cross volunteer transportation, \$24,169. I would request authorization and to have the Chair to sign."

Chair McGinn said, "Okay. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Madam Chair. Annette, you had mentioned something about the Rainbows United vision program. You said it was a children's vision program. What's that got to do with Aging?"

Ms. Graham said, "This is under the physical disabilities mill levy program, not the Aging mill levy. And the physical disability services are for all ages."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. And what is that mill . . . is that the 1.4 or what is that mill levy?"

Ms. Graham said, "For the physical disabilities?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yes, ma'am."

Ms. Graham said, "You know, I don't have that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, that's all right. So, this isn't just for the aged here. That's what I thought it was."

Ms. Graham said, "No, physical disabilities is all ages."

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

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Contracts 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 R. Norton	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chair Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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

G. REVISED SELECT-A-SEAT CONVENIENCE CHARGE SCHEDULE.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Back in May, we came to you and asked to revise the convenience charge schedule relating to the purchase of tickets through the Internet and on the telephone and at the outlets for Select-a-Seat and at that time we looked into our crystal ball and we projected probably a top ticket price of \$100, knowing that if we should ever manage to contract an event requiring a higher ticket price, we could always come back and revise the schedule. Well, here we are. We have, not only the big event of 2002, we have the prestige event of 2002. Luciano Pavarotti in concert will perform at the Kansas Coliseum on April 6th. Tickets will go on sale this coming Monday. He performs a limited number of shows a year. This is arguably the greatest voice in the world today.

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His itinerary is going to read something like New York, Paris, London, Sedgwick County, Kansas. That's a prestige event. We are not asking for any change in the schedule we set in May. However, this event is also going to have a limited number of higher ticket prices. I believe we finally decided on five prices, Jim? So, they're going to range from \$20 up to \$300, the \$300 of course being in the VIP section. And we're asking for your approval on adjusting that schedule so we can handle those higher tickets. If there's any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Why do I feel there's not going to be a lot of comp tickets to this one."

Chair McGinn said, "I know. That's what I was thinking. Commissioners, are there any questions for John on this item?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just have one. I mean, I feel really excited. How did the Coliseum get picked, if we're talking about an individual of such prestige hitting all the major cities, I'm happy but how did we get picked?"

Mr. Nath said, "Well, we were very fortunate. I had the opportunity to present Pavarotti in concert in Cincinnati in 1992. He has a practice of playing a variety of markets and he looks for markets where he's never been before. We also have the Wichita Opera Society, that is just beginning, and they have some contacts and the combination of the three factors, and some good fortune, allowed us to obtain the event."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I just think this is terrific and I hope we do a lot to promote it and have a Pavarotti day or do something. I think this is fantastic. Okay, that's all I have."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So tickets go on sale Monday?"

Mr. Nath said, "Monday at 8:00."

Commissioner Gwin said, "By phone, on the Internet . . ."

Mr. Nath said, "On the Internet, by phone, at the outlets. Come on out to the Coliseum, if you'd like to."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. And I understand the value of a ticket and why it would be so expensive. I'm trying to figure out where are \$20 tickets?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Outside, in the parking lot."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "I think the back row of the parking lot with the . . . connected, you can listen to it on your radio."

Mr. Nath said, "Obviously, the twenty dollar tickets will be the ones that are farthest away from the stage but if you've ever been to the Coliseum, we really don't have a bad seat in there. This way, you could get a ticket to a live performance by Pavarotti cheaper than you can buy a CD. Quite the experience."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Pretty cool."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the revised convenience charge schedule.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you, John."

Commissioner Gwin said, "How quickly do you think it will sell out? Do you have any guesses?"

Mr. Nath said, "I don't know. It's going to be a good experience but I have no way of calling that one."

Chair McGinn said, "Has it been on the radio yet or anything?"

Mr. Nath said, "It will break this weekend in the newspaper and on television."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Do we do any promoting out of county? I would think that people from . . .”

Mr. Nath said, “The Rudas Organization has hired us as the agency. It’s completely planned and we’re going to implement the marketing plan and people know. I imagine we’re going to sell tickets from around the country. People will fly in for this.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I’m sure they will.”

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

H. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF DERBY FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 833-AA, BB, CC ON ROCK ROAD FROM DERBY TO MULVANE. CIP# R-243. DISTRICTS #2 AND #5.

Mr. David Spears, Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item H is an agreement between Sedgwick County and the City of Derby for the project on Rock Road between 87th Street South and K-15, designated as R-243 in the Capital Improvement Program. Derby has requested that a turn lane be constructed for the new elementary school near 87th Street South. Derby will pay for the turn lane which has an approximate cost of \$22,000. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioners, are there any questions for David on this item?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I don’t have a question, just a comment. This is once again giving a community, like we did with Mulvane, a community like Derby the ability to piggyback onto a project that we already have in place and maybe draw from us some of the economies of scale of having a contractor out there. Get it all designed at one time and I don’t know exactly the amount of savings that are incurred, but there’s no additional cost to us and I’m just happy that we can afford this to two other communities within Sedgwick County when applicable. I just wanted to make that comment.”

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2001.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The following items presented today for consideration are a result of the regular meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts held on November 15th of 2001.

**1) DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: 2001 DRAINAGE PROJECTS**

First item today, drainage improvements for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from Utility Contractors of \$458,164.

**2) SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

Item two, sanitary sewer improvements for Public Works. Recommend the low bid from WB Carter Construction for \$12,526.

**3) PRC CAD SYSTEM INTERFACE- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES**

Item three, PRC CAD System Interface for Emergency Communications. Recommend the quote

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from PRC Public Management Services for \$31,341.

- 4) **QUALITY ASSURANCE NUMBER SCHEME- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**
FUNDING: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES

Item four, quality assurance number scheme for Emergency Communications. Recommend the quote from PRC Public Management Services for \$23,850.

- 5) **MIS DATABASE UPGRADE- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**
FUNDING: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES

Item five, MIS database upgrade for Emergency Communications. Recommend the quote from PRC Public Management Services for \$11,429.

- 6) **A & E SERVICES FOR JURY ROOM REMODEL- FACILITY PROJECTS**
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PB-448)

Item six, architectural and engineering services for the Jury Room remodel for Facility Projects. Recommend the low proposal from McCluggage, Van Sickle & Perry for \$38,500.

- 7) **ARCHITECTURAL/ ENGINEERING 5TH FLOOR REMODEL- FACILITY PROJECTS**
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PB-333)

And item seven, architectural and engineering services for the 5th floor remodel for Facility Projects. Recommend the low proposal from McCluggage, Van Sickle & Perry of \$74,687.

If there are no questions, I recommend approval of these items as presented today.”

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Item six and seven were requests for proposals. Was the only thing that they considered the cost?”

Ms. Baker said, “No. All of the factors considered were the experience that the proposers had and previous work that had been done and references.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Well, I would hope that, in the future, when we accept requests for proposals for professional services that we might indicate that we’re selecting that company based

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upon the request for proposal and not just the fact that it was a low bid.”

Ms. Baker said, “Okay.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Just my thought, because I think there’s more to an RFP than just cost and I appreciate that these just happen to be the low but I think you need to remind the folks that an RFP, it’s more than just cost.”

Ms. Baker said, “Yes.”

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

Chair McGinn said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I guess I just want to ask about item 3 through 5. I’m just wondering why some of these, you know, fairly decent contracts, \$20,000- \$30,000, how come we only had one person presenting us with . . .?”

Ms. Baker said, “PRC is the contracted vendor for support, for the CAD system for Emergency Communications. They provide the software, which is proprietary and they provide the maintenance and support.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I remember now. Okay. I’m comfortable with that.”

Chair McGinn said, “All right. Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Thanks. I just wanted to make a comment that the drainage improvement, that Public Works has finally come through with the first drainage project. You know, there were six or seven people that bid and I just wanted to be sure that constituents in that area know that we have moved forward. That we’ve taken it from proposal and study to a final project and I think that’s pretty exciting for us to have created the Storm Water Management Department and now we’re actually going to be doing projects that will save some taxpayers some

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money and create some areas in the County that have been fraught with problems of drainage and storm water runoff problems for years, maybe we'll mitigate some of that and this is a good start. Hopefully, we'll move forward with some of the projects in Oaklawn the first of next year that have been developed and I think, as we toured the Big Ditch, we're very well aware that taking care of the water and the drainage and the storm water runoff in this area is vital to saving a lot of money years from now.

So, I'm hoping that this project will prove out to be one that will be prudent and will save taxpayers money and save us, as County Commissioners, a lot of grief and phone calls from those kinds of problems that will exist maybe with the next group of elected officials, 20 years from now. Because I know that a lot of the issues that Bill Hancock was dealing with and that I inherited started 20 and 30 years ago, a long time ago. So, I'm very excited that we're moving forward on a very proactive method of being government officials and not always being reactive. I think this is important. I just wanted to comment on that and I thank you, Dave, for moving this forward so fast."

Mr. Spears said, "Thanks for your comments."

Chair McGinn said, "Thank you. Any other questions for Iris?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

J. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easements.

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 830-DD-360; Bridge on 135th Street West between 111th and 119th Streets South. CIP# 370. District #3.
- b. One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Easement for Drainage for Sedgwick County Project No. 791-A-5209; Bridge on 231st Street West between 117th and 125th Streets North. CIP# B-316. District #3.

The following tracts of land have been granted by Easement for Right-of-Way at no cost to the County. The Director of Code Enforcement requested these Easements as a condition of receiving a Platting Exemption on unplatted tracts.

- c. Road Number 787-W, Owner: Fred L. and Connie J. Trego, located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located west of 263rd Street West and north of 63rd Street South, Afton Township.
 - d. Road Number 596-28, Owner: Michael W. and Tracy L. Biglow, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 1 East, more specifically located south of 93rd Street North and east of 16th Street East, Grant Township.
 - e. Road Number 811-K, Owner: Michael W. and Tracy L. Biglow, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 1 West, more specifically located south of 45th Street North and east of 71st Street West, Park Township.
- 2. Order dated November 14, 2001 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
 - 3. Payroll Check Registers (two) of November 9 and November 15, 2001.**

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4. General Bills Check Register of November 16, 2001.

5. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V010162	\$295.00	5	Cottage Grove

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V2000	\$336.00	\$309.00
V2002	\$268.00	\$168.00
V200107	\$162.00	\$200.00
V200018	\$325.00	\$326.00
V2055	\$375.00	\$238.00
V2058	\$262.00	\$296.00
V2059	\$269.00	\$241.00
V2061	\$275.00	\$242.00
V2082	\$0.00	\$92.00
V93118	\$345.00	\$328.00
V96065	\$222.00	\$188.00
V98004	\$78.00	\$74.00
V98043	\$350.00	\$294.00
V99010	\$428.00	\$607.00
V010124	\$469.00	\$501.00
V010130	\$296.00	\$310.00
V401032	\$375.00	\$94.00

7. Budget Adjustment Requests.

Mr. Buchanan said, "You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend that you

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approve it.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chair McGinn said, “Is there any other business to come before the Board at this time?”

K. OTHER

Mr. Norton said, “I will defer to the other County Commissioners to talk about our KAC meeting early. I did attend but I think everybody may have some thoughts on that, so I will pass that on.”

Chair McGinn said, “I guess I just wanted to share to the public that we did host the Kansas Association of Counties meeting Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. It was a well-attended event. Everybody that I ran into said they were having a wonderful time in our community. I heard other people say it was one of the best conventions that they’ve had that they were aware of. I thought it was great taking them out to Exploration Place, I believe it was on Sunday night, that we hosted and it looked to me like everybody was having a great time. I’m just very proud that we had the opportunity to host it and we’re bringing them back next year and we brought I think it was close to 1,000 people in town and spending money and staying in hotels and going to some of our attractions.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “That would be interesting to find out, quantitatively, how much of an economic benefit having that Association meeting in Wichita, actually attributed to . . . I don’t know if we could get that, but I think the public might be happy to see that, given all the negative talk. I mean, to have 1,000 people coming into Wichita, spending money on hotels and rooms and entertainment. I bet you it was fairly impactful.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “And it won’t end there, because I think each of us talked to several folks from throughout the State who said they were so impressed with Exploration Place, they want to bring their families back and want to give them the opportunity to experience that facility, too.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Then factor in the amount of money that we didn’t spend by going someplace else. That was another savings. So, it’s win/win all the way.”

Chair McGinn said, “Anyway, it was a great event. Anything else?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, I have a legitimate one but I didn’t know if Tim . . . Nothing.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 15 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 10:45 a.m.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner 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 10:31 a.m. and returned at 11:21 a.m.

Chair McGinn said, "We're back from Executive Session. Let the record show there were no binding action taken while in Executive Session. Is there any other business to be brought before this Board? Mr. Euson? Mr. Buchanan? This meeting is adjourned."

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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

CAROLYN McGINN, Chair
Fourth District

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BEN SCIORTINO, Chairman Pro Tem
Fifth District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner
First District

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Second District

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Commissioner
Third District

ATTEST:

Don Brace, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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