

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 3, 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, December 3, 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. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD); Mr. Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Planner, MAPD; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Mr. Ashok Aurora, of the Hindu Community.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, November 19, 2003

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2003.

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, you have the Minutes before you. What is the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2003.

Commissioner McGinn 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

A. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2004.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD), greeted the Commissioners and said, "What I'd like to do is take you through a brief presentation of the Unified Planning Work Program. As you know, the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission also serves as the Metropolitan Area Planning Organization for Wichita and Sedgwick County. And in that capacity, it serves as a conduit for federal transportation funding into this area. And one of those areas of transportation funding is for transportation planning work. In order to be eligible for that funding, we need to put together a Unified Work Program and I'd like to take you through that briefly.

Major categories of expenditures that I'll be showing you when we get to the budget portion of this presentation are up there on the screen now. Some of the ones that are probably of most interest to you would be that we do use some of this transportation planning funds for the comprehensive planning work that we do in support of the county and the city comprehensive plan.

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We also do a number of activities and I'll highlight some of those for you as I go through this presentation. They fall under long-range transportation planning and those are generally system level type of planning activities. We also do short-range transportation planning. That's a project-level type of planning. And some of the funds, as I'll show you in the budget, go to Wichita Transit for operations planning.

I'm just going to highlight some of the major work activities that will be funded by this Unified Planning Work Program. I think the ones that might be of most interest to you would be sometime in the next year we are going to have to develop a methodology, a more technical methodology for setting the priorities for the Transportation Improvement Program and the longer range Regional Transportation Plan.

Also of interest is that we, this year, will have to make some changes in how the MPO is structured. As you might know, with the metropolitan area expanding across the county boundary into Butler County, the federal agencies have expanded the MPO's jurisdiction into Butler County, so we're going to have to restructure the MPO to allow representatives from Butler County to now participate on the MPO.

Going on to some other work activities, other things that might be of interest to you is that we'll continue to do work in support of setting the alignment for the northwest bypass and we also anticipate, in the next year, to get the south area transportation study underway. Some additional work activities that might be of interest to you would be will be doing some rails-to-trails planning and also this ITS regional architecture. The ITS stands for Intelligent Transportation Systems and that's an effort to try to avail ourselves of the latest technology in helping the transportation system, the traffic flow move better. There's a variety of ways to take advantage of technology.

Regional architecture refers to the idea that what we're doing is creating the overall system, without getting into too much detail about the specifics of the system, but it gives us an overall structure for how we could use technology to improve transportation systems.

In the next year, as you'll see when I put the budget up in a minute, we'll be making heavy use of consultants and I've listed out here some of the consultant studies that we think would be of interest to you. We're having to do this simply because we don't have enough staff to do all the transportation planning work that we think needs to be done. So for the south area transportation study we intend to hire a consultant for that. The ITS regional architecture is going to require a certain level of expertise that we don't have on staff.

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For the City of Wichita, we're performing an analysis of the north-central industrial area and the transportation issues involved. We've got to sort out the interface there of all the rail systems, with the streets, the highway network. We'll be doing some trail development plans and some of the money, as I mentioned before, goes to Wichita Transits for operations and scheduling and we'll be hiring a consultant to help that now.

Here is the budget and you can see that the money that is funded through this program is divided between Metropolitan Area Planning Department and also Wichita Transit. The bulk of the money does go to the Metropolitan Area Planning Department and you can see here, as I mentioned before, that a great deal of money will go into consultant studies in the next year in an effort to try to get caught up on some of the transportation planning work.

And the other part of the budget . . . the first page that I showed you was the expenditure part and this is to show that we've managed to find a way to balance the budget. We are coming to the end now of a process of putting this UPWP together. It started back in June. We are now at the end where we're seeking authorizing resolutions. Yesterday, we got the authorizing resolution from the City of Wichita and now we're seeking that authorization from you.

As you probably know, Jamsheed Mehta is the brains behind this plan, and between Jamsheed and I, we'll be glad to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "John, I know that we've talked several times, I've been in several meetings where we've talked about the revision of the bylaws to include the broader urban area of the MPO, including Andover and others. Is there a plan in place yet of how we're going to do that or is that still in the discussion phase?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Well when we communicated with the Butler County Commission on who they would like to have represent Butler County, they deferred it to the City of Andover. And so the City of Andover has appointed a representative and now, what we need to do as staff to the MPO, is change the organizational structure and the bylaws of the MPO to allow that Andover representative to sit at the table when the MPO meets."

Commissioner Winters said, "So that's a process now, just need to change the bylaws, but the plan is in place of how that's all going to work."

Mr. Schlegel said, "Yes."

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

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thanks. John, could you put that chart back up that showed all the monies? I think the public needs to know, what if any . . . I see you say matching dollars and what have you, but how much are the taxpayers paying here locally for this?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Well, there are no additional cash contributions needed from either the City of Wichita or Sedgwick County. Our match comes from in-kind services, staff time."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, but what is that? How much is that?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Well you can see on the chart here, and I'm going to ask Jamsheed to come up here and look over my shoulder and help out, the local match is the \$337,000 item that found under the total column."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. And that's the total local match for the entire 3.6 million dollars. Is that right?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, and that's in-kind services? Is that how we get to the local match? So my understanding was correct. There is no actual hard dollars of taxpayers' money going into this."

Mr. Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Planner, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, said, "No additional dollars to get these funds, to get these federal funds. The work we are doing goes towards the local match that's required."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand. I want to make sure I understand it. Our portion is in-kind. I read that as no hard dollars. You say additional dollars."

Mr. Mehta said, "Yes, because some of John Schlegel's time and some of my time and some of the other staff's time, and we are on the general budget, is going towards transportation planning."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's good. So it's in-kind funding, not actually handing to a consultant hard dollars."

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Mr. Mehta said, "Yes, that's absolutely correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's what I wanted to find out. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Well, that was my comment that it looks to me that it's all in-kind from our end and then there is some state dollars as well that help do the matching."

Back to the urban boundaries, we talked about Andover a little bit but can you kind of explain like why some of the other cities that are actually starting to join the urban boundaries can or cannot ever be in that urban circle, competing for those dollars?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "They are part of the metropolitan area that's covered by the Metropolitan Area Planning Organization. It's just that because of the way the MPO is structured right now, it's an entity to which the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County appoints members and none of the small cities are contributing, either in dollars or in appointees to the MPO."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well I guess I was looking at, like I think Bel Aire is in it, correct?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "They're covered by Sedgwick County's participation in the MPO. They have no formal representation on the MPO."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. I guess I thought that the circle for when we do some of these major projects, Maize and Valley Center weren't included, but Bel Aire was, not by a representative, but in this urban boundary."

Mr. Schlegel said, "Do you have anything to add on that, Jamsheed?"

Mr. Mehta said, "When we were looking at the urbanized boundaries, we took what the census bureau gave us. We have to live with this as a minimum and then we have to adjust it a little bit further to smooth out those lines because the census would use population density as a formula and that would give us a very jagged edge for an urbanized boundary."

Now just to fall back on the planning boundaries are all of Sedgwick County and now a little bit of Butler County and a couple of square miles of Sumner County. And that's required because the census boundary went out that far. The fact that you have the City of Bel Aire or Goddard, Derby and even Mulvane in the urbanized boundary doesn't make a difference of the fact that Andale or Garden Plain have been left out, because they are still in the planning boundary."

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They are still eligible for federal transportation planning dollars and in fact, in the next round of our transportation program, for the first time we've got at least seven or eight new projects submitted by small cities. And they were always eligible for that. Maybe they weren't aware of it or they didn't have the local match that's required but now that they have the local match worked out, they're going to take advantage of it."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. And I know the new bridge over Broadway is part of why we received the federal dollars, with this urban boundary."

Mr. Mehta said, "And that was a joint project with urban area funds and Sedgwick County's federal funds."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. And then the other question I had for you John, you talked about rails-to-trails. What's our philosophy going to be on that? Is that if groups come to us or are we, as a department, we're not going to be out pursuing abandoned rails are we?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "We're not pursuing them but what happens is the railroads approach the Metropolitan Planning Organization to see whether or not there's an interest in taking over railroad right-of-way that they are looking to abandon. So in those cases where they're indicating that that's their intent, we're going to ask the jurisdiction through which that right-of-way runs whether or not they would be interested in having us pursue a rails-to-trails."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, and that was my follow up question was sometimes an entity will want a trail but it's not the individuals that live along the trail and that would be my concern, making sure at least those people knew that we were going through that process, instead of after the fact."

Mr. Schlegel said, "Right, okay."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. And I believe that's all I had. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. Most of my questions have already been answered by the discussion. But who determines the geographic boundaries of the two counties that are now partnering with us in that? Our backup material says 'plus parts of Butler and Sumner County that's identified by those counties'. I mean, do they say how much of their county is included in this or does the federal government?"

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Mr. Schlegel said, “No, that’s a line that’s determined by the federal government. After the census, each census, they go back and reassess what the commute shed is for metropolitan area.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “So those counties don’t arbitrarily make that decision.”

Mr. Schlegel said, “No.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay. And by virtue of their geographic inclusion, they each get one person to represent them on the MPO policy board, is that . . . I mean, what determines the amount of their representation?”

Mr. Schlegel said, “I’m going to let Jamsheed answer that.”

Mr. Mehta said, “Well there would be various ways one could identify what’s the combination of representation. Given the fact that they were going about four and a half, five miles east into Butler County, capturing about seven or eight thousand population, relative to all of Sedgwick County, over 450,000, so the minimum representation would be one warm body in that sense. There wasn’t any other method to identify anything more or less.

Certainly, there could be expansion of the MPO from the existing 14 plus one from Andover to some other number and then there could be more representation from the newly urbanized planning areas.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “And Sumner has you said two or three square miles and they will have representation also then.”

Mr. Mehta said, “In the case of Sumner County, it’s really Mulvane which is three-fourths in Sedgwick County and only one-fourth in the other county. We’ve included their growth area, which is not a whole lot in Sumner County. Most of the growth is north in Sedgwick County. They are already represented in a way through Sedgwick County’s representation.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I thought of one other question. It has to do with this technical advisory committee. Could you share who is on that? Because those are the people that actually make the decision what projects we go to.”

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Mr. Mehta said, “The technical advisory committee is a review body. They advise the MPO policy body, which is the planning commission. Currently, the membership includes planners and engineers from Wichita, Sedgwick County and all the other modes of transportation, so we’ve got transit and airport and then representations from the state, KDOT has about three of those.

What we’re planning on doing as part of the overall expansion and changes is to include representations of technical staff from some of the larger small cities that do not have any seats so far on any say in the matter. So there’s all those . . . now, this is hypothetically because this has not been set in stone yet, we might consider also these with populations greater than 5,000. But they do have staff that can actually serve and provide some technical input then they would be welcome to such a committee as well and that group would meet on reviewing technical documents and only forwarding their recommendations to the MPO.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “So who actually votes?”

Mr. Mehta said, “Right now, it is the engineers who represent each of these entities, is Wichita, Sedgwick County, folks from the Airport Authority. Anyone who is getting federal dollars right now, those agency’s technical staff are voting.”

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, said, “That’s the technical committee’s advice to the planning commission. Correct?”

Mr. Mehta said, “Correct.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “And the ultimate vote is with the planning commission.”

Mr. Mehta said, “That’s right.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “So if the technical committee said we’re going to build a bridge to 25th Street and the planning commission didn’t approve it, it wouldn’t get funded.”

Mr. Mehta said, “That’s correct.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “If the reverse were true, the technical committee didn’t approve it and the planning commission did, it would likely get funds.”

Mr. Mehta said, “It would still be the MPO’s final action.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “So it’s the planning commission who has the ultimate vote.”

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Mr. Mehta said, "The technical advisory committee is still staff. It's only expanded to be on the planning department to include everybody's perspectives."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "This is an advisory board committee. They can't take action without the planning . . . the planning commission takes the action."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "John, talk just a little bit about the northwest bypass and the south area transportation study. Those two things are pretty big pieces of this and give us a little bit of update on the northwest bypass and then what you think the south area transportation study would encompass."

Mr. Mehta said, "On the northwest bypass, that study, at least the phase that KDOT and the consultant are working on, we should get a sketch of the alignment, the final chosen alignment in a matter of months, I'm saying one or two months. And once that's determined and one of the hang-ups they had was whether the highway goes through Goddard or circumvents Goddard and goes around it to the north. That was one major decision they have to make. Once that's done, they will start then working towards a preliminary engineering design in a matter of a year to a year and a half. Once that's done, KDOT will then know how much right-of-way needs they have. So by the year 2006, if we stay on that schedule, it will be time to acquire right-of-way. Now, I'm not sure if that's done in one phase or is it opportunity purchases as development occurs. So, by 2006, we should start seeing some of the City of Wichita's and Sedgwick County's local match, which is one and a half million each, go towards acquisition of right-of-way, if not sooner.

On the south area transportation study, which will kick off real soon, in the year 2004, we will need a consultant. It will follow along the lines of the northwest bypass, especially the first phase of the northwest bypass that concluded about three years ago. The first thing was to identify what are our needs and this is a much larger area. We're talking about two quadrants of the county instead of just one. And after that, identify what are the best ways to preserve the corridor if in fact freeways or bypass highways are the recommended solution for the future.

So that phase, it's almost a million dollar study, would conclude at a point where we identify what would be the corridor, and I'm not sure if it's a survey level accuracy, but it will be a good guess of where that corridor ought to be. It doesn't go into those details of exactly how much right-of-way will be needed. That might be another phase."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

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Commissioner Winters said, “Two quick questions, one on the south area transportation plan. Will KDOT become involved in that or is that going to start off as just local? Do you have any feel for that?”

Mr. Mehta said, “In fact, KDOT is the one providing the local required match, it’s not local in that sense, it’s state. Since we secured nearly a million dollars of federal funds and 20% of that has to be a match for it, the state has agreed to provide what’s called toll credits, so it’s not real cash but it’s an accounting scheme by which the State of Kansas has certain credits they can use towards federal match programs. So the state is involved in that sense. Certainly we’ll have them on board from the moment we select the consultant, because whatever we do is going to be a future state system. They haven’t specifically said they don’t want to see a new highway anywhere.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well I would hope that we could be, locally, not necessarily me or us, but somebody locally could be heavily involved in that selection of the consultant. I think we’ve seen some out of town folks that seem to be rather . . . take some time to get them up to speed of what’s going on here. So I hope, as you two are attune to what KDOT is doing, that if there’s some way we can be helpful in selecting a consultant on that job, I think that would be a better plan than just letting the KDOT selecting that and perhaps with no local input.”

Mr. Schlegel said, “We’ll see what we can do to influence them.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Then secondly, quick question, kind of transportation related but not necessarily to this. I’ve been receiving some correspondence about folks wanting to consider this Tulsa to Wichita super northwest passage with a Boeing connection and all of that. Are you familiar with any of that talk that’s started up out in the hinder lands?”

Mr. Mehta said, “Only yesterday I received something in the mail which was soliciting our interest and I have yet to see what’s the new initiative about this. You know, this is an age old issue about possibly a connection from Tulsa through Wichita and connecting to I-70 and northwest Kansas area somewhere near Hays. So that’s a very expansive concept. The northwest bypass, or the northeast K-96 highway, is somewhat of a connection to that very large system and it’s just one little piece of it and they’re hoping to see if there’s any interest by the two state deities, Oklahoma and Kansas, to see if there can be done something in those areas to link Tulsa with Wichita.

It’s possible, with the south area transportation study, that although that concept and that study is limited to Sedgwick County, that was our intent when we first applied for funds, but to look at the corridors in such a way that it would consider also the aspect of connecting the northwest passageway to Sedgwick County.”

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Commissioner Winters said, "You might just keep us advised, if you hear anything on the state level, either Oklahoma or Kansas that seems to be of interest, I think we'd be interested in knowing about that. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Jamsheed, on the south area transportation study, is there any indication that the Kansas Turnpike Authority will be connected with this, put monies into it as far as studying it? Because it seems to me, at least on the southeast quadrant of it, that part of that will maybe be rerouting the turnpike. Are they involved?"

Mr. Mehta said, "Back nearly three years ago, in fact in our first meeting, it was at the turnpike authority head office. Since then, they have committed to being financial partners as well. Given the fact that we've got federal funds secured now, we will expend those first. If the study has to go over that amount, then we have some commitments from the Kansas Turnpike to contribute financially. Certainly, at the design level and as general stakeholders with Sedgwick County and Wichita and Derby, the KTA will be on the table at the steering committee level."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Well I just wanted to be sure that it's not just about putting a loop, a southeast loop through there and not considering the rerouting of the turnpike, because that becomes a commingled kind of decision process. I think we need to be sure that they're thoroughly involved in that."

Mr. Mehta said, "They will be."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Any other discussion, questions Commissioners?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Mr. Chairman, one last comment. Not that it should influence your decision today, but if you were to approve this today, you'll be making Jamsheed a very busy man next year."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Does that word mean productive?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, Mr. Chairman, could I just take one point of privilege here? John, I know you're relatively new to the community and to the position. I've had an opportunity to work with Jamsheed on a couple of projects and I think we've got an excellent transportation planner in Jamsheed. I think he does a good job, carries himself well in the community presentations and just does excellent work. Thank you."

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Chairman Norton said, "What is the will of the Board. I would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the FY 2004 UPWP and adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of the MAPD to submit applications, negotiate agreements, and execute contracts in support of the UPWP.

Commissioner McGinn 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Thanks, John. Thanks, Jamsheed. Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

B. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) AUTHORIZING SEDGWICK COUNTY TO ENTER INTO LEASES WITH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.

1. REFINANCE OF EXPLORATION PLACE AND THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this item pertains to the execution of leases that secure the bonds that we propose to sell later this morning to refund 1997 debt that was incurred for those projects. We're taking bids on those bonds at 10:30 this morning and we'll evaluate those bids and in order for you to make a fully informed decision on the lease, I would recommend that you defer action on this item until after we've completed that analysis and we'll be coming back to you at around 11:00."

Chairman Norton said, "Is 11:00 a time sensitive time that we should put in a Motion that we will

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try to deal with this item?"

Mr. Chronis said, "There's no reason for you to specify the time, as far as we're concerned. No, it is not time sensitive in that respect."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, I would entertain a Motion we defer until after 10:30 or at what time it needs to come back onto the agenda to take action."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to defer Item B-1 until such time as the Commission is ready to take action.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Comments?"

Commissioner Winters said, "What was that Motion?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well the Motion was that we defer action on this until later on in the meeting, I guess, since there's no time certain."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well we do need to have an Executive Session today, so just at the end of this agenda maybe we just need to go into recess until 11:00 and return at 11:00."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to defer Item B-1 until 11:00.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

Chairman Norton said, "We had another Motion on the floor did we not? Is that a substitute motion?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'll make it a substitute Motion."

Chairman Norton said, "And you vote on the substitute Motion first, so Clerk call the roll."

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VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, “And we do not have to vote on the first Motion if you pass the substitute. At this point, next item.”

Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk, said, “B-2 is deferred also?”

Chairman Norton said, “B-2 is not deferred? It is deferred also.”

2. FINANCE A JUVENILE JUSTICE COMPLEX

Mr. Chronis said, “We would ask that you defer it. Now I don’t know if the vote you just took takes care of that or not.”

Chairman Norton said, “I don’t think it did. We were reacting to B-1 only. I would entertain a Motion to defer B-2.”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved deferred Item B-2 until 11:00 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Chairman Tim Norton

Aye

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

C. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FAIR MARKET RENTS APPLICABLE TO THE SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM.

OVERHEAD PRESENTATION

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today there's a resolution before you to adopt the fiscal year 2004 fair market rents from HUD. HUD requires all housing authorities to adopt these on an annual basis when they're issued in October.

HUD uses the fair market rents to assure that there's a substantial amount of affordable housing for low-income people they cover. They cover the basic rent, plus utilities, excluding telephone and they are high enough to assure that there's a fair choice of living units throughout the country but low enough for housing authorities to assist as many people as possible.

HUD's normal is 40% of all standard housing falls at or below the fair market rents and they're determined by data that's gathered in the 15 months prior to their issuance. So if there's any questions, I can try to answer those now. If not . . ."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Do some of the people who take advantage of this HUD program, renters, for instance does their building have to pass a certain level of . . . you know, requirements I guess for living, I guess, whatever?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Right, that's called housing quality standards inspection and we do that before the lease is signed. We go out initially and every year we have to do . . . we do another HQS inspection when we re-certify the tenant."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well sometimes I heard stories about slum lords taking advantage of this program and I didn't know if somebody was making sure that the apartment or rental area was up to living standards."

Mr. Snapp said, "They're definitely up. HQS has a minimal standard but, you know, there can't be any major holes in the outside of the house, all the electrical, heating, plumbing is working, there's no infestation of rodents or pests. You know, the heating has got to be adequate and then if there's

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ever a problem, say an immediate health hazard, we go out and give the landlord 24 hours to fix that and if they don't, then we abate the rent until it's fixed.

Normally, when we go out and initial inspection or research, we give them three days to fix the item and if they don't, then we have the tenant move and they are unable to participate in the program any longer."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Is there ever a point where if you're a chronic abuser that they're no longer eligible for the program ever?"

Mr. Snapp said, "They can be debarred from the program. We've never gone through a formal process, but we just don't recommend that people go to those. Initially, we give a list to the tenants and we'll just tell them, 'So and so is no longer a participant with this program'."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Brad, explain to me what it means by it says that, 'Must be paid for privately owned' etcetera. What does that mean, privately owned?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Well the Section 8 program, we don't own any property as a housing authority, so it's not public housing."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It's owned by another entity, another company. Okay, I got that. And you were talking about the protection to the tenants if a landlord abuses the system. Is there a flip flop to protect the landlord if an individual has a history of trashing these places, does he get off the eligibility?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Exactly right, if a tenant leaves, breaks a lease, they are terminated from the program. If they leave the program owing the housing authority money or the landlord money, they are terminated from the program. There's also, initially, we check people, we do background checks and if they've had a criminal conviction for violent or drug related crimes in the last three years, they're not eligible for the program."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And this also not only includes the rental payment but utilities too, so it's all part of that package, that's his total living . . . or her living expenses for the month, basically."

Mr. Snapp said, "Right."

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Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Any other discussion, questions? I'd entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

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

D. AGREEMENT WITH CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR ADVERTISING SPACE AT KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item before you is our standard agreement for advertising . . . or the lease of advertising space at the Coliseum. This is a barter agreement. They are, Cricket Communications are receiving a certain number of inches of advertising space. The Coliseum, in return, is receiving all the cell phone usage and equipment for a three-year period. This is taking the place of the existing, or the just expiring Verizon cell phone agreement that we currently have. We recommend approval and I'd be happy to answer any questions at this time.

I need to let you know that the parent of Cricket Communications is currently in Chapter 11. Their reorganization plan has been approved by the court and they are working their way through that. There is language in the contract that covers us in case there's any default on behalf of the client."

Chairman Norton said, "Okay. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Do we have the same precautions, the same restrictions to Coliseum employees on cell phone usage as we do on county employees, so that just because it's

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free doesn't mean you get to call Timbuktu or whatever?"

Mr. Nath said, "In fact, in these phones, the local phones there is no long distance, it's all local calls."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, all right. Thank you."

Chairman Norton said, "Do these have walkie talkie capabilities too?"

Mr. Nath said, "No, they do not, sir."

Chairman Norton said, "They're just cell phones. And how many of them will this agreement give you for staff?"

Mr. Nath said, "I believe it's seven."

Chairman Norton said, "So it's not a large amount."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So wait a minute, there's five of us so you get to use two of them?"

Mr. Nath said, "Two would be fine."

Chairman Norton said, "Do you get a green couch with this too?"

Mr. Nath said, "We declined the green couch."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioners, I would entertain a Motion."

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.

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VOTE

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

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

E. ADJUSTMENT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE ONE PROGRAM MANAGER POSITION, BAND 324.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have this proposal before you. It's been reviewed by HR and Budget and I would recommend you approve it."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the adjustment to the Health Department Staffing Table.

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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "Next item."

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F. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 26, 2003.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The referenced meeting resulted in five items for consideration today.

**1) ELECTROMECHANICAL ROTATING SIRENS- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: PROJECT IMPACT GRANT**

The first item, electromechanical rotating sirens for Emergency Management. Recommend the low bid from American Communications for \$63,653.

**2) JOB READINESS PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES- COMCARE
FUNDING: COMCARE**

Second item, readiness psychosocial services for COMCARE. Recommend the low proposal from Job Readiness Training to execute a one-year contract with two one-year options to renew, for an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$850,000.

**3) RIPWRAP- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

Item three, ripwrap for Public Works. Recommend the low bids from Martin Marietta for item one in the amount of \$7,250 and low bid from A-Plus Incorporated on item two in the amount of \$18,324, for a grand total of \$25,574.

**4) PRECAST RCB- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

Item four, precast RCB for Public Works. Recommend the bid from Wichita Concrete Pipe in the amount of \$34,943.34.

**5) LAMPS & BALLASTS- FACILITIES MAINTENANCE
FUNDING: FACILITIES MAINTENANCE**

And item five, lamps and ballasts for Facilities Maintenance. Recommend the low total bid of Advanced Lighting, option one less alternates for \$41,971.04 and this establishes pricing per unit

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for future purchases over the next year.

Would be happy to answer questions and recommend approval of these items today.”

Chairman Norton said, “Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’ve got to play with my calculator.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay. We have to give Ben time to play with his calculator.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’m having a hard time with the money. \$850,000 annually, okay so annually, if you take \$850,000 divided by \$19.75, that’s for 43,000 hours of work. How does that . . . I mean, that’s an awfully . . . at 43 hours divided by a 40-hour work week is 1,075 weeks. Is there more than one person going to be doing these?”

Ms. Baker said, “There is more than one person and this is a service that is provided to multiple, to many juveniles. The \$850,000 estimate is a historical budget that COMCARE works with every . . . annually.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, but is it true to say that we could be providing up to 43,000 plus hours of psychosocial . . .?”

Ms. Baker said, “Could be, yes.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “How many individuals do we service with that? Do we have a ballpark . . .?”

Ms. Baker said, “I couldn’t answer that. I could get back to you on that.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Because it does seem like an awful lot of psychosocial . . . I would be interested in knowing how many individuals, how many hours a week do they get service.”

Ms. Baker said, “I’ll get you some more detail.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’d love to have that. All right, thanks.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay, will of the Board?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well, are we all done with all of them? Are we going to do them

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all at one time?”

Chairman Norton said, “I think we can.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Unless you want to hold one up.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “No, no, but I mean have you gone through the whole list already of everything? Okay.”

MOTION

Chairman Norton moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

Chairman Norton said, “Any discussion?”

Commissioner Winters said, “I would just agree with Commissioner Sciortino. I’d like to see the breakout of what all that is.”

Ms. Baker said, “I’ll get that for you.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Norton said, “Would this be something you would prefer to defer?”

Commissioner Winters said, “No, I think if we don’t like it after we see it we’ll rescind it next week.”

Chairman Norton said, “Okay, that works for me.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Is that possible for us to do that, once we approve that contract, could we get rid of the contract right after we approved it or not, Mr. Euson?”

Mr. Euson said, “I think you would be better off deferring action on it rather than accepting the bid.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I think I would like to defer action. That seems like . . . I’m not

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saying that's not right, but that just seems like a big number to me."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Would you be willing to change your Motion to defer?"

Chairman Norton said, "Absolutely. A substitute Motion would cover it. So if somebody would like to make a substitute Motion, that would be fine."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts with the exception of Item 2, and that we defer Item 2 indefinitely.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the Motion.

Chairman Norton said, "I have a Motion and a second. We'll vote on the substitute Motion first. Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

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

Chairman Norton said, "I'd say get that to us as quick as you could so we can put it back on the agenda for next week and not have to postpone it for too long."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm sure it's going to probably be all right but it's just a shock, that much money and that many hours."

Chairman Norton said, "Well, when you start figuring the math and the hours, it just seems like that's a lot of hours that equates to. Clerk, call the next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

G. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Three Temporary Construction Easements on the Sedgwick County Cowskin

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Creek Project. District #2.

- 2. Dedication Deed related to the sale of property on the south side of 47th Street South and the west side of the Wichita Valley Center Flood Control Project. District #2.**

- 3. Applications for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.**

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
Gwen K. Turner	Kwik Shop Inc. #706
Christopher Rickard	Bomber Burger
Patrick D. Crowell	General Station
James W. Peters	Schulte Country Store

- 4. Agreement with Emprise Bank providing on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
- 5. Agreement with Susan Brewer, M.D. to provide psychiatric services to COMCARE consumers.**
- 6. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of November 26 – December 2, 2003.**

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

MOTION

Chairman Norton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Winters 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “At this point, I will suspend the meeting of the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners.”

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District #1 Meeting at 9:53 a.m. and returned at 9:59 a.m.

Chairman Norton said, “Is there anything else to come before us today? Do we go to Executive Session now?”

Commissioner Winters said, “I would think if anybody has any other community . . . this would be the time we do it. We do need to have an Executive Session.”

H. OTHER

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/ client relationship relating to legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner Sciortino 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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, "This meeting is recessed into Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. and returned at 10:38 a.m.

Chairman Norton said, "We've returned from Executive Session. There was no binding action taken in Executive Session according to state statute. At this point we will recess until 11:00 and pick up the items that we deferred earlier."

The County Commissioner recessed at 10:40 a.m. and returned at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Norton said, "I will reconvene the Meeting and start the presentation. I think all Commissioners are close, not seated but close. So Clerk, call the next item."

NEW BUSINESS

B. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) AUTHORIZING SEDGWICK COUNTY TO ENTER INTO LEASES WITH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.

1. REFINANCE OF EXPLORATION PLACE AND THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Mr. Chronis said, "We've completed what we think is a very successful sale of bonds, or we will complete it once the PBC and you take action on them. But we've received very favorable bids and so we're prepared to recommend that you adopt the leases that are before you pertaining to the refunding."

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What is being refunded are two series of bonds, both originally sold in 1997. One funded the County's contribution to Exploration Place and the other funded the County's Public Works Administration Building. The Exploration Place bonds to be refunded have a principle value of approximately \$14,975,000. On that refunding, we received two bids and the successful bidder, the low bidder . . . or actually, the high bidder is the way it works here, but the bidder offering the lowest interest rate is UBS Financial Services, which you may know as Payne Weber and they are offering a true interest cost of just under 4.07%. That . . . the alternative bid was at 4.18%. That will produce present value savings on that portion of the refunding of approximately \$770,000. In the estimates that we had provided to you, I believe it was last week, based on estimates of market conditions, the estimated present value savings were \$592,000. So we're getting more savings out of this deal than we thought we were going to get."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And that's over the life of the bond. Is that correct?"

Mr. Chronis said, "That's the present values of the savings that we will earn over the life of the bonds, that's correct. The future value savings, that is the dollar amount of savings over that life of bonds is going to be about 1.2 million dollars, compared to an original estimate of \$991,000. That means that for that refunding issue alone, we will . . . our annual debt service obligation will reduce by approximately 80 to \$85,000 a year for each of the remaining years of those bonds.

The second series of refunding bonds for the Public Works Administration Building also received two bids from the same two firms. The successful bidder again is UBS Financial Services with a true interest cost bid of just under 3.65%. The other bid was 3.77%. That will produce present value savings of approximately \$199,000 compared to the original estimate of \$177,000. The annual debt savings on that portion of the refunding will be about \$27,000. And that again will be for the remaining life of those bonds. So that means that our annual debt service on those 1997 bonds will go down, from this point forward, by approximately \$110,000 a year. I'll be happy to answer any questions that you might have about this refunding. If you have none, I would recommend that you approve the action that's before you."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just a quick one. Is there any argument, purely from an accounting point of view and that's what your job here is, Chris and first of all I want to compliment you for starting to get this process going because it can save us a lot of money. But is there any benefit in taking the \$112,000 and instead of spending it on something else, using that to accelerate the paying off of the bond? Would that save us long-term additional monies? Isn't that a sinful thing to do, not spend the money, actually reduce debt?"

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Commissioner Winters said, "Well, if we're not stopping spending, but we're not."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand that."

Mr. Chronis said, "One second, while a member of my entourage here does the work. I should say, while he's taking a look at that question, that in the room we have Dave McGilvray from Springsteed Incorporated, who is our financial advisor as you know, we have Joe Norton from Gilmore and Bell, who is our bond counsel. We have Beth Garrison and Leslie Ward, who are members of the Public Building Commission and who will be taking action in a little bit. And we have Robyn Busenitz from Gilmore and Bell and we have a variety of members of the County staff, all of whom have done the real work on this deal and, once again, I get to stand up here and take credit for it.

It's technically possible to do that but we don't think that there would be a material advantage to doing it. It would require restructuring of the deal and we don't think that's appropriate at this time."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I was just doing it to scare Tom. Okay, okay, okay fine. I'll accept that, because you can't just . . . I guess what you're saying is if you have an annual payment that you need to service the debt, that means pay the interest and pay a portion of the principle, you can't just send them an extra hundred thousand dollars and they don't reduce the bond. Is that correct?"

Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct. You can make early payments at specified call dates with this kind of financing you can't do as on your home mortgage, you just send in some extra money every payment."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So, in your opinion, there's no material benefit to do so."

Mr. Chronis said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you. That's all I have."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Winters."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Well, just to follow along, I would think that the way that I would approach this as now we have a savings of practically \$110,000 a year that we can apply to the Juvenile Detention Facility or any of the other bonding projects that we're going to be moving forward with. So, I would think if we had no other projects on the table, Commissioner Sciortino, I think that would be a thing to do. But I think with these other projects, we now have really a first step in helping make some of those payments to much larger, on-going projects."

Mr. Chronis said, "It frees up some expenditure that we had planned on making and the revenue that supports that expenditure now can be used for other things."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "But it gives us \$112,000 in our general funds to do anything we want with it."

Mr. Chronis said, "Well, we'll make a decision in the annual budget process about how to use that savings."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "If it's already budgeted to spend . . . it's already budgeted to pay off the bond. Anyway, okay, so you've saved us \$112,000. I just added 85 . . . well, 80 to 85 . . . \$110,000 a year by this . . . you saved the taxpayers \$110,000 a year by this action."

Mr. Chronis said, "I don't know that I would take credit for all of that, but yeah, the County would save . . ."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Go ahead. You're not going to get a raise, so you might as well take credit. All right, that's very good. Seriously, this is the type of things that the public doesn't really get to hear very often. You know, they're quick to complain about how sloppy and inefficient government is, very slow to compliment. Yet a finance department, while they're not a source of revenue, can certainly be a source of running our government more efficiently and this is a prime example of that. So, thank you very much for that."

Chairman Norton said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you. I just want to compliment you also on a great job of financial management and it's not just us patting each other on the back. I noticed that The Bond Buyer, which is a regional newspaper, talks about financial management, mentioned Sedgwick County and that putting \$40,000,000 of much prized debt on the market they speak very favorably of the County and the good job in management we're doing. So the recognition from professionals in the field on a regional basis I think speaks very highly of what you and everybody else has done

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to save Sedgwick County citizens money and it ought to be noted and appreciated. Thank you.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Well and also the County Public Building Commission. That’s a tremendous asset.”

Chairman Norton said, “What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the resolution.

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	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Tim Norton	Aye

Chairman Norton said, “Next item.”

2. FINANCE A JUVENILE JUSTICE COMPLEX

Mr. Chronis said, “Commissioners, this is the new money portion of this total bond sale. What is proposed to occur here is the sale of approximately twenty-one and a half million dollars of bonds to finance the Juvenile Justice Complex and specifically the detention facility that you awarded construction bids on a week or two ago. We received three bids on this portion of the total sale. The range of true interest costs on those bids extends from 4.12% to just under 4.24%. The successful bidder, the low bidder, the bidder of the lowest interest rate again is UBS Financial Services. The same firm was the successful bidder on all three of these series of bonds. That interest rate will obligate the County to make lease payments to the PBC and the PBC in turn to make debt service payments on those bonds of approximately 1.56 million dollars per year for the life of the bonds.

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The County had . . . and that's based on a total issue size of 21.41 million dollars. Because the successful bidder proposed a lower discount than we had expected, we're actually able to reduce the size of the issue by about \$150,000 from what we had originally planned. So the issue size will be approximately 21.41 million dollars, the interest rate 4.12%, the annual debt service 1.56 million dollars. To contrast that with what we had built the budget on, we had anticipated selling 25.345 million dollars worth of bonds, so something in excess of \$4,000,000 more debt and we had anticipated an interest rate of approximately 5%. So the annual debt service that we've budgeted for 2004 for this series of bonds is right at \$2,000,000. In other words, our debt service obligation in '04, and presumably in every year thereafter, will be approximately \$440,000 less than we had budgeted and less than we had included in the financial plan.

Again, this creates an opportunity for us to do a number of things and we'll make the decisions about what to do in the annual budget process. But it frees up both some debt capacity and some property tax flexibility so that we'll have that money and that debt capacity to do other projects, to offset other projects that are already in the plans or to spend the money on operations of the County or to reduce the tax rate and we'll make that decision again in the annual budget process."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Or to just leave it in prudent reserve for any unforeseen . . . but you're talking about what you've done here, based on what we had budgeted and what we actually had committed in excess of a half a million dollars a year savings to the County."

Mr. Chronis said, "Between the two of them, the refunding and the new money, yes that's correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Excellent."

Chairman Norton said, "I see no lights. Any discussion, questions of Chris?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Just a clarification of what this item is. This is the item entering into a lease agreement with the Public Building Commission?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Yes, it's Item B-2 on you agenda."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Chronis said, “Commissioners, just one last observation. As a part of this sale, as we always do, we went back to the three bond rating agencies, the credit rating agencies, that evaluate the County’s debt and credit worthiness and each of the three agencies has renewed their existing credit ratings, both on the County’s General Obligation debt and on the Public Building Commission debt that is already outstanding, as well as on these new issues. And so our credit rating, our bond rating is AAA from Fitch Rating Services, AA-1 from Moody’s ratings and AA+ from Standard and Poors and, as you know, those are the very highest or one tick below the very highest ratings that are available. And so we are very pleased with those ratings.”

Chairman Norton said, “Very good. Anything else to come before us today, Commissioners? If not, we’re adjourned.”

I. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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Don Brace, County Clerk

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