

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

July 9, 2003

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, July 9, 2003 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Tim Norton; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Operations, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Sheriff Gary Steed; Mr. Michael D. Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Dr. Doren Frederickson, MD, PhD, Sedgwick County Health Officer, Health Department; Ms. Gloria Vermie, MMRS Coordinator, Health Department; 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. Beth Oakes, Vice President of Community Planning and Resources, United Way of the Plains.
Mr. Harland Priddle, President, Haven Chamber of Commerce.
Mr. Clair Donnelly, Mayor, City of Maize.
Mr. Terry Somers, Mayor, City of Mount Hope.
Ms. Sonya Ambrewster, Student, Kansas University Medical School.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Chairman Norton.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Norton said, "I was going to do an off agenda item for a proclamation, but I assume that we're not doing that now, Kristi? Is that correct? Okay, well I won't have to do that. Okay, next item."

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, June 25, 2003

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2003.

Chairman Norton said, "What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2003.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

DONATION

A. DONATIONS OF \$15 BY BERNIE AND BOB GELMAN, AND \$100 BY WALMART FOUNDATION, IN MEMORY OF SUICIDE VICTIMS, TO BE USED FOR COMCARE'S SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Mr. Tim Kaufman, Director of Operations, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "COMCARE has been fortunate to receive two donations to support our vision of improving the mental health of those in our community. One is in memory of David Abels given by Bernie and Bob Gelman. The other is from the Walmart Foundation. These donations will both be used to further efforts toward the prevention of suicide.

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The month of May was recently recognized as Suicide Prevention Month here at a BoCC meeting and at that time the new Suicide Prevention Task Force website was introduced. It can be accessed through sedgwickcounty.org.

Gifts such as these help us provide information regarding suicide and other mental health issues. I'd also like to remind everyone in our audience that if they know of anyone who is talking about suicide, to please call our crisis center at 660-7500. I would recommend that we accept these donations and authorize the Chair to sign letters of appreciation."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Any questions of Tim? What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to Accept the donations and authorize the Chairman to sign letters of appreciation.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Tim. Next item."

AWARD

B. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION TO MICHAEL D. PEPOON.

Sheriff Gary Steed, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Might ask Mike Pepoon to come up here. I appreciate you giving me a few moments to recognize one of our county employees whose done a pretty good job of service to our community.

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The Sheriff's Department has recognized his efforts on our behalf and actually on behalf of sheriff's departments throughout Kansas. Mike, as you know, is the lobbyist for Sedgwick County and he worked on some legislation that was of particular interest to the Sheriff's Department here and throughout Kansas and that was our work release fees, which of course we were successful in obtaining that legislation. And Mike also worked on our civil process fees that we didn't get passed but I was told would not pass, did not stand any chance of getting passed and we actually passed that legislation in the House of Representatives 118 to 5 or 113 to 5, something like that.

So we were successful there and of course the bill got bogged down in committee somewhere and didn't actually get passed but is still on the table. And again, that was legislation that would benefit not just Sedgwick County and the Sheriff's Department here, but law enforcement throughout Kansas.

And you know, that happened because Mike was very diligent in his efforts. He knows the ropes up in Topeka. He has the connections with the people and he's just done an excellent job up here and we wanted to recognize his efforts and service in that area.

My awards committee has passed on a Bronze Medal of Service for Mike, on behalf of the Sheriff's Department. We call this a plaque. I saw the plaque in the presentation, what this actually is, I just want everybody to understand, the plaque contains the medal. We're actually providing him with a medal. It's the same medal that the deputies wear on their uniforms, but though Mike would probably like to be a sheriff's deputy, he's not and doesn't wear a uniform and so we give him the medal and allow him to display it on his plaque.

I'm sure this will help. I know that the County is looking at layoffs and budget cuts and stuff, so any impact in that area, perhaps that would be of benefit also. But the truth is, Mike has done an excellent job for us here and we wanted to recognize his efforts and present him with this plaque. So, Mike."

Mr. Mike Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Well needless to say, I'm very surprised and flattered that Sheriff Steed would appreciate my efforts in this way. But if I've learned anything in my short stint in Topeka, it's that nothing really gets accomplished up there without the efforts of a lot of people, at least not by me on my own.

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And Sheriff Steed was up in Topeka on numerous occasions testifying, working legislators. Every time he was available and every time I needed him to make calls to legislators and it's always much easier for me to walk in an office and say, 'Sheriff Steed needs this' or 'Chairman Norton needs this' or Bill Meek needs something in Topeka and all these people that have worked on these kinds of legislation know that it's never just one person that gets it accomplished. But certainly appreciative. I've never had anything like this and I'm sure I can't pass the physical rigors of being a deputy, so this is the closest I'm going to get."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, we do have some comments here. I find it unnerving that a lawyer would have a badge, but that's okay. I'm glad it's one you can't flip out. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, Sheriff I've got to make real sure about something. That doesn't give him the ability now to arrest people, does it?"

Sheriff Steed said, "Oh, no. It's additional training for that, above and beyond that law degree."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "All right. And also, Mike, I want you to know you've just been positioned perfectly by the Sheriff's Department for 2004. Now that they've given you this big award, it will come . . . believe me, it will come 'Oh by the way'. Be careful when anybody says 'By the way, I've got this other piece of legislature I'd like for you to help on' and you're stuck now to being a strong advocate, which you always have been, I'm joking, of the Sheriff's Department."

Mr. Pepoon said, "I'm sure our platform will be peppered with sheriff's issues."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm sure it will. And did I understand it right now that that bill carried over to 2004, so now you just have to work on the Senate side?"

Mr. Pepoon said, "Right, it just never got full working in the Senate Judiciary."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, but it does carry over then. Okay, good. Guess what's going to be top of your agenda for 2004. Congratulations."

Chairman Norton said, "Congratulations, Mike. Thanks, Sheriff. Appreciate it. Before we move on to new business, I'd like to turn it over to the County Manager. He would like to make an introduction real quick and I thought we'd do it right here."

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Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is one of the opportunities that I have with this job that is just filled with pleasure and that is to announce certainly a new hire, a new promotion, new person in senior management position. This person is not new to the organization. Jo Templin has been working for Sedgwick County for 23 years. During that time, she started at pretty much at the bottom and worked her way through, including obtaining a Master’s Degree and Jo and I have worked on a number of projects together, including the strategic planning process and thinking about how this organization needed to change. Jo led that effort, internally.

When Doug Russell decided that he no longer wanted to work here and go sit in New Orleans in the summertime, it was a real easy choice for me not to do a national search or not to look around very hard. Jo has proven herself internally. She has proven herself to me and she has worked closely with you on a number of issues. And so it was a real easy decision to make the decision and move on.

And so I’ve, as of last week, announced that Jo Templin is the new Human Resources Director for Sedgwick County. Congratulations, Jo.”

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, said, “Thank you.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Now Jo, how long have you worked for us?”

Mr. Templin said, “Twenty-three years.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So you started when you were eight?”

Ms. Templin said, “I would just like to say a few things. I would like to thank the County Manager for hiring me in this position and for your continued support as Commissioners. I love this organization and I love working here and I just plan to continue working for citizens of this community and for the managers and employees of Sedgwick County and just want to thank you very much.”

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Good choice, Mr. Manager, no-brainer actually.”

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Chairman Norton said, “Well it’s always great when an organization can grow their own leaders. It’s wonderful to be able to do a national search to energize your organization with new folks, but it’s always wonderful to just kind of look within your own organization and find those same great people that you’ve grown yourself. And I would continue to support us doing just that in our organization.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well you know, I forgot, I was trying to make a joke, but Jo, what did you start in as? I mean, where did you start with the organization?”

Ms. Templin said, “I started as a personnel assistant in the HR department. Actually, started in the County in the Department of Corrections.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay. You know, I think that is a good message that we’re giving employees, that you can rise to whatever level of competency you’re able to attain. I think that’s great. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Clerk, call the next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

C. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON HOMELESS ADVOCACY’S CONTINUUM OF CARE APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

Ms. Beth Oaks, Vice President of Community Planning and Resources, United Way of the Plains, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I dare you all to repeat what she just said.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’m surprised she was able to say it.”

Ms. Beth Oaks said, “I’m here today to make a presentation on behalf of the Community Council for Homeless Advocacy, of which I’m a member. Every year, the Department of Housing and Urban Development issue a notice of funding availability and that funding availability is to be used for transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and supportive services to help people who are homeless become self-sufficient and adequately housed.

Each urban area is assigned a pro rata need share by HUD of the total funds available for distribution, and that’s based on population, area surge and community need. This year’s pro rata need share for Wichita/ Sedgwick County is approximately 2.5 million.

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The Community Council on Homeless Advocacy has been working to prepare and submit this application, which is due July 15th. And this is a competitive bid application, so even though we have a pro rata need share, we are in competition with everybody across the nation for this 2.5 million dollars that we will be applying for.

United Way will actually do the submission on behalf of that community and the projects currently have been reviewed by a group of community representatives, including businesses, banks, homeless individuals, service providers, community leaders and other.

And we are asking for three applications to be considered this year, two of which are renewals. The first application is a permanent supportive housing program with supportive services. The amount for that project is \$739,971. The lead agency on that will be Inter-faith Ministries. The second is a transitional housing project. It is a renewal. It's \$1,139,445 and the lead agency on that is Salvation Army. And the third project is a shelter plus care renewal project for \$626,568 and the lead agency on that is the Wichita Housing Authority. That brings our total to \$2,505,984 and what I'm requesting of you today is a letter of support for this application. I'd be happy to answer any questions you all might have."

Chairman Norton said, "Well I see none at this time. Give us just a quick blurb about homelessness right now in our community. Kind of, I know we know with the layoffs and what's happened since 9/11 the economy has changed and we understand that there's more people moving towards homelessness and fighting that. Kind of give us a little state of the city on that."

Ms. Oaks said, "Sure, I'd be happy to. Actually, when we talk about a continuum of care, we talk about homeless prevention through permanent housing. This particular application is only looking at one piece of that, the transitional and permanent housing support of that, but what we are seeing is a significant increase in prevention activities. People are needing more and more assistance with food assistance, utility and rental needs, those types of things to keep them in their current home or apartment or rental unit or whatever. So that's where we're seeing a lot of the increase.

If we can't meet those needs, what ends up happening is they end up in our emergency shelters and overflow shelters that run during the winter months and then, of course, we'll move those folks as they enter into those emergency shelters into transitional housing, but we have seen an increase. Our increase has primarily been in families and we have a large percentage of children residing in our homeless shelters."

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Chairman Norton said, “Okay. And it’s not winter yet. That’s when you find out where everybody comes out to find shelter and everything. Okay. Any other questions? What is the will of the Board?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “This is just to apply for the grant?”

Chairman Norton said, “It’s a letter of support from us that goes with the grant application. Is that correct?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the letter of support and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you, Beth. Next item.”

D. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

1. PRESENTATION REGARDING K-96 CORRIDOR STUDY COALITION, AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The K-96 corridor study coalition is composed of four cities and two counties within this area. The cities are South Hutchinson, Haven, Mount Hope and Maize and the counties would be Reno County and Sedgwick County.

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Today we have representatives from the City of Maize. We have Mayor Clair Donnelly from the City of Maize. We have Harland Priddle, who is the president of the chamber of commerce of Haven. And also joining me in staff support of this organization so far is Jamsheed Mehta from the Metropolitan Area Planning Department Transportation Division.

I'd like to introduce Harland Priddle, who will make the presentation today."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, thank you."

Ms. Hart said, "Oh, I might also add that Harland Priddle, not only is he the current president of the Haven Chamber of Commerce, he's also a former secretary of the Kansas Department of Commerce, so we're delighted to have as a member of this coalition."

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Harlan Priddle, President, Haven Chamber of Commerce, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I appreciate the opportunity to be here and discuss what I think is an exciting opportunity for not only communities but counties in this area.

As you all know, when we developed corridors around Wichita, with the K-96 and the flyover downtown, we created economic opportunities and that's really what this is about. So as Irene said, today I'm not here just for Haven. I'm here for the entire corridor entity.

In definition, the K-96 corridor really extends from Maize to Wilson Road. Wilson Road is just west of Hutchinson, around on that new access. Also, the second point is the daily traffic count on this corridor exceeds any other traffic count on any highway except interstate systems in Kansas. There are between 7,500 and 10,000 cars a day that go along that route, so you can envision the opportunities that we have. Because it's an excellent opportunity for regional development between these communities. And the K-10 corridor in Douglas has been a model for us to discuss and look at. We called them in early to get their opinions on how they did it, what it cost them to do a study and that sort of thing.

With that, as Irene mentioned, these are the corridor's participants who have been actively planning and working together. And I might add that Commissioner Winters and Irene have participated, as well as people from Maize and all these communities.

Current status of the program, the K-96 corridor coalition has been formed and we've had several

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planning meetings. We've developed a draft Request For Proposal for an economic development corridor study and the funding for this has been approved by Reno County, cities of South Hutchinson, Haven, Mount Hope and Maize.

That RFP for the economic development corridor study will actually have this kind of scope of services. It will identify the interested stakeholders and organizations, in other words within communities, is it businesses, is it towns, is it that kind of thing. It will be approximately one mile wide, on both sides of the expressway. It will also establish goals that we want to achieve by the group in the study. We think that's extremely important. If you don't have a goal, you know, 'he who aims at nothing always hits it' so we've got to have goals, okay."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Wait a minute, I've got to put that down."

Mr. Priddle said, "You want to write that down?"

Chairman Norton said, "We'll hear that for the next three weeks. Thanks."

Mr. Priddle said, "I've got three more to go, Commissioner, so don't get in a hurry there.

We also want to collect data from the communities and other sources of what's the status within their communities. Actually, as a result of the study, we're going to identify the existing land use, what's there now, what the zoning is, what the flood plain is, because we've got some water issues in those areas, the existing roadways and utilities and infrastructure and what's being planned and what was planned previously and what's the community plans.

I know we in Haven, we've developed our strategic plan. Mount Hope has and I'm sure Maize is in the process of doing the same thing and so on. Then the last and probably the most important thing is what's the strengths, opportunities, weaknesses and threat analysis in that corridor.

As a result of that study, we will identify those areas and properties which we can really practically and objectively development for economic reasons. We want to do the feasibility of development of service, what does it take to do that. I can tell you, if you have a company that's interested in putting a facility in Mount Hope, they're going to want to know, you know, is this going to work, can we connect. And they'll also make recommendations regarding the types of development that should be done along the corridor.

How are we going to manage the funding of this project? An account will be established and we've coordinated with South Central Kansas Economic Development District, Bill Bolen and Wanda

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Jackson, to establish a trust fund which the monies will go into. And then the corridor group themselves will authorize that and then schedule to make the disbursements. So they will actually act as probably a trust officer kind of arrangement.

Project management, as Irene stated and as I stated, we do have the group in form at the present time. Right now, we want to finalize the RFP and solicit proposals. We then want to select the contractor. We will act as the approving authority and then the last and the most important thing, as I mentioned to the mayor from Maize, no plan is any good unless you implement it. You've got to put it in action. If you don't do anything with it, you've wasted your money. So that will be the second step of this proposal.

So, in summary today, this is kind of coming back home for me. In 1989, I rode the van from Hutchinson, Kansas into Wichita and the commissioners of Reno County and Sedgwick were together in the van when we said, 'Let's do the four-lane highway'. The four-lane highway is done. Now this commission has an opportunity to take that step with other communities in the study.

With that, we on behalf of the communities request you, the Commission, to approve the resolution placing you as an active partner, and I would stand for any questions or comments."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you and we have some. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And Harland, thanks very much for that presentation, very informative and concise. Mr. Chairman, I would also like to acknowledge that Terry Somers, Mayor of Mount Hope, has entered the room and George Dick, the City Clerk from Mount Hope is also here. And I don't know whether either of the Mayors have anything they'd like to say about this. If either one of you have any comments, we'd certainly be glad to hear them."

Mr. Terry Somers, Mayor, City of Maize, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you. It's nice to see you all again. Thank you for the time. I would just like to say that Maize is very supportive of this and that we look forward to working with them and developing along that corridor. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you."

Mr. Clair Donnelly, Mayor, City of Maize, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I too, as Mayor of Mount Hope, would acknowledge our interest and our deep concern pertaining to this development for our area and for our community and we highly support that."

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks. Mr. Winters has more to talk about, so I'll . . ."

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Commissioner Winters said, “Well, I just wanted to take a moment to remind the commissioners kind of how we got to where we are and what we’re thinking about today. This process really began with conversations with County Commissioner Shep from Reno County, who first contacted Commissioner McGinn and myself about our interest. And we had several meetings toward the end last year and then, at one of our staff meetings we visited about it and then we had it on our agenda in December, because we had the opportunity for some contingency economic development funds that we could set aside, \$25,000, and if we decided to go ahead, we make that decision to set that money aside last year in December.

So this is kind of a follow up then to again hear from Harland Priddle, whose really kind of the expert person that we’ve been looking to for assistance on this project. And there are a couple of things that I think are very important about this. We keep talking about how we’re going to do regional partnerships on economic development and sometimes they’re very difficult to do, because there are so many conflicting interests, but I think a study on this corridor that has a lot of traffic, there is going to be, some day, some development take place along there. If we can encourage and help that to happen more rapidly, I think that’s a plus.

And then we all know that there are better places for development to happen and there are less desirable places and I think this is the kind of study that will let us determine where those more desirable places are and, as people begin to look at land and property out there, those that are less desirable, that either have flood plain problems or it’s going to be extremely difficult to get infrastructure to. Somebody needs to be pointing that out to land owners and developers right from the beginning and saying, ‘Look, this may look like a good piece of property, but it’s got some flaws, it’s going to be more difficult to get you services or access or whatever it is’. And this kind of study would really let us, I think, take a close look at that.

We’ve been working with Jamsheed Mehta in Metropolitan Planning and Jamsheed is going to have, I think, I role to play. And as Harland and I were visiting just briefly before this meeting and then earlier, we also can really look at this as perhaps a little model for some other corridors, because there are several others. We have Highway 81 corridor between here and Newton. We have the corridor from north Wichita over to El Dorado, along 254 that also is going to see some activity. So I am going to be encouraging our support, but again, if the commission thinks they need additional information or wants to step back and take a look, I’ll understand that. But I hope that we could come to some kind of decision today, but I’ll understand if we can’t. Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, just to reduce Commissioner Winters’ anxiety a little bit, I’m going to be highly supportive of this concept. I think this is the type of forward thinking we need to

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do and stop . . . not saying that Sedgwick County . . . but sometimes you get a tendency that, you know, we're elected only by Sedgwick County citizens and we're only responsible to them, so we're going to put on our blinders and only look at Sedgwick County and somebody else is a little island over here and heck, we're all in the same boat and we have to start thinking regionalization. Countries are now thinking globally, we have to start thinking regionally and be complimentary, not competitive. And I think this is a great step. I know you've done a lot of work, along with Commissioner McGinn, and I'm going to support this.

Just a question. I don't even know if it's appropriate, but looking at some of the partners, I noticed that like Wichita was not part of the group. It would seem to me that the corridor would benefit them. I noticed it was just South Hutchinson, as opposed to Hutchinson and I would think they would be . . . When is the timing to try to bring them into the fold to see if they would be a partner or something on this? Maybe it's not appropriate to ask that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I do not know the complete details but I know . . . I believe that there was discussion between the two major cities on this corridor and they just didn't see it as a priority on their schedules. And that's when Commissioner Shep, the county commissioner from Hutchinson, got involved after I think that some of those cities turned that opportunity down."

Mr. Priddle said, "I might add, Mr. Commissioner, also that those two entities of Wichita and Hutchinson have full blown economic development programs in place. And as I discussed this with the planning group and even the people in Hutchinson, this is not meant to exclude, because they're going to become a partner because of their relationship. And so, we're going to include them anytime we need to.

For example, I'm from Haven. We don't have a full blown economic development staff. If I need some research done, I'm probably going to go up to Hutchinson. So we consider them as partners, but for the corridor development, they have their own thing."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And please keep in mind too, there's a whole new administration over at the City of Wichita side. There's a whole new economic development focus now, of which Wichita and Sedgwick County are equal partners with the Wichita Chamber and there's going to be a steering committee and they're going to be really looking, I think, more regionally. So maybe don't get too discouraged over maybe at some time in the past they turned us down, maybe if there's another opportunity.

I'm speaking now primarily just for Wichita, you might find them more receptive to looking regionally, as opposed to just myopic their city and only. I know the new mayor has been quoted many times in the papers saying that that's the type of focus he thinks will really have a true economic impact on the region, because I think he realizes whatever economic impact happens to

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be in the region, with Wichita the largest city, they're going to get a good benefit of any economic upturn. So, just encourage you to continue working with them."

Mr. Priddle said, "I think the study will be a building block for that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great, okay. Thank you very much."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. This is a project I'll be very supportive of, and Commissioner Winters kept it in our thinking these last several months, as he just kind of continues to bring it up."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Tell the truth, he beat us over the head with it, over and over again."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I won't put it that strongly, but we've been aware that this project has been going on. It's something that we can be happy about or proud about for a couple of reasons. One, it indicates an effort on our part to want to be participating in a regional cooperation and we also want to put our best effort into making wise decisions about the growth in this area.

So, I'm looking forward to seeing how it turns out, because I agree that we've got other corridors that we need to be aware of and 254 corridor especially is one that I'm interested in.

After saying all that, my question is who is the controlling authority, after the plan is made, in terms of enforcement or getting approval for plans? How is that group identified?"

Mr. Priddle said, "The way the group is planning to do that, Commissioner, is as this study comes to fruition, there will be a formalization of a K-96 coalition with a chairperson and participating representatives selected from the communities. So far, this coalition has done that on, what I would call not a legal basis, but a participating basis. So as soon as this study is done, because it's in place, I envision one meeting taking 10 or 15 minutes. I think Commissioner Winters would agree with that. We've laid the groundwork. That's the way we're going to manage it."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And so that controlling commission will have the force of law behind it in making its decision."

Mr. Priddle said, "Yes."

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Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Mr. Priddle said, "We have coordinated this with the Department of Commerce and Housing, because we sort of modeled it like the K-10 corridor."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters, did you have some other comments? You looked like you were . . ."

Commissioner Winters said, "No, I don't think so."

Chairman Norton said, "Just some things I'm interested in, one of those things. One of the things is this will become a model for these other corridors. I mean, obviously Douglas County did their study, the K-10 study and now this will hopefully become a model, a template that we can use for 254, 81 Highway, K-15, K-42. We've got a lot of spokes going out of Wichita that connects us with other places in the region and I think, hopefully, this will be a nice template that we can set over that will set in motion all of that.

Harland, I would urge you and your group, and I know Tom will be very interested in this, to engage the new strategic planning group, the steering council locally here that we've put together, because we really do want a regional focus on this. And although we know Wichita is the hub, I continue to say it's a hub and spoke kind of thing. If we're going to think regionally, we've got to look at the corridors that connect us and make sure that this is strategically done with this steering council. I think they will be very supportive of what you are doing. Certainly Tom and I sit on there right now, it may be other commissioners sitting on later, but I think we're very supportive of that.

I do question, the cities that are left out I think are Hutch, Wichita and Yoder. Yoder's not . . ."

Mr. Priddle said, "Yoder is not incorporated. We've talked to them and we certainly didn't leave them out, because when you go in the parking lot of Carriage Crossing you're going to see Minnesota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and so on. And they're stopping not only there, but the tremendous Kinkaid Gallery. So they're with this, but they're not incorporated."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, certainly they're very entrepreneurial. They may not be incorporated but if you look at what they're doing in their little corridor right there, piece of this, I think it's going to be important that they're included in the whole thing. I think you're doing great

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work. I'm very supportive of this and it fits in so well with what we've worked on with the strategic plan, to bring groups together to collaborate and compliment each other instead of fighting about turf all the time. So, at this point, are there any other questions or discussion?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, I don't think so. Mr. Chairman, I would be ready to make a Motion. It appears that there seems to be some support for moving forward today."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Adopt the Resolution and that our commitment be \$22,500 to assist with the study.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Harland and we certainly appreciate . . ."

Mr. Priddle said, "Thank you very much for your participation and, on behalf of all the participating communities, I know they appreciate it also."

Chairman Norton said, "Mayors, we appreciate you being here today too. That's always nice to see you with us. Irene, any other things for that? Okay, Clerk call the next item."

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN AGREEMENTS.

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Ms. Hart said, "At one time, we'd received a grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing for a micro-loan program. We worked with SCKEDD, South Central Economic Development District, who became the administrator of that program, since they administer a number of loan-funded grants.

The micro-loan program serves to assist companies that are creating fewer than five jobs. The program operated outside the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. The grant has expired. However, the payments, the loan repayments as they come back in can be loaned out again. And what this document does is give me authorization to sign the loan papers, rather than bringing each one to the County Commission, to sign the loan payments after it's gone through the SCKEDD loan committee and been approved by them and done all the necessary background work. Otherwise, it would need to go on the County Commission agenda. So that's what the request today is. It just authorizes me to sign those documents after they've been approved by all the regular approvals."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. Well something I'll be very supportive of. Most of my comments, in relation to business from the bench, since I've been here have been supportive of small business. So five people or less is definitely small business. But what's the total amount of the grant that we're working with or the total amount of money that we have loaned? Do you know that number?"

Ms. Hart said, "I think we've received finally about \$100,000. We had two different grants and I think they totaled \$100,000 and, as the repayments come back in, usually we wait till there's \$15,000 to \$20,000 before re-loaning it again."

Commissioner Unruh said, "And the maximum loan amount is \$15,000."

Ms. Hart said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you. That's all I had."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm having a little problem with it, but maybe you could solve my problem. Somebody applies for a loan, and if I understood it right, we had a base amount and then

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we let it out and, as we get it back, we can lend it out again, so it could be going on in perpetuity, including slightly increasing if there's small interest rates. Is there any interest assist to the loan?"

Ms. Hart said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. So it could grow and continue. But if I understood it right, in the past, when SCKEDD or whatever said, 'Okay, this is the applicant that we wish to approve' it would come to us like it was a Board of Bids and Contracts for our final approval. If we did this, then we wouldn't have either the responsibility or the authority for final approval. That would be something you could do on your own?"

Ms. Hart said, "Under the terms of the grant, you never did see . . . since it was federal money, you never did see those final documents. Since it's now considered to be County money, you would be seeing the final documents."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But would we have to take any action on it?"

Ms. Hart said, "You would and then all that loan information, all that documentation would be public information, so that's one reason we're trying to handle it in a less public manner, since it's personal financial information."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "No, but I mean it will now be County dollars that we'll be making loans to small businesses for."

Ms. Hart said, "Right, as it comes back in."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, and then it becomes County's dollars. Okay and that's where I have a concern. Somebody, staff or whatever, will be making a recommendation to make a loan of County dollars to an individual business and what this would do is allow you to go ahead and obligate us for that loan, but without us approving or disapproving that loan."

Ms. Hart said, "That would be correct, but the money is limited to the repayments."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand that but that's County dollars now, as opposed to . . . and I just have a little . . . I don't know why."

Ms. Hart said, "And I'm not sure that we could do anything else with it, besides send it back to the Kansas Department of Commerce and they probably wouldn't know what to do with it either."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “No, I understand that. I just . . . I don’t know what, but whenever it’s County dollars, I still think that we were elected as stewards of the taxpayers’ money and I just feel a little uncomfortable us not, even though sometimes it’s just rubber stamped, not being able to say ‘Yes, we saw that and yes we approved it’ because . . . I don’t know. I don’t have a problem with the . . . I’m just having a little . . . I’m done. I just have a problem with it.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well, I don’t know if this will relieve any of that, but the confidence I have here is that this program is going to be operated through SCKEDD’s loan committee evaluation process. Is that correct?”

Ms. Hart said, “Yes, sir.”

Commissioner Winters said, “So they’re the ones that are going to be looking at and evaluating and they’re experienced in . . . I mean, they do all kinds of other programs that are doing loans and that kind of transaction to individual businesses.”

Ms. Hart said, “They also administer other county’s loan programs, such as Butler County and I believe Marion County.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “And do those counties circumvent the authority of the board, making the final approval on renewals of it? Have they done that also?”

Ms. Hart said, “That’s not the way I would word it, but we were one of the early grants, so we’re earlier in the process. They will have the same opportunity and I expect they’ll be using the same process.”

Chairman Norton said, “How many loans do you think, over the course of a year, that this might generate?”

Ms. Hart said, “One or two.”

Chairman Norton said, “For me, all I need, just like we do on purchasing, the Manager or Iris Baker sends us an e-mail and let’s us know that it’s not coming to us but here’s some purchasing that’s being done at a certain level. I don’t have a problem with you just sending us an e-mail,

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giving us a head-up on here's a micro-loan being done, here's the amount. It's not going to come before you, but you've got a heads-up so you know that, at some point, if we have a trigger that goes, 'Well, that's not a business we really want to be loaning to', we can send up a red flag and communicate to you and SCKEDD."

Ms. Hart said, "Okay. The resolution . . ."

Chairman Norton said, "To me, that would solve that issue of us not knowing."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, but if I understood it right, it will already be signed and committed to, whether we like it or not. So if we don't like it, it's already been committed to. I just have a problem with it. I certainly don't have a problem with supporting small businesses, but I have a problem with us . . . And I didn't mean that word to be inflammatory, but I do think we have a fiduciary responsibility and should be the final people that are held accountable on how money is given. And maybe I'm just highly sensitive about how grant funds are being done because of everything I'm seeing in the paper in Wichita, Kansas etcetera where the board is shielded from ultimate responsibility of how those funds are distributed and I'm just sensitive to that right now and I'm not going to be able to vote . . . I just have a little problem with it."

Ms. Hart said, "Well, I'd be happy to take it back and see if there's not a way that we can work this to maintain confidentiality, to make sure it's a streamline process and still give the accountability that you desire. We can go back and see what we can do."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm probably over sensitized because of what I've been reading in the paper recently and that just bothers me. I don't know what to do about it. I know if I vote no now it's dead for this . . . because we don't have a fourth one. Maybe it would be proper to defer it a week. If we deferred it a week, does that cause a problem?"

Ms. Hart said, "No, sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And you say there's only one or two?"

Ms. Hart said, "A year, yes sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So what is the advantage of trying to stop us from having to approve it? I doesn't seem to be that laborious, if there's only one or two a year."

Ms. Hart said, "It has to do with the confidentiality of the personal information or the personal financial information."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, why would we not want to be privy to that if we're making somebody a loan? I mean, if we're making somebody a loan . . ."

Commissioner Winters said, "But then it's available to everyone else in the world also."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But isn't it available to everyone else the first time that they . . .?"

Ms. Hart said, "No, sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Why not?"

Ms. Hart said, "Just the loan committee."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "No, I mean the first time that they got the loan from the federal government, when it was a federal grant. Wasn't that public knowledge?"

Ms. Hart said, "No, sir."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well, I just want to say I appreciate Commissioner Sciortino's concern, especially in light of things that are being carried in the paper right now about misuse of public funds, but it seems to me like . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm not alluding that we're doing anything improper and I didn't want to . . ."

Commissioner Unruh said, "I understand that you're not making any . . . you're just trying to be careful and being prudent in what we're doing. However, I think that if we give authority to a loan committee to handle these types of transactions, it's not a single person, it's a whole committee of people that are experienced in doing this. I mean, it's just like I personally don't want to get in the business of micromanaging at that level. I would rather give the authority to the loan committee and let them carry out their work. So, I'm perfectly willing to delay it, if that's what the commission wants to do, but I'm more willing to go ahead and vote on this and give it approval right now."

Chairman Norton said, "Certainly I am too. Tom, do you have some other comments?"

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Commissioner Winters said, “No, I’m ready to move forward today.”

Chairman Norton said, “Well, I have two perspectives. One, as manager of Target and as a mayor of Haysville, I sat on the micro-loan committees for SCKEDD and I made some of these decisions and we scrutinized small business people that came to us that were trying to create two or three jobs. We’d looked at all their financials. We’d looked at even their criminal records that had to be kind of scoped out. I mean, it was quite a bit of scrutiny. So once we made a recommendation, I feel like it’s gone through great filters and I think it will not be a problem for us, particularly when it’s only one or two and we can get an e-mail that tells us what that is. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “So you have worked with the SCKEDD loan committee and have some degree of confidence in their work?”

Chairman Norton said, “Absolutely. I’ve probably sat on four or five panels, over when I was mayor and with Target. Any other questions?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, yeah. Well, this is putting me in the horns of a dilemma because if we’re going to force the vote today, personally I’m going to have to vote no for it, because I’m still laboring over this integrity thing and what have you and I feel confident that probably I’m going to be the only one on this entire board, maybe, that has that problem.”

Commissioner Winters said, “If you’d like to delay it a week, I’d be glad to do that.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well I would really like to delay it a week and maybe give me some more time to get comfortable for it, because I’d like to support it. I don’t want to be even remotely painted by saying I’m against small businesses and then also Commissioner McGinn would be here. Even if I still had a problem with it, it wouldn’t go down in defeat. And if that would be okay, I would ask that we make a motion that we defer this for one week to give the old fuddy-duddy a chance to get comfortable with it or something.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to defer Item D-2 one week.

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Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Chairman Norton said, “And now old fuddy-duddy is officially in the record. Is that . . .?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, that’s always been in the record.”

Chairman Norton said, “Any other discussion? I have a Motion and a Second. Clerk, call the roll.”

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you, Irene. I really appreciate you presenting it the way you did and we’ll take it up again soon.”

Ms. Hart said, “You’ll see me next week.”

Chairman Norton said, “Good, always a pleasure. Next item.”

3. AGREEMENT WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTYWIDE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Ms. Hart said, “It’s me again. We received a supplemental Local Environmental Protection Program grant, a LEPP program grant in the amount of \$27,000 to develop a county-wide wastewater plan. The item before you today is to sub-contract that grant to the County Conservation District to actually perform the work.

What they’ll be doing is assembling wastewater utility plans from across the County, looking at identifying sensitive groundwater areas, perhaps recommending different types of systems for those particular areas. That will be done under the direction of Susan Erlenwein, who you know is very

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competent when it comes to developing plans. We have a timeline. We should have a draft plan back by this time next year and I'd recommend your approval of it."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Any discussion? Any questions? At this point, I would entertain a motion if we have no other questions."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Norton seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Irene. Next item."

E. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND HOUSING PROVIDING ACCESS TO KANSAS ACCESSIBILITY MODIFICATION PROGRAM FUNDS TO ASSIST OLDER ADULTS WITH MINOR HOME REPAIRS.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Kansas Accessibility Modification Program is a program funded through the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. Services provided through this program assist homeowners and renters aged 60 and older with housing modifications that enable them to have full access in their homes.

The KAMP services will be made available to meet the needs of older individuals in the tri-county area of Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick Counties. The KAMP program also enables the Sedgwick County Department on Aging and the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging Minor Home Repair

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program to serve additional older individuals in need of this service.

The funds that are provided are on an individual basis through the Department of Commerce and Housing for approved modifications. Funding for this program is fully provided through this agency and the department is reimbursed an administrative fee for each approved application.

Last year, in our partnership with this program, we were able to serve ten individuals with a total value of \$27,000, so it's been a very successful program. It really helps out people to enable them to stay in their homes and in their communities longer. So I would request that you approve this and authorize the Chair to sign the contract."

Chairman Norton said, "What is the potential, do you think, out there, Annette? I mean, obviously ten, but it seems to me that there's probably a huge potential out there to do more. Do we know what that potential is?"

Ms. Graham said, "Statewide, the funding for this is pretty limited. There's only \$400,000. So for the first three months of the program, each partner is only allowed to offer up seven, to send in seven applications. That way they can make sure that, geographically across the state, those funds are kind of distributed fairly evenly. So we were really pleased last year to have ten. We got three more than we had anticipated. Yes, there's a very large need out there, but these funds are so limited that . . ."

Chairman Norton said, "Do you have many more applications for this money than you actually give grants? I mean, what does that look like or do you have people out there looking?"

Ms. Graham said, "It's on a first come, first serve basis, so when we hear from them that the funding is gone, we quit taking the applications for that and try to serve them through our other programs, although the cap on those other services is much lower. This allows up to \$5,000 for an individual who owns their home or \$2,500 if they're renters."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I think you answered part of my question already. We don't have to publicize this. There's enough demand for it that we have plenty of applications for this money."

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Ms. Graham said, "Through our other programs and through our case management program, our other contacts with the aging community and the providers, we do get plenty."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. And so with ten last year at \$27,000, average \$2,700, it's not like we're adding rooms or remodeling houses. We're making minor modifications that allow people to stay home."

Ms. Graham said, "Such as ramps, grab bars, making modifications in bathrooms to raise the fixtures, raise the toilet, raise cabinets, widen doorways."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Well I'm supportive. I think it's a great program and when we can allow people to stay home, rather than having to go into some kind of assisted living, it not only is good for them, but it's a good financial investment for us. So, I think it's a good thing."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. I see no other questions. What is the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Annette. Next item."

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

F. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

1. GRANT APPLICATION TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) FOR FUNDING OF “STEPS TO A HEALTHIER US” PROGRAM.

Dr. Doren Frederickson, MD, PhD, Sedgwick County Health Officer, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Health Department was taken over by the County a year and a half ago and embarked on a strategic plan where priority areas were identified that had not been approached by the Health Department in the past. And the special priority area was adult health and chronic disease health and we were very excited to find, in this time of restricted resources, a large federal Request For Proposals which Centers for Disease Control and Health and Human Services have released and we have prepared a proposal for that.

They intend to fund \$15,000,000 the first year to ten cities for rural areas and one Indian reservation. And in years two through five, they will fund \$125,000,000, they will give this money away. We know the competition for this will be severe. There have been 123 urban areas which have submitted letter of intent and we are one of them. This . . . Tommy Thompson, the Secretary of HHS, commented that we have to, because obesity and Diabetes are endemic in our lifestyles, we have to truly change our attitudes and focus on preventing chronic disease rather than simply treating them. We have to reach Americans in their homes and neighborhoods with innovative programs to prevent Diabetes, obesity and improve Asthma and we’ve got to think outside the box.

The communities awarded the grants will lead the country in changing our health care model from one that just treats sick people to one that successfully promotes better health. And in mind of that, the Health Department has partnered with community agencies to address this, because it requires public/ private partnership to reach people in their homes, in their places of worship, in their places of work, where they play and have activities.

Diabetes, Asthma and obesity were chosen because of their debilitating effects, their rapidly increasing prevalence and because they are fairly responsive to prevention measures. And the number with these problems has doubled in the past decade.

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This proposal is due July 15th and we will be asking for approval to submit our proposal and authorizing the Chair to sign all necessary papers. In your packet you have four documents, or the Commissioners have four documents and one of them highlights the latest state risk factors survey data, that would be item number four in the pack and in this we found that Sedgwick County has higher obesity, Diabetes, smoking and Asthma rates than the rest of the state. This is frightening for us. We also found, interestingly, that certain populations are at very high risk within Sedgwick County and those are African Americans suffering from disparities of care and also adults aged 45 to 64, of which many of us are members and these two groups had the highest rates of all of these problems. They also have the . . . when we looked at patients who need care, we found fairly poor provision of important immunizations to adult patients with these diseases to prevent pneumonias indicating that there is a lot of opportunity for work by the Health Department in that area.

Having said that, I'd like to turn this over to Sonya Armbrewster, a Kansas University Medical School research associate who has been working without pay to help the Health Department prepare this proposal and she will step through an overview of the grant."

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Sonya Armbrewster, Student, Kansas University Medical School, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The purpose of the grant is a public/ private partnership to support community driven programs. Tommy Thompson and all of those that introduced it made a very strong case that it needed to be public and private. That it needed to be innovative, creative and truly driven through the whole community. It's not a traditional health model approach to chronic disease.

They want to influence healthy lifestyle behaviors by increasing physical activity and improving nutritional choices and reducing tobacco use and exposure because these specific healthy behaviors drive our ability to control, prevent or mitigate Diabetes, Asthma and obesity. They make a strong case that in order for us to have a strong proposal, we have to use evidence-based interventions and they provided reams of paper of opportunities for us to choose evidence-based interventions and then they made a strong case that we have to have a community focused program and involve all of these kinds of groups.

We already have letters of support from Preferred Health Systems as a health care purchasers, Via Christi Regional Medical Center as a health provider, various faith communities, the chamber of commerce has been coming to our meetings. Kansas Health Foundation is supporting the proposal.

We have letters from Wichita State University and from the University of Kansas Medical School. We have a large number of supporters already for this proposal that drives it as a community focused intervention.

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We have specific intervention suggestions for our year one. These are our preliminary proposals, because we have an opportunity to revise if we get funded. But from our listening sessions that we have done in the community, which include four specifically involving a wide variety of partners, including the Y and Life Strategies and various business partners. The grant requires that we hire a person to coordinate a school health council. The State of Kansas recently received a CDC grant for coordinated school health and we would be able to strengthen that locally through this coordinated school health council. We would have a community-wide campaign to increase physical activity and promote River Festival walking and running events as a way to measure physical activity in our community and we would have health care partners, suggestions about ways to change medical education so that the physicians stress the importance of preventive care.

This is a complicated slide and I'm probably not going to explain the whole thing unless you're extremely interested, but this is just . . . my intention is that you will see that we have a significant effort already to put the proposal together. Why would we want to support this? Because strategic planning by the Health Department shows that chronic disease is important. The Health and Human Services tells us that roughly 75% of health care costs are from chronic disease which is preventable and if we are serious about improving health and the quality of life, while keeping a health care budget under control, we cannot afford to ignore the power of prevention.

Additionally, sincere efforts have been made to listen to the concerns and interests of the community. Our first idea was that when we did this, we'd just propose to give money away in small grants to various agencies and listening to the community and the will of the grant officer, we determined that that was a bad idea. They raised concerns and so we went back and revamped our plan.

The proposal has received letters of support and the Sedgwick County Health Department will, in this proposal, build public/ private partnerships which will strengthen health promotion and result in a healthier community, which I think are all good things.

Our last slide, if it's awarded, Sedgwick County Health Department would receive 1.2 million dollars the first year and 2.8 to 3 million dollars in years two through five, which is a really very significant amount of money, which we had an opportunity to do some very innovative things with. The Health Department will get five additional staff for the program and they will receive additional support. They will be able to provide program support and accounting oversight, so we have structured it so that the plan will be adequately staffed, as well as provide work for consultant efforts. The County will receive 5% in directs for this. It's set by the Department of Health and Human Services. We don't have the power to change that number.

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And evaluation and technical assistance will be provided by both K.U. School of Medicine and K-State Extension, who has a community health institute effort to build community coalitions, to provide health information. And that's our plan."

Dr. Frederickson said, "You have been given the five year budget there and I think it's highlighted, essentially, by this slide here. If there are individual questions, we can visit about it. Otherwise, I would ask that you approve this proposal and authorize the Chair to sign the papers for this. It's due next Tuesday, July 15th."

Chairman Norton said, "And we do have some questions. I'm just glad we didn't have to go through that one slide. I don't think I could have followed all that. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, I think . . . I'm going to be very supportive of this effort. The only thing I would suggest to you all, there are some of us here at the Bench that have some pretty good contacts in Washington D.C., some people that are in positions of authority, elected positions, some of us have some very close personal relationships with. I don't think . . . I can only speak for myself, but if it's needed, I have no problem getting on a airplane and going, visiting with certain people, asking for their help, what have you. In other words, what I'm saying is, if there's anything you think the board of elected officials can do above and beyond just approving your right to apply for it, I think it has so much tremendous potential benefit, that I'm willing to commit additional time to try to make sure they make the right decision, let's put it that way. So, I'll just throw that out. Consider us, if there's anything else that you think the Board can do to further help your chances, let us know and we'll try to accommodate you."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I guess just a comment and then one question. My comment would be I think it would be extremely exciting if we were able to get this grant, because it would be very interesting from a public health perspective. When you think about this as being a lot of money, but if this could actually change the healthy environment of your community, it would be a minor expenditure if you really changed."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Seventy-five percent of all health costs are directly related to these problems.”

Commissioner Winters said, “If you changed the way your community eats and breathes and doesn’t smoke and whatever, I mean, that it would really be exciting.

My question is, on the 5% indirect and then on the evaluation and technical assistance, will K.U. and the K-State Extension have an opportunity to recoup their costs? Will their efforts be paid for? And of course my interest in saying that is we really have these budget difficulties out there and we continue to work with K-State Extension here, as funded by Sedgwick County, and I’m always looking for ways if there’s a way for them to have an opportunity to generate revenue, it’s a plus for them because we really have got . . . K-State has cut their budget, we’ve cut their budget. I’m glad that they have an opportunity to be part of this through their whole health initiative, but will there be a way for them to seek some revenue out of this deal?”

Dr. Frederickson said, “There’s no in directs for that. They’ve simply . . . The project, and to be competitive, demands rigorous evaluation and so, for that reason, we had to have a whole passel of PhD types lined up to sign on the dotted line, to do the evaluation. And so, the in directs are small. The universities aren’t going to be recovering anything in addition, or they won’t recover any in-direct, in fact. All the in directs reside within the County.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioner, when it says K-State Extension, it doesn’t mean the Extension Service here, I don’t believe.”

Dr. Frederickson said, “That’s correct.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “That’s Kansas State PhDs doing the kind of review that we have Dr. Mooreland do for other programs.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I’m just trying to look out for my friends out at Ridge and 21st Street.”

Dr. Frederickson said, “I love that building and I love Extension throughout the system. I know, K-State has had terrible cuts across the state through Extension and so this is a small prop for them.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, thank you very much. That’s it.”

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Chairman Norton said, "I see no other questions. Now, truthfully, we got a synopsis of this grant application. As I understand, it's a huge document to try to digest, so we really got the overview today. There is a grant application that includes all the nuts and bolts and details of what you have to do for the federal government. Is that correct?"

Dr. Frederickson said, "We'll get a copy to you."

Chairman Norton said, "Did I say I wanted a copy? I just wanted to be sure that the public knew that we kind of went through this with bullet points, but this is a huge document that has to be signed off and delivered and that the Commission could probably never absorb every little thing that you've had to work on for three or four or five months."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "You know, I just have one other general comment. I think that this is the type of forward thinking the Health Department should be looking at and I've seen a lot of dramatic changes since we took over a little bit more of the responsibility of the Health Department.

And to get a Health Department really starting to think about preventative maintenance, so we could be proactive as opposed to reactive I think is exactly right on. And I compliment you, Doctor, and if Jerry was here I would compliment him. But that's, I think, what the people want from a health department, not just wait and treat the symptoms, but how can you train somebody to avoid ever having the symptoms and that's great and I just want to publicly compliment you on that."

Chairman Norton said, "Well I think this is just another layer of the trip to Jacksonville and starting to reinvent what the Health Department can do in Sedgwick County. And I think it all ties together, because as we look at the Jacksonville model, they spent a lot of time on preventive kinds of medicines and seeing people early in the process as opposed to later, and I think this just ties in exactly with that. And we'll be, I think it's what, Thursday this week that we're having a Commission workshop with our Health Department to revisit, kind of, the focus of the Health Department in general and this ties in with it big time. So we're very hopeful that the application is a strong presence for Sedgwick County and it is granted. How soon will we hear?"

Ms. Armbrewster said, "September 22nd they'll make the announcement."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Wow, that's moving."

Ms. Armbrewster said, "Yes, it does. They announced the opportunity in May and they will announce the funding in September."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay, very good. Any other discussion?"

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MOTION

Chairman Norton moved to Approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Thank you very much, appreciate it. Next item.”

2. GRANT APPLICATION TO HHS FOR FUNDING OF A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS.

Ms. Gloria Vermie, MMRS Coordinator, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Here today to give a little bit of information about the Medical Reserve Corps. It comes from the Homeland Security Department. It is driven out of the Surgeon General’s Office and the intent is to give supplementary funds to communities that are already, or planning to find volunteers that have a medical or a health care background and train them to participate in the community when there is the need. This could be to distribute medications. I think, you know that we probably have approximately 1,400 people that are trained in Sedgwick County to do mass distribution. That is because we have great partnerships with our industrial partners.

Just recently, Coleman Industries called up and said we want to be on board, we want to train our people to be a part of this. But also, earlier, there was talk about regionalization and this grant, the Medical Reserve Corps grant, will point to regionalization. Both Harvey County and Reno County are applying for similar grants. Our grants are distinct within our own county, but they have the same goals, the same objectives and we’ve already participated in trainings together.

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This will give us the opportunity to assure that if there is an event in these days of infectious diseases that spread rapidly and cross a country and put people in peril in a matter of months, we need to be assured that we have a cadre of people that can assist our first responders, our government officials and our medical and health care. I would like to recommend today that you approve the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign, including the establishment of a budget authority. Are there any questions that I can answer for you at this time?"

Chairman Norton said, "Yes. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "How much was the grant?"

Ms. Vermie said, "It's up to \$50,000 and it's renewable for three years."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Excellent."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What did you mean, 'up to'? Are we applying for a certain specific amount?"

Ms. Vermie said, "We're applying for the full \$50,000. They may come back to you . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "With a lesser amount. Got it."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. I see no other questions. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as this Application; and approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant award documents are executed.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thank you, Gloria, appreciate it. Next item."

G. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE ILLINOIS TOWNSHIP SYSTEM.

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision, in accordance with county standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case Hannah, located in the Dove Haven Addition will become the responsibility of Illinois Township. The Illinois Township Board was informed that this resolution would be on the County Commission agenda. I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

Chairman Norton said, "Any discussion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

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Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, Dave. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

H. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Temporary Construction Easement and Easement for Drainage for Sedgwick County Project 618-36, Central between 143rd and 159th Streets East. CIP #R-252. District #1.**

- 2. Plat.**

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 2002 and prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Gaither Addition

- 3. Waiver of policy to hire a Director, Division of Human Resources, at level 4.**
- 4. Payroll Check Register of July 3, 2003.**
- 5. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of July 2 – July 8, 2003.**

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and I'd recommend you approve it."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Anything else to come before us today? I think we do have an Executive Session."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yeah, but we have 'Other' other before the other."

Chairman Norton said, "Let's do the 'Other' other and then we'll do the executive session. Anything else to come before us today? I have just a couple of things."

I. OTHER

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, Mr. Chairman, this is Sedgwick County Fair week, begins out at Cheney this evening, this afternoon. Tomorrow at 7:00 is the parade. We've been invited out and I know there's a few of us are going to be able to attend the celebration out at Cheney. And as Kristi indicated at the beginning of the Meeting, Sedgwick County will have a presence out there on Saturday. So, we encourage everyone to attend a great small town fair that is in Cheney and they do an excellent job and would encourage folks to be there. There were a number of Fourth of July activities of course on this past weekend and I'm sure a number of us were at various places. So, that's it for me."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, just to . . . I don't know who I'm reminding. I don't even know if we're on the air, but tonight we're going to have . . . what is it, our third annual or second annual dinner where we're having elected officials throughout the county coming to our dinner and I look forward to it and it's a neat way of just keeping the lines of communication open and getting a feel for what the other communities are doing and what we're doing and I look forward to the dinner and that's going to be, I think, a nice time and I look forward to being there tonight. That's all I have."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, that was the two things I wrote down I wanted to talk about. Commissioner Unruh."

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Commissioner Unruh said, “Kristi mentioned earlier, I have to bring up the zoo at the end of the meeting at each meeting I think. And I just want to tell you that, along with all the activities out at the Sedgwick County Fair, well the Zoo is also having an event Thursday night. Their big band concert is on. So those of you that can’t make it to the fair, or planning on going Saturday, that you might want to go to the Zoo.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Big band. Are they going to have places to dance?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thursday night and then their wet and wild day is on Friday. But other than that, I just wanted to remind the folks of that.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay, good. At this point, I see nothing else coming before us.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/ client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:38 a.m.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:28 a.m. and returned at 10:44 a.m.

Chairman Norton said, “I’ll call us back to order. According to state statute, we took no binding action in the Executive Session. Is there anything else to come before us, Mr. Counselor?”

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Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor said, “Yes. Commissioners, while in Executive Session, we discussed a workers compensation claim involving an employee by the name of Sheila Coleman, who was diagnosed with a 20% injury to the body as a whole. And under the workers compensation law, that converts to a sum of \$34,611 and it’s our recommendation that you approve the payment of that sum for that injury and I would recommend that to you.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the recommendations of the County Counselor.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner David M. Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Thomas Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Is there anything else to come before us? Mr. Manager? We’re adjourned.”

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:45

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a.m.

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