

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 5, 2002

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, June 5, 2002 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters, Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Dr. Cindy Burbach, Director of Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention, Health Department; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Kim Edgington, Agent for applicant, Austin Miller P.A.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was led by Reverend Greg Brandvold of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Derby.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Next item please."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, May 15, 2002

The Clerk reported that Chairman Sciortino was absent at the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2002.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, you've had a chance to review the Minutes of May 15th, 2002. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2002.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Absent
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino	Abstain

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF \$3,500,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES A, 2002 (UNITED WAREHOUSE COMPANY).

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For successful economic growth, a community needs a solid infrastructure to support the growth of local companies and to attract new ones. Infrastructure is usually considered to be water and sewer, airports and highways but there's also a business related infrastructure, such as international banking, venture capital and the third part, warehouse and distribution facilities.

Eighteen months ago, Sedgwick County issued \$5,000,000 in taxable industrial revenue bonds to finance the cost of constructing a 200,000 square foot distribution facility by United Warehouse. The facility was constructed and, in that 18 months, it's full.

We come to you today to request formal issuance of 3.5 million dollars in taxable industrial revenue bonds to construct an additional 100,000 square foot addition to the United Warehouse facility on land already owned by United Warehouse and acquisition of land for future expansion. The

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property is located in the unincorporated area of Sedgwick County, at 901 East 45th Street North. It's within three miles of the cities of Wichita, Park City, Bel Aire and Kechi. These cities have been notified of the plans and have not objected. And I'd note that 18 months ago, when we issued the first round of industrial revenue bonds, two of the cities formally requested that we issue those bonds.

Issuance of these bonds is accompanied by a ten year, 100% tax abatement on the improvements and a 50% abatement on the raw land. There is a contract with the Fire District for fire services. The addition will provide for 16 new jobs and has a cost/ benefit ratio of 1.83 for the County. So, 1.0 is a break even, 1.83 is to the County's advantage and we will receive benefit for the abatement.

What we have found more difficult to quantify though was the effect that this facility will have on other local companies' ability to grow and expand. Nearly all the products distributed by these companies through United Warehouse are currently exported outside the County and State, so it does bring revenue to companies inside Sedgwick County.

The bond issuances have been reviewed and approved by the Legal Department and by bond counsel. Charles Schaefer, President of United Warehouse, his bond counsel J.T. Klaus and Joe Norton, our bond counsel are here to answer any questions you might have. I'd be happy to try to answer any questions that you'd have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thanks, Irene. I don't see . . . We have one. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Irene, this is again a follow-up. We had this on our agenda just a few weeks ago, which at that time we made the intent that we were going to proceed and this is then the day that we actually follow through with the action that we took. How long ago was that?"

Ms. Hart said, "It was about a month ago, early in May, you approved the resolution of intent to issue these. They've been placed and now they're ready for the Commission to approve issuance."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. So this is the last step in this process, in a sense."

Ms. Hart said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you. That's the only question I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Any other comments before we take action on this? I just have one general comment. I think . . . I'm going to be very supportive of this item and what I like about this is that it does send out a message to existing companies that instead of economic development always focusing on trying to acquire and attract new businesses into our area, that we do try to put

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an emphasis on how can we help and encourage existing businesses to grow and we're very, very appreciative of your company's willingness to grow and expand within Sedgwick County and we hope that you, once a year, come and ask us for another expansion. We would love to assist you as much as we can. Thank you very much. What's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Irene. Thank you all very much. We didn't even have to have Joe do any work on this one. He shouldn't have to get paid his full commission. He didn't have to do any work. He didn't have to talk or anything. He did all his work under the water. It's like a duck. You know, on top it looks like he's doing nothing but underneath the legs are paddling real hard. Thank you very much. Next item please."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

B. CASE NUMBER ZON2002-00004 – ZONE CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “LC” LIMITED COMMERCIAL;

AND

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CASE NUMBER CON2002-00019 – CONDITIONAL USE FOR OUTDOOR DISPLAY AND STORAGE, GENERALLY LOCATED ON 31ST STREET SOUTH BETWEEN ROCK ROAD AND WEBB ROAD. DISTRICT #5.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have one item on your regular agenda this morning and that concerns two parcels, on either side of 31st Street South. This tract is right at the half-mile line, or just east of the half-mile line between Rock Road and Webb Road. You can see Webb Road to the east, the typical four corners of commercial development. This area is all in the County and is all zoned SF-20, which is the suburban residential zone.

Back in 1984, on the south tract, there was a conditional use that was approved for what was allowed with the residential zoning and a conditional use at the time, which was a limited nursery-type use. It allowed for the construction of buildings on the site for nursery and it allowed for growing and the sales of products that were grown on the property to be sold at the property, but in order to do more than that you needed retail zoning. Over time, this use has been successful and has expanded, in terms of the scope and in terms of the size geographically. The property owner has both properties, on the north and south side of 31st Street and wants to use both of these as part of the expanded use and one will be primarily the retail sales, the other will be primarily the non-retail sales use.

But you have a site plan in your packet that shows the proposed development of both of these sites. The comprehensive plan typically looks at tracts like this, in the middle of a mile, not for commercial use. Let me show you the aerial photograph first. These are the sites in question. Mostly agriculture, large lot single-family, this is the McConnell Air Force Base housing and then to the north of that housing, as part of the development, there’s some RV and vehicle storage that’s a part of the base housing. So, there is some mix of uses in this area but it’s in an area that does not have water and sewer today, beyond the base housing which does. But water and sewer is available we think to both the rest of this section and to the section to the south of 31st Street.

So, the comprehensive plan does indicate it as a future urban growth area with municipal services. Normally, we wouldn’t expect to see mid-mile commercial development and these sites are not shown on the comprehensive map for mid-mile residential development. However, and this is the current site on the south side of the street. There is a provision in the comprehensive plan that talks about the possibility of mid-mile commercial development, especially if it’s limited in scope and it is at the corner of a collector street and an arterial street, so it can provide for convenience services to future residents in the area.

Also, the nature of this use itself, a nursery/ garden center use, is a use that you would typically find

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in a fringe urban area like this, so we think that it's not unusual to find sort of an expansion of what's basically an agriculture use evolve into something like this and then, over time, sometimes these uses phase out and become other kinds of commercial development. We may be talking about 10 or 20 years from now and maybe this use will move out further to the next fringe. But in the meantime, we think that this is an appropriate use and we've suggested setting it up so that it can be suitable for other uses in the LC district in the future and the applicant agree to dedicate a half-street of right-of-way along the . . . contingent on the need for it in the future and the development of it with other right-of-way from 31st Street, along the east side of the property to the south, so that this would be part of a collector street system and you would have the commercial in a natural location at the corner of a collector and an arterial street.

So, the Planning Department recommended approval, subject to the conditions that are in your staff report. On the Community Unit Plan, there are limitations on signs and screening and lighting and the contingent half-street right-of-way as a condition. It's subject to platting the north side of the street, which is unplatted today and proposed for more development than you see on the site today, and that's one of the conditions. The Planning . . . We sent out notices. The Planning Commission held their hearing. There were no protesters at the Planning Commission hearing, no people who have submitted written protests after the Planning Commission hearing and the Planning Commission was unanimous in recommending approval.

I'll go through the rest of the slides quickly. This is the north side of the street. This is the western boundary of that site and this is the existing wall for the base housing and you can see the RVs in the background there. And this is looking at the south side of the site, towards . . . south of 31st Street. This is looking at the . . . this is the area where trees are being grown for sale in the future. Looking east towards Greenwich Road on the south side of the street. And this is looking west on 31st Street. That's the water tank of McConnell Air Force Base in the background, the base housing on the north side of the street.

So, with that I'll stand for any questions that you have. The applicant's agent is also here, if you have any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay, Marvin. Marvin, I see we do have a question of you. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Marvin, talk to me again about the 33 foot contingent right-of-way dedication. Where is that on . . . and what would be the future purpose of that? It's not off of 31st Street, is it? Isn't it off . . . about halfway through, where that arrow is pointing on the . . ."

Mr. Krout said, "Right. It would be right at the edge, where they have a parking lot here at this

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location, it would be on the edge here. I think it benefits this property. My recollection is that this . . . the home property actually extends south, so it would provide . . . it would remind him that he needs access maybe to the south part of his property in the future too, but it would be contingent on this property, which is a large lot development today, coming in and subdividing in the future and then these properties both sharing a street that would come down in this location. And so, we would expect that that, at about the half-mile line, would be probably one of the more major residential collector roads for this area and so that would be a logical location, if it attracted enough traffic between the commercial development and the residential development then you might even have a mid-mile signal there someday.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Any other questions? Marvin, I don’t see any other questions of you at this time, but I would like to ask the audience if anyone is here that wishes to speak for or against this item, now is your time to speak.”

Ms. Kim Edgington, agent for applicant, Austin Miller, P.A., greeted the Commissioners and said, “I am just happy to stand before you and answer any questions that you might have about the specifics of this business. I’m in the fortunate position of representing a business that has the problem of growing and needing to expand their facilities. So, in this case, that’s a good problem to have. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. Thank you. Any one else in the audience that wishes to speak for or against this item? I don’t see any, so I’m going to reserve all of the comments at the Bench. I don’t see any further comments. I will make just one comment on it. I went out and took a look at this property, visited with the applicant and I’m very comfortable that what he’s doing is a quality job. He does want to expand his business. He’s been a very successful businessman. There’s a good opportunity for additional employees in the expansion and I’m going to be very supportive of it. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess that’s what I was waiting for. This is in your district and I think you certainly know the area, so I was waiting for your thoughts and if you’re comfortable with it, then I certainly am too.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much. Any further comments? What’s the will of the Board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the zone change, Conditional Use and site plan, subject to conditions, direct staff to prepare the appropriate resolutions after the plat is approved, and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolutions.

Chairman Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much. Thanks, Marvin. Next item please.”

C. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING ALLOWING CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING TO ASSIST WITH ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION FOR THE STATE SENIOR PHARMACY PROGRAM.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Kansas Senior Pharmacy Assistance Program provides financial assistance to eligible seniors to meet their needs of prescription costs. Eligible participants can be reimbursed up to 70% of their out-of-pocket expenses to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. The Kansas Department on Aging administers this program and the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging assists the Kansas Department on Aging by receiving the applications, assisting the individuals to complete the applications, processing those and sending those into the Kansas Department on Aging for their final determination of eligibility and then to reimburse them for the funding.

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This allows us, for the tri-county area, to assist these seniors with their application process and getting that processed. The Kansas Department on Aging reimburses the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging \$10.00 per application that we send up. So, we would like to request that the Chair be authorized to sign this agreement. And I will answer any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thanks. Annette, I was looking through here. Do we have an idea how many people we serve with this and is there a State cap?”

Ms. Graham said, “The SRS is involved by determining those individuals who are eligible to even apply in the first place, so anybody that’s receiving QMB or LMB through SRS, which is those individuals that due to their income qualify for assistance from the State to pay their Medicare premiums or co-pays for insurance under Medicare. Those individuals then receive the applications. We had a total of I think 900 individuals that were eligible under that for this area and we had 293 that had applied in this go-round.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay. And so, with that number, we haven’t had to turn anybody away, once they qualified it was there.”

Ms. Graham said, “No.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay. Because we hear a lot about people not being able to afford their medication. So, this looks like a good program. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. I just wanted to kind of follow up on that same line. Are we getting the word out about this? Are the right people, who are eligible, know about this? I mean, because payment for prescriptions is certainly huge costs for some seniors. Are you at the max of capacity yet of people that are eligible or are you still . . . is it still open for people to get in the program?”

Ms. Graham said, “Under this program, the SRS does send out the applications to everybody that could qualify for it.”

Commissioner Winters said, “They send it directly to those who could qualify?”

Ms. Graham said, “Yes, they send it directly to those.”

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Commissioner Winters said, “All right. Okay.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, let me maybe follow up on that follow up. How does the SRS get the notice that someone wants to apply? I mean, I think that’s where Commissioner Winters was going. How do people figure out how to get into the pipeline? How does that work?”

Ms. Graham said, “At this point in this program, only those individuals that currently received those services through SRS are eligible. So they go through their caseload and see who is receiving that type of service. They send the application out and then the individual has to complete the application and get that into us. But we do try to get the information out to the senior centers and to the clients we currently serve and say, ‘if you’re receiving the services you will be receive this application. You need to complete that and send that in’. So, we try to provide the information and education to encourage them to apply and to look for that letter when it comes.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. But that’s just people that are already in the . . . Okay, I understand that. Any other questions on this item? What’s the will of the Board please?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Absent
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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Chairman Ben Sciortino

Aye

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

D. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS HEALTH FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING OF A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES FOR HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND DISEASE PREVENTION.

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thanks, Annette. I forgot to say that, but thank you."

Dr. Cindy Burbach, Director of Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I represent a new section of the Health Department that now is 10 staff large, which was one staff this time two years ago, three years ago. Therefore, we've expanded our work, we've expanded what we do, what we're responsible for, what we can do in terms of disease surveillance, in terms of field investigation, of disease outbreaks and so forth. What we don't have is a good system of policies and procedures and protocols and basically the way we do things buttoned down. Therefore, we will be applying to the Kansas Health Foundation for a grant that will pay an outside consultant to come in, work with us, ask what we're doing now that works, suggest things that may work better and then basically systematize these into policies and procedures, protocols and processes for our unit. We would like to make this grant application to the Kansas Health Foundation for funding of this person."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Do we have any questions of the Doctor? Yes, Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Dr. Burbach, once the consultant or whoever takes a look at us, will this be . . . I don't want to call it kind of an off the shelf develop of protocols, but will this be inventing new ground, or will this be something that other communities have this kind of procedures and processes in place? Are we really developing something new and unique here or are we just trying to make sure we establish some already developed guidelines?"

Dr. Burbach said, "Good question. The irony of that is that there are very few communities, of our size especially, that have in place strong epidemiology units at the local level. Most epidemiology goes on at the state level in most states and in most communities. Therefore, there's not a lot of precedence for what it should look like at the local level. That's one thing. The other thing is that there are lots of pieces parts that need to be collected. For example, there are CDC protocols, there are state protocols, there are just good clinical protocols for epidemiology. But to make those ours, to make those all come together and work together and to say that among our staff this is what a

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senior disease investigator does, this is what an epidemiologist does, to basically make those unique to our area, yes and no. It is reinventing little wheels that have already been invented, but it's not in terms of building a local system that has not really been developed elsewhere."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right. And I think . . . Did we comment on what the amount of this grant request was?"

Dr. Burbach said, "It's got a range from \$19,000 to \$21,000, based on how many hours this person actually does for this proposal. Training of our staff, of course, on these protocols would be included."

Commissioner Winters said, "All right, thank you. I think that's all I had."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Is there any other questions? Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. I see this as a basic and essential service of a public health entity, don't you?"

Dr. Burbach said, "That's why I'm here."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And this is something new then that the Sedgwick Health Department is starting or is undertaking, correct?"

Dr. Burbach said, "We are undertaking it in a much more expanded way than it has been in the past. This is a basic function, in terms of the disease investigation, the outbreak investigation on a limited basis. It has been understaffed for years. Now we feel like it is adequately staffed, so we want to do it right with what we've got."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, I appreciate that. I think we've been talking about this for a while and the importance of this kind of division and department in public health. Besides providing services and doing those kinds of things, I can't think of anything that's more important than being able to understand what diseases are happening in our community and what we can do to prevent them. So I'm very optimistic that, under your guidance and this grant, that we'll be able to take the next steps to make this a reality. Good luck with that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Doctor, I view this . . . and I'm going to be very supportive of this item. But I view this as just another step that the health department is doing to be proactive in the area, as opposed to just reactive and I was reading in the paper this morning about four cases of Whooping Cough or what have you. So this would be something right now that you would be in the middle of trying to figure out . . . I don't know what all you figure out. But anyway, that's just

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an example of how the Health Department is really trying to take the lead in preventing disease, as opposed to just reacting to one that's already there. So, I think it's a very worthwhile grant for us to look at. Okay, any further comments? I don't see any, so what's the will of the Board on this request please?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including the grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you, Doctor very much. Good luck. Next item please."

E. ADDITION OF ONE GRANT-FUNDED SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST POSITION, RANGE 17, TO THE COMCARE STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "COMCARE's Center City program was awarded a grant by Voc Rehab, or Vocational Rehabilitation, from the State of Kansas for a full-time position for COMCARE's homeless program for an individual to help our consumers work on gaining and maintaining employment. This was accomplished primarily by the efforts of one of our business partners, Barb Andres from the Breakthrough Club who has been bugging them for about two years about additional money and

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they decided, when that came through, that we would put that position in COMCARE's homeless program. Very pleased to do this, because outcomes on competitive employment is something that the State measures and watches very closely with us.

Fifty percent of this funding of this position would come from the grant and then the other 50% from the revenues that that individual would produce. So we are requesting that you add the addition of this individual to our COMCARE staffing table."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Any questions of Marilyn? I just have a question, I guess, of Mr. Buchanan or Mr. Euson. Knowing that we're going through our budgeting process and there's still some uncertainty at stake of what the final . . . I'll use the word adjustments, they may make in their budget. It means cuts. Once a grant is approved, is that then locked in cement and we can be assured that we're going to get that money? Or could the State approve the grant and then next month find out they had a big . . . I don't know what, shortfall again and they're going to cut SRS. Would that grant, even though it's approved, be vulnerable too?"

Ms. Cook said, "I don't know the answer to that, Commissioner."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's why I was kind of directing it to the guys that . . . If you don't know the answer that's fine but I would like you to maybe give us that answer, if you could."

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "We don't know."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. All right. Because I know we're all up in the air on that and we're trying to figure out a budget and not know all these uncertainties."

Mr. Buchanan said, "With our social service programs, we monitor those payments and if the payments were not forthcoming . . . if the payments were not going to come to us because of a budget adjustment at the state or federal government, they would let us know and we would have time to react, to lay off people, change the program, whatever we need to do."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Because I assume that . . . You would not hire the person until the grant got approved, is that normal procedure?"

Ms. Cook said, "Right."

Mr. Buchanan said, "That's right."

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Chairman Sciortino said, "But that we could have this person hired and starting to work and all of the sudden the money doesn't come and we're stuck with . . . That's a bad word. But the pressure would come on us as to . . . Okay, so right now the question is you don't know for sure whether or not, if a grant is approved, does that then mandate that the State has to fund that grant."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I don't know."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. All right."

Ms. Cook said, "Commissioner, I would say it would be highly unlikely that they would pull this funding however, because employment has been such a high priority for the State. I would think it would come from some other area, should the need for those cuts happen."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I know. I understand. Here, this budget is going to be actually one of the more difficult budgets, I believe, the County has looked at and it's going to give us, I guess the argument is, an opportunity to prove how well elected officials can manage around it but all these unknowns makes it a little bit more difficult for us to make an intelligent decision. But okay, thank you very much, enough of that. Any other questions, comments? What's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 30, 2002.

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Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Of course you have the Minutes of the May 30th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts and there are six items for your consideration.

1) IP PHONES- HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

IP phones for the Health Department. It was moved to accept the quote from Southwestern Bell SBC for \$44,961.15.

2) RECORDS CENTER EXPANSION- FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Item two, records center expansion, Facility Projects. It was recommend to take the low bid of C. Smith Company for \$59,281.

3) SERVER- DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING: DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE DIVERSION

Item three, server for the District Court. It was recommended to accept the quote from Dell Company for \$47,755.

4) LAPTOPS- APPRAISER
FUNDING: APPRAISER EQUIPMENT RESERVE

Item four, laptops for the Appraiser's Department. It was moved to accept the quote from Gateway for \$67,881.

5) COMPUTERS- COMCARE
FUNDING: COMCARE

Item five, computers for COMCARE. It was moved to accept the quote from Dell for \$38,324.

6) TRANSPORTATION- COMCARE/ VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
FUNDING: COMCARE/ VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Item six, transportation for COMCARE. It was moved to accept the contract . . . to execute a contract with Best Cab for transportation services and in your notes I'm sure you have last year COMCARE spent \$132,752.89. And this new contract would save us approximately \$12,752.89.

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I'd be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I just had a . . . On number six, isn't that a result, last year, because we had reductions from the State in this area and we stepped up and filled the void? Annette has left. That was just my memory. Do you recall that?"

Mr. Phipps said, "I do not have that information."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. It's probably not appropriate. But this is going to be a substantial savings and that's good. I don't see any . . . I have one, just on item three, just to let us know, Dell was the only one that bid on that server."

Mr. Phipps said, "These are purchased, as you know, from the joint government purchasing from WSCA and many of the companies are in that, but they're the only ones that met the specifications for this particular model."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. All right. I don't have any further questions. So what's the will of the Board on this item please?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Next item is Other. Excuse me, we do have the Consent Agenda. I'm sorry. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

G. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Certification of Household Hazardous Waste Facility Permit from Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

2. Easements.

The following tract of land has 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.

- a. Road Number 825-Z, Owner: Tim Hendricks, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 29 South, Range 1 East, more specifically located west of 31st Street East and south of 79th Street South, Salem Township.
- b. Road Number 841-H, Owner: Scott & Cherise Langenbert, located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 26 South, Range 2 East, more specifically located west of 159th Street East and north of 61st Street North, Payne Township.

The following tract of land was granted by Floodway Reserve Easement at no cost to the County. This Easement was requested by the Director of Code Enforcement as a condition of receiving a Platting Exemption on unplatted tracts.

- c. Owners: Scott and Cherise Langenberg, located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 26 South, Range 2 East, more specifically located west of 159th Street East and north of 61st Street North, Payne Township.

3. Plats.

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Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2001 and prior years have been paid for the following plats:

Starwoods First Addition
Grandview Country Addition

- 4. Correcting Resolution of legal description set out in Resolution No. 81-00 associated with CU-556 Conditional Use to allow a transfer station on land zoned "RR" Rural Residential, generally located at 91st Street South and Buckner. District #5.**
- 5. Consent to annexation of a designated portion of the right-of-way of Rock Road by City of Mulvane.**
- 6. Order dated May 29, 2002 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 7. Payroll Check Registers of May 24 and May 31, 2002.**
- 8. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of May 29 – June 4, 2002.**

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Tim Norton	Absent
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Carolyn McGinn Aye
Chairman Ben Sciortino Aye

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Now, other business."

H. OTHER

Chairman Sciortino said, "The one commissioner that normally has a lot of other businesses isn't here. Does anyone have any activities that you did this weekend?"

I will say I gained four pounds over the weekend and I will be working on that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, tell us all about Derby Days."

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's why I gained all that weight. First of all, we had a parade on Thursday and my ego was given a little deflation, which is probably needed from time to time, because I was on the back end of a convertible. My wife was driving it and I had my signs out, I had some volunteers walking the side, we're throwing candy to the kids. And man, those kids were waving at me, 'Hi, Commissioner, hi'. We're throwing candy and I'm thinking, 'Man, these kids really think I'm doing a great job and this is great' and maybe their parents will vote for me or whatever. I made it about halfway through, we ran out of candy, and then the whole mood sort of changed. It was 'where's the candy' and the waves weren't coming anymore. So, now I realize that the key to success is don't run out of candy halfway through a parade."

Commissioner Gwin said, "It's not you, it's the candy."

Chairman Sciortino said, "But that wasn't my downfall. My downfall was the food court. And Saturday I played in a golf tournament down there and then Kristi Zukovich and we had volunteers from the Health Department, the Appraiser's Office, Bill Buchanan was down there, Commissioner Norton was there and I went through three of those corn on the cobs, dipped in butter which is bad and a funnel cake and I don't like the funnel cakes with the new jam all over it. I want the old traditional frosted on it. And then there was bierock sandwiches, shrimp fried rice and I wanted to make sure I didn't insult anybody so I was contributing to the economy and the bottom line is I have grown a little bit beyond my waistline, so I'm going to have to work off those extra pounds. But it was a great time."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So, you grew horizontally, not vertically."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I expanded around the equator, let's put it that way but vertically I did not grow. But there's going to be another event that I just committed to, something at Cowtown where we get to participate. That's coming up though."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Celebrity Weekend, June 22nd which is also the same weekend that the Wagon Masters are going to be working on the saloon, because they adopted it. They weren't able to do it the day we did Spruce up the Town and they're going to go out and do it that day. So, we'll get to watch them do all that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I've signed up and committed to tell stories to the kids at the railroad depot. I thought that would be kind of fun on Saturday. So, I've already told Lisa to call in and . . ."

Commissioner McGinn said, "You'll need to get a permission form from their parents to allow you to tell them stories."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I won't be handing out 'Elect Ben Sciortino' campaign pictures, I'll be just legitimate celebrity. Anything else going on in your district there, Commissioner?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Just one thing. Last weekend, our class had the opportunity to host the Valley Center Alumni banquet, which is the banquet from everybody from 19 . . . I think the earliest was 1927 on up. And it's a big event. We had close to 400 people and starts out a little rough, when you don't have those tables just lined out just right, because they want to be grouped together with their classes, so there was a little bit of glitch at the beginning but it ended real well. So, anyway . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Was the 1927 graduate just in the phone booth by himself or herself?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Actually, she didn't show up. She was going to but the . . . What was his name? Mr. . . I can't think right now, but from the class of 1929 came up to me afterwards and told me that he has only missed four alumni banquets since he graduated. So, that's kind of neat to hear some of those stories. So, anyway that's all I had."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Anything else that anyone needs to comment on? Okay, is there anything else to come before the Board?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "We have to go to the Fire District."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I think we have to go to Executive. I'm going to close the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

I. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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APPROVED:

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