

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**June 15, 2005**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, June 15, 2005 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Lucy Burtnett; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Sonya Rickerson, SCA/ QM Coordinator, Department on Aging; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **GUESTS**

Mr. Glenn O. Thompson, Executive Director, Stand Up For Kansas

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Reverend Douglas Luginbill, Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, May 25, 2005  
Regular Meeting, June 1, 2005

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and that Commissioner Winters was absent at the Regular Meeting of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review those Minutes and we probably should take these in two separate pieces, so could I have . . . Are there any additions or corrections?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of May 25, 2005.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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| Commissioner Norton    | Aye |
| Commissioner Winters   | Aye |
| Commissioner Burtnett  | Aye |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2005.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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| Commissioner Norton    | Aye     |
| Commissioner Winters   | Abstain |
| Commissioner Burtnett  | Aye     |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye     |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye     |

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item please."

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**CITIZEN INQUIRY**

**A. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF A CASINO IN SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Mr. Thompson, we are ready to hear from you.”

**Mr. Glenn O. Thompson**, Executive Director, Stand Up for Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you for this opportunity to speak at this meeting. Let me begin by saying the Stand Up For Kansas is a state wide coalition of grassroots citizens who oppose expansion of gambling in Kansas.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Excuse me, Glenn, would you just say your name so that we all know.”

**Mr. Thompson** said, “My name is Glenn Thompson and I’m executive director for Stand Up For Kansas. Thank you. I’ve been the volunteer executive director for the organization since it was formed in 1993. On a personal note, I was an engineer and manager at Boeing for 35 years before retiring in 1995.

During the commission meeting last Wednesday, the Mayor of Park City urged you to support a proposal for a casino in Park City. Her presentation completely ignored two consultants’ studies completed last year that showed clearly the severe negative economic and social impact such a casino would have on Sedgwick and surrounding counties. I have these two reports here and I would urge you to consider and study these reports. First is the Wichita Downtown Development report, the other one is a Kansas Lottery report, performed by professional consultants, out of state, and I consider both reports excellent.

There is a little bit of a problem on the Wichita Downtown Development, in that if you read the executive summary and read the contents, there is a little bit of difference. I think the executive summary is biased. The consultant that did this report is a proponent of casinos and does development of casinos, so that’s all right. If you dig into the report, you’ll find the data.

Many key business leaders in our community understand this potential negative impact very well, and consider the proposed casino a threat to the future of our community so the discussion by the commission members last week on the possibility of a county-wide referendum is very disturbing. Consequently, I would like to present to you the attached letter, signed by 24 business leaders in our county expressing their concerns and opposition to the proposed casino. Additional business leaders expressed interest in signing this letter but were traveling on business.

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As you will note, many of these business leaders have been members of the Sedgwick County business community for many years. The letter covers five areas. During the next few minutes, I would like to address several of these areas. First, economic impact: for the percentage of a severe negative economic impact on Sedgwick and surrounding counties, studies commissioned by the Kansas Lottery and the Wichita Downtown Corporation estimate that over 75% of the 200,000,000 to the \$300,000,000 revenue would come from local citizens, living within the surrounding 50 mile radius region. No more than 25% of the gamblers at the proposed casino would come from outside the 50-mile radius region.

At the same time that the sale would export, out of the county and out of the region, at least 70% of revenues outside this region. So the net result would be that the casino would drain about \$150,000,000 or more annually from Sedgwick County and the surrounding region.

To put this in perspective, McConnell Air Force Base has a military and civilian payroll of \$147,000,000, not including retirees that's in the area. So the casino would have the same economic impact on this region as shutting off the payroll of McConnell Air Force Base. Rather than creating 1,500 new jobs as claimed, jobs would simply be transferred from businesses in the surrounding region to the casino. Thousands of additional jobs in the region would be lost, as the casino drained \$150,000,000 or more annually out of the region.

Social impact: the WDBC report states that over 5,000 gamblers will become pathological gamblers because of the easy accessibility of the casino. Research studies and the report itself shows social costs resulting from these pathological gamblers would be over \$70,000,000. In fact, the report states it would be 70 to over \$100,000,000. That's in addition to the economic impact of pulling money out of the area. Last February, a tearful mother living in Topeka, Cathy Bassett told a legislative committee how gambling addictions destroyed three members of her family. Her brother committed suicide. Her son stole money from a casino and is now serving time in a Nevada prison and her 73-year-old mother had to take out bankruptcy, after losing all of her savings in slot machines. And all of this happened after the casinos moved in near Topeka, only 20 miles north of Topeka. They did not gamble prior to that time.

Indian Gaming Regulatory Act: the proposed casino violates the intent of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and has little chance of ever being approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior. As he indicated in the attached letter, Congress and the Interior Department are concerned about so called reservation shopping, in which Indian tribes are abusing the intent of IGRA, with applications for off-reservation casinos, far from their reservations.

Apparently, the casino promoters and investors have finally realized that they have a slim chance of

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obtaining federal approval for an off-reservation casino in Park City, 237 miles from the Iowa tribes reservation in northeast Kansas. As you probably know, yesterday the proponents proposed the state, rather than the Iowa Tribe, own and operate the casino.

Referendum: in view of the announcement yesterday and the numerous options for state owned and operated casinos, a county referendum at this time would be premature, to say the least. Numerous bills for state owned and operated casinos have been proposed during my 13 years at the capitol, but none has passed. Furthermore, as bills proceed through committee hearings in the Senate and the House, amendments are made that change the scope completely. For example, the bill may require approval by the casino home county and surrounding contiguous counties. Will slot machines be allowed at Pyramid for racetracks? How many? Will the number of casinos in a county be limited? The list goes on and on.

Near-miss bills have gone before the legislature, with many, many different options, so how would you conduct a referendum? What would you put on that referendum? There are too many possibilities. A referendum, in my opinion, at this time just to be very candid, would be foolish.

Furthermore, if a referendum were conducted, it would place Sedgwick County citizens opposed to the casino at a severe disadvantage. The playing field simply would not be level. Casino investors would buy the referendum with millions of dollars in advertising. In Missouri, casino investors outspent opponents 30 to 1, to win a referendum legalizing slot machines on riverboats. In Sedgwick County, in addition to that \$100,000 for the referendum expense, a casino investor could be expected to spend 500,000 to a million dollars on advertising, based on similar referendums in other states, with hundreds of millions of dollars in potential revenues at stake, investors will have a strong incentive to spend whatever it takes to win.

In conclusion, the concerns expressed in the attached letter are complex. May I continue and finish?"

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Yes, you just have a small bit?"

**Mr. Thompson** said, "Yes, that's right. I have just barely scratched the surface during this brief time. I would be pleased to discuss these in more detail, at your convenience. A casino would have a severe negative impact on retail and entertainment businesses, individual's families and communities in Sedgwick and surrounding counties. Once established, there would be no turning back, no matter how devastating the results. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you Mr. Thompson, and I am sure you're ready to answer any questions."

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**Mr. Thompson** said, "I'd be pleased to answer questions, yes I certainly would."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "I don't see any. I do see a question now."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, I don't really have a question, but we do have a lot of people in our meeting room and I think, Mr. Chairman, if you would concur, I'd like to have those that are here supporting Mr. Thompson to either stand or wave their hand or indicate some way their support."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And the people in the other rooms, standing, so let's wave at them, too."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Yeah, I don't know how many folks are in our overflow room, but there is a considerable number of folks over there also. So, thank you all and you may be seated. Any other question or comment? Well, I appreciate the presentation, Glenn and I would just say that our commission is committed to good government and basically on the principle that good government means that we do make decisions based on what's the greatest good for the greatest number of people for the longest time and if we stick to that principle, we will have good government. And we, as you mentioned, we had a presentation last week that was on the other side of this issue, and at this time the momentum on this is really not in our jurisdiction or in our hands, as you understand."

But we appreciate the presentation and appreciate the folks who showed up today to support your position. Thank you very much."

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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| Commissioner Norton    | Aye |
| Commissioner Winters   | Aye |
| Commissioner Burnett   | Aye |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Okay, you all are welcome to remain in our meeting if you like. If you are wanting to leave now, if you have to go to work or whatever, I think we’ll just pause for a moment and allow you all to leave.

Okay, things are getting back to normal, so Madam Clerk, would you please call the next item now.”

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **B. PRESENTATION REGARDING VISIONEERING WICHITA.**

##### **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I thought it would be an opportune time to discuss Visioneering Wichita and what our role has been in that process. First of all, the background, the county was a founding partner with this initiative, the initiative with, the partners are with Chamber of Commerce, the City of Wichita, the Downtown Development Corporation, Kansas Health Foundation, and Community Foundation, and of course Sedgwick County.

We thought it was important, early on, to be part of this process in discussing this community’s future. We participated in Visioneering development. Commissioners Unruh and Winters served on the steering committee and we’ve been on foundation teams, we were on the benchmark team. There have been a series of focus groups that you’ve participated in and task force and there’s been numerous community meetings and we have acted, some of our employees have acted as facilitators for those meetings also.

This process has engaged about 8,600 people, in the process, to define the future. To talk about what our preferred future might look like and what should we strive for and to be. Our role . . . on

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January 5<sup>th</sup> of this year, the Commissioners adopted a resolution making Sedgwick County a Visioneering partner for Visioneering implementation.

Now that sounds, to some of us, like a lot of gobbly-gook words, but what it really means is that we have defined a role for ourselves, is to lead where we think it is appropriate, to follow when we think that is appropriate, in areas that we would help to facilitate. And by this three-legged stool, we are committing this organization to assure that these issues that have been identified by our fellow citizens are addressed in a thoughtful way that sees some action.

We endorsed the Visioneering plan. We adopted the strategies. We developed action steps to create benchmarks. And remember, one of the foundations of this whole Visioneering process is to establish benchmarks, so that we may see where we have been and how we are progressing. It's nice to talk about and dream out loud about what the future might look like, but Visioneering without implementation is really like hallucination. So, you really do need to have a process whereby you have benchmarks and a way in which to proceed.

We would participate in periodic progress reports and that's what this is an attempt to do and review and revise and refocus action steps when success is not at hand. Part of our Sedgwick County management model is to review where we've been, to see what has occurred, in trying to solve a solution and to revisit those action steps to see if we're on the right approach, and so Visioneering Wichita has adopted that same approach, to reexamine why we are not making progress and if we have to refocus to do so.

We, Sedgwick County, with your leadership, have agreed to be an alliance team leader on technical training, on the arena, on healthy lifestyles, solid waste, urban regional development, emergency response and homeland security and elderly and aging. And we have people in charge of being leaders in those areas.

We also have people working on these various task forces, and I'm not going to read those, but we have various county employees who are participating in these meetings and trying to solve these issues under these headings.

The current situation is participate in the current Visioneering strategies and alliances, we're continuing to work on our lead areas, but today I want to talk about just four out of those seven lead areas, and that is the county arena, solid waste, emergency response and homeland security and elderly and aging.

As you know, the Visioneering . . . and this was an easy one for us, Visioneering Wichita thought that a world-class regional event center in downtown would be a good thing. Well, again, with your leadership, we went through the process of an election in November, we received legislative



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approval to proceed, we are in the midst of hiring an architect/ engineering firms. We have engaged the citizens in a series of discussions. We've already engaged citizens who live in the area that we're looking at to place the arena. And a discussion in a second meeting is planned, within 30 days or so of today. And by the way, we don't have a location, despite what you may read, and that area has not been diminished. We have identified that area, and are prepared, after discussion with the architects, to chose the best site within that area, no matter who is located or what is located there today.

We have a community engagement, on-line forum, and community meetings and we have e-arena news, which is on a web site and you can plug in there and figure out, we update it routinely, and when there's a change or something new has occurred, we do that.

And so, we will be appointing . . . and the citizens' committees, I didn't mean to skip over that, but you will be appointing a tax oversight committee in the next two weeks, and then we will work on a design review citizens' committee, so we're engaging citizens in that process, to help give us tips and advise so that we are sure that citizens of this community are engaged and this process is clean, clear and transparent.

Again, despite what you may read in the newspapers, Sedgwick County is the planning authority for solid waste. Nothing will occur, and no changes will occur in our current system, without your consent and approval and affirmative action. No changes will occur in the current system without your approval. Some people don't understand that.

The action today is Sedgwick County updated the solid waste plan in May of 2005. Waste minimization has occurred. We have worked hard. Because we don't think of waste minimization as some people do, we are not given the credit for the efforts that we have made to minimize what goes into landfills. We have a program for storm debris and composting. We have for-profit construction and demolition landfills that are occurring in this community. We have drop-off recycling.

We do curbside recycling, driven by the private market. Household hazardous waste is a huge success, and again, because of your leadership and last year's budget, we did these round-ups in various locations around the county, in each of the districts, and have seen that by being able to go to where people live, not requiring them to come to our site . . . and by the way, we're still getting

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lots of people that are coming to our Household Hazardous Waste Facility, but by going out in the districts, we are giving people an opportunity to use that process and get rid of waste in an appropriate manner that would normally go to landfills and be a hazard to this earth. The next steps, we'll proceed with siting of a landfill in the county, as the plan calls for county owned and privately operated.

Emergency response and homeland security are really bifurcated processes. One is emergency response, and that has to do with not just homeland security issues, but ice storms and floods and tornadoes and any other kind of emergency response that we might have. But today I want to talk about the homeland security end.

The goal is to provide a high level of emergency response in homeland security. This community sent 80 representatives to a class in Anniston, Alabama. Now I'm not dispiriting Anniston, Alabama, but it's not one of the tourist places that I would ever think about going to. So, 80 citizens from Sedgwick County, some of you were there, took part in that process where we got to work as a community in trying to solve problems, desktop problems and simulations.

The discovery was that we had a lot more in common than we thought. The discovery was that more conversations need to occur than have in the past, and that there's a whole group of players ready, willing and able to come to citizen's rescue, to come to citizen's and respond to any kind of emergency, including hospitals and senior citizens' centers, the whole gamut.

We also enhanced . . . this really enhanced the working relationship and understanding roles and we will continue working with that group and working with others to make sure that our emergency response, the homeland security, we're ready to deal with all issues and that the emergency response is as good as it can be in this community.

Finally, the last one was elderly and aging, and the goal was to provide a range of services, support and encourage involvement in community, again, a pretty easy one for Sedgwick County to be involved with. In the last 20 or 30 years, this has been a role that Sedgwick County has played in this community. We continue to strive for, with our seniors, to promote healthy lifestyles, drinking more water, eating more fruit, walking more, developing strategic plan for current and future needs, how do we serve an aging popula . . . an increased aging populations, not only in numbers but people are living longer and how do we adjust our services and think that through, so that people can stay in their homes and lead healthy, productive lives.

We'd have a minor home repair program for citizens that are on the verge of poverty or in the poverty range, so that they can continue to stay in their homes. We can fix a roof or a furnace or porch railings or whatever needs to be done and we're going to continue to seek funding for mental health service and out treat . . . public awareness and expand the volunteer role for seniors.

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We have this whole issue before us, it's about the . . . the look about the emerging crisis, of the labor shortage that's going to occur over the next 20 years. How do we rethink how seniors might help in that and how do we define jobs anymore and does it really have to be a 40-hour week? How do we go about thinking this through and using those talents of seniors in ways that we haven't thought of before?

Other areas are technical training, we are involved with the authority and how to proceed with that. Tom Winters is on the Workforce Alliance and the role that they play. We have Tim Norton who serves on KITT and we have Dave Unruh on the WATC board. And so, we as a county heavily involved in this technical training.

Healthy lifestyles, Kathy Sexton is helping with that and again, it's a pretty simple message about eating right, drinking lots of water and walking and the more we can . . . and exercise . . . the more we can continue to keep the message simple and can point to why healthy lifestyles are important to us all and you will hear more about that in urban and regional development, John Schlegel is leading that effort. So . . . and Ron Holt is on technical training.

So, that's Sedgwick County's role. We think it's important to continue with this process. We have an active role in our efforts in promoting initiatives. We have provided leadership as team leaders. We serve on task force and committees and we will continue to provide updates on our activities, resulting in our efforts to accomplish Visioneering Wichita goals.

They're not our goals, they're not the City of Wichita's, they're goals that were developed by citizens coming together from this county and surrounding counties, this regional area and saying, 'Where do you want this community to be in five and ten years?' How do we get there? Again, it's not just dreaming the dream, but this is the hard work of implementation and Sedgwick County, we're pleased to give our time and effort and energies, from our staff to get this done, to make this community a much better place in which to work, live and play.

So, if you have questions, I'll be happy to answer them. If people are interested, there is a website, [visioneeringwichita.com](http://visioneeringwichita.com) that is interesting to find out what's going on."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you Mr. Manager. That's a very comprehensive update on how we have engaged ourselves in the Visioneering process and how we've kind of refocused some of our ongoing efforts to coincide with the vision that's been produced by our community participants. So anyway, thank you very much, but we do have some comments or questions. Commissioner Winters."

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**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you very much. Mr. Manager, we certainly appreciate this update. A number of us continue to work on the Visioneering, and I think you did hit some real key points and one, we are attempting to establish benchmarks in the community, but the real work is going to come in the fact of attempting to identify the issues where we can clearly see that we are making improvements. And along with the items that the manager mentioned, you know, at kind of the top of everybody’s list is this job growth in the area and increasing per capita income, which have been statistics that have not been moving in the right direction and in the way that we want them to.

So, as we talk about each of these areas that Alliance Team put together throughout the community, hopefully in the end, with positive results in each of these areas, whether it’s solid waste, arena, homeland security, aging, technical education and training and at the end of the day we will move forward and the benchmarks will be measurable in a positive way for the entire community.

I appreciate the fact that as Sedgwick County is working through our budget process for the year 2006 now, we are reminding department heads and employees that some of their strategies for their budget need to be viewed in reflection of how they work hand in hand with Visioneering Wichita, so we can see how Sedgwick County, even though these aren’t our specific goals, but we are working with the community in trying to make those things happen.

I did want to add just one part, as you outlined four of the areas where Sedgwick County is an alliance team leader, and that being solid waste, the arena, homeland security and aging, I think aging has already done some really focus groups with the three-county area about how we can make sure that we’re teaming with some of these objectives of Visioneering. The arena is now really a reality and we’re moving forward with that.

Homeland security is still a work in progress, and solid waste and I would just comment that we know yesterday that the City of Wichita had a workshop meeting and discussed solid waste and I think, more and more in the community now realize that Sedgwick County is, in effect, the manager of the solid waste management plan for our county.

And even though we all know that no changes will take place without our working through that process with whoever is making that proposal, I think there are a number of us on this committee that would be glad to talk to others in the community about what those changes could be. So I don’t want anybody to think that the necessary . . . that any changes are off of the board. I think with the City’s discussion yesterday, they apparently do want to visit about this, and so I would encourage them to begin that contact at the staff level, and as we move forward in seeing what their intensions are, I think we’re going to be more than willing to listen to what kind of plans they think would

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work. So with that, Mr. Chairman, no real questions but I appreciate the update on Visioneering.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well Mr. Manager, if I understood what you had said, which sometimes I have to listen real hard to understand what you’re saying, we made some commitments to the Visioneering process and we committed to take the lead on certain elements of the entire Visioneering process. This presentation is to show us and the citizens of Wichita . . . excuse, of the area, that we are now starting to implement and complete what we promised that we would do. And I like your line that Visioneering without implementation is hallucination. I also like, commissioners, . . . I don’t know if it’s a written policy of the county, but it’s been my experience in the time that I’ve sat here that this entity called Sedgwick County goes to great lengths to try to do things above board, let the chips fall what it may, but it does try to keep the public engaged in the processes that we’re doing.

The arena process, I mean I have never seen so many public comments from staff about where we are, the timeline, what we’re going . . . like July 20<sup>th</sup> is another benchmark that we’re going to hit when we get the architect that will take the lead on designing the project. And I feel very honored that we’re in a form of government that does believe that if you make a commitment, you do your best to honor it and also that you’re above board and let the people know how the steps are being implemented.

Do you have a feel for what our other partners have done and how they’re doing on their commitments that they need . . . committed to for their piece of the pie?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “I don’t know that I can answer that question. I know that in some instances, it’s real clear that Sedgwick County has stepped up and taken a leadership role when none has existed.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well, you know the one thing that we all said that we wanted to take a part of not only the Visioneering, but the overall economic health of the community is that we wanted to take the lead in workforce development, like you indicated. There’s a lot embodied in workforce development and I know we’re going to explore every area to try to help people. I know the unions have a very aggressive workforce development, if you want to talk on their apprentice program and that might be something that we might be something that we’d want to visit with them on a little bit about how could we maybe work with them to bolster some of the things they’re doing, because part of the technical training falls . . . you know, we need plumbers, we need

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electricians, we need steel metal workers, we need heating and air conditioning people. These are type of jobs, well-paying jobs, that as the economy grows, the businesses are going to need these type of trained people and if we have an entity already in place here in Wichita that is doing that, maybe there's something we could work with them to expand and improve that, as part of the workforce development.

So I compliment you very much on the presentation, because I think it's very important to keep the public informed as to what we committed to and that we are honoring that commitment. Thank you."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Mr. Sciortino, I can answer that question for you. I can't answer what others are doing with specific organizations, but I attended a steering committee meeting Monday afternoon and there are groups involved and working now, and some have had two or three meetings and those areas where there is a specific team efforts taking place now are the mentoring of kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade kids in our community, there's a team working on health care, Kathy Sexton, our assistant county manager, is leading that team.

There is a team working on united legislative agenda for south central Kansas. There's a team working on racial diversity and opportunity and harmony. There's a team working on entrepreneur and small business. There's a team working diligently on college and enhancing the college availability for citizens in south central Kansas and there's a benchmark team working, which is trying to and will develop ways to measure all these issues.

I can't tell you all the players in all of those, but there is real work being done in these areas, and I think what the Manager has talked to us about are the areas where Sedgwick County has really focused a lot of our efforts."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Great."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, Commissioners, are there other questions or comments? Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Just two. Of course the downtown arena is pretty well solidly moving along and there's not much we're going to do there. Solid waste, that's just going to be a

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continuing process, as we try to ebb and flow and try to figure out where to go. I mean, trash is being picked up right now and I guess we'll finally figure out whether we want to site a landfill or look into incineration or whatever, but that's not going to move along.

I do have two concerns. I've been very supportive of moving ahead on the homeland or heartland security facility and that, I think, is one of those very, very substantial projects that we've taken the lead on and we hadn't heard much about that. That's kind of still just languishing out there and truthfully, I believe that that would be . . . have impact on a lot of different levels. Certainly, it would be a great facility to do training for our police and fire and emergency workers, but it will also be an economic driver, because I believe with the National Guard there and the homeland security component of it, along with all the training, that is a huge project that really shows that things are getting done.

Some of these other projects are just a lot of rhetoric and talk and it's hard to say, check it off, something has really been done. I see that as something that will have several components, part of which will be bricks and mortar, that people can look at, like a downtown arena and go 'Boy, they really did something' and I'd like to see us move forward on that a little faster.

When you talk about seniors and aging and that's a complicated issue, I agree that our population is getting older. I'm concerned and I have been and I've spoken on this that the aged, the population of the future is going to be different than that population today. I think, maybe it was this morning that I read, that there are legislators at the national level that are looking to make the Social Security cutoff at 69.

Now, what does that do to change the thought process of senior citizens that have accessed that system at 65 and now it's going to be 69? Do they work longer? Do they continue to be activity in the communities? I think there is a changing evolution of senior population right now, and we need to think about infrastructure, which is senior centers, and what that looks like and how we engage that.

They may be combinations of senior centers and wellness centers and travel agencies and I don't know what else, but I think we need to be revisiting that and making sure that's part of the talk. It's not just about fruits and vegetables. It's about what the infrastructure going to look like to take care of this population, and I don't think we're having that discussion, at least if we are, I'm not engaged in it and I'm not hearing it anywhere and I think we really need to be involved in that, because the senior population, the Baby Boomers are going to be different, a different generation of aged than we have right now. So, just a little thought, some challenge for our Visioneering. That's all I have."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, thank you. Well, from the comments and from your report, I see that Sedgwick County, system-wide, is involved in this whole Visioneering process. It is a refocusing of what we do as just part of our good government. I’m proud of our involvement and I’m proud of the high-profile things that we’re involved in, from the arena to technical education and training and the more visible aspects, but we also continue to work in less quantifiable areas, but that are truly beneficial to our citizens and to the culture of Sedgwick County. So, I think we’re working hard and staying at it and we need to keep at it. So, we’ll ask you to come back again and give us more updates, as progress is made. So, thank you very much. I think that’s all.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Could I say one other thing? The other thing I want to compliment you on is I’ve seen you in staff meetings, I’ve seen you in the media briefings and the thing that I really find positive about your style, Bill, is that you’ll let the chips fall as it may. If there’s bad news, you’ll just tell it too. You don’t sweep the bad news under the rug and just give out the good news, and I think that’s what the public has come to expect in Sedgwick County. Thank you.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Well Commissioners, we need a motion to receive and file.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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| Commissioner Norton    | Aye |
| Commissioner Winters   | Aye |
| Commissioner Burtnett  | Aye |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, Bill. Madam Clerk, call the next item please.”



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**C. PRESENTATION REGARDING A SEDGWICK COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson**, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to give you an update on the Sedgwick County prescription drug card. Just to give a little history, NACo, the National Association of Counties, was hearing very strongly from the membership that they were having a lot of struggles with the uninsured and under-insured in their communities and they asked if there was anything they could do to help, and as a membership benefit, NACo was able to secure a contract with CareMark to provide a prescription card to counties who are members.

And they thought initially the first thing they should do is do a pilot and see how it works, see what the numbers look like, and we did become a part of that pilot late in December, actually I think it was like December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A little bit about the card, it is free and, as I've explained, I don't know of any instance when anyone has sold one of these cards, although sometimes people are charged for other cards, but this card is free to Sedgwick County residents, and it was an average savings of 20%, although it can range to 13 to 50% and it's usually higher with your mail order option and there is no age requirement on that. There is also no income requirements. We don't ask people when they pick up a card. We don't ask for their name. We don't ask for their income, social security number or anything else. It's also family coverage and one card can cover a full family and you can use this any time your prescription is not covered by insurance.

This is not insurance coverage. It is definitely a discount card and I have . . . there is over 70 participating pharmacies. Well, yesterday I got some great news, because I've always had to say all the large pharmacies, like Walgreens and Dillons participate and Walmart doesn't. Well, Walmart has signed up and Walmart is now a participating pharmacy. And so, I'm guessing we have over 80 pharmacies now, so that was really great new yesterday.

In Sedgwick County, we have distributed over 23,800 cards. Now that doesn't mean that many people have cards, because what we have done is we have given allocations of cards to community agencies who would see folks who would benefit from those cards, so they're sitting there maybe with 1,000 cards or something like that for the year, and that way they don't have to come back to us every week to get a couple of more cards or something.

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We have distributed those to medical providers. I had someone call last week said, 'I heard about the card, I prescribe medications to people with no coverage, could you send me some cards for my patients?' We have sent them to Safety Net clinics, such as Guadalupe, and Grace Med. We have a number of Sedgwick County departments who have the cards. The jail has an allocation. They give a card to anyone who leaves the jail who has a prescription, certainly COMCARE Community Health, the Community Developmental Disability Organization, Department of Corrections, Department on Aging, EMS, you know the medical services all have cards and allocations. Project access, where they pay for medications while people are in their program, when they leave the program and they have no coverage and they still need to take the medications, they are giving them a card to help them pay for that, and certainly community churches and senior centers.

In the past five months, in Sedgwick County, 3,688 prescriptions have been presented. In 79% of the cases, people received some kind of discount on those medications. The average prescription cost was \$39.25 and people saved \$7.97. It's an average of about \$8.00 per prescription. So Sedgwick County residents, since you have made this available to them, have saved \$29,278.60 on their prescriptions when they have gone in for a prescription. This is a 16.97% average savings, in other words about 17% average savings for people on their prescription medications.

Your national results of this 8-month pilot, they had 17 counties participate, over 48,000 prescriptions were filled, with a savings of \$658,000 and a 19% savings. It looks like the bigger your, you know, your involvement or the greater number of people participating, the greater the percentage of savings.

This had been a pilot and on May 27<sup>th</sup>, last month, the NACo board voted to make this a permanent program, so we are no longer on pilot status. We had a one-year contract. We will be getting probably a one-page amendment to that, extending it for three-years and making it a permanent program. We also have been asked by the State of Kansas to put together some information so they can put it on their Healthy Kansas website and I have done that and I have sent that to them, so I assume that will be posted soon.

So how do people get a card? Well, we have five main sites. I mean, we have the organizations that have them for people that they serve, but we have five main sites where somebody can just walk in the door and say, 'I want a card' and they get handed a card. One of them is Catholic Charities, at 425 North Topeka. One is the Sedgwick County Health Department and this is a new location. Previously it was over on the 9<sup>th</sup> Street location but it will now be at 2716 West Central,

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the new location where they're providing clinical services and also the Sedgwick County Division of Human Services at 635 North Main, Social and Rehabilitation Services, 230 East William, United Way of the Plains at 245 North Water and if anybody wants more information they certainly can call our offices, 660-7673 or look on our website and there is information there, plus all of these locations are listed there. I would be glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well thank you, Debbie. I think this is a great program. It offers some of our citizens an opportunity to get medications perhaps that did not otherwise see a way to do that. It just makes for a healthier community. But folks can show up and they can ask for a card, receive the card, no questions asked."

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "That's right."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Anyone with an insurance benefit though, this card is not used in conjunction with folks who have insurance."

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "No. You cannot do that, plus an insurance benefit usually provides a better price than we're able to do with this card."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. However, it may be that folks should not assume that with the card that they're going to walk into any pharmacy and get the best price. They still have to use a little bit of analysis to find out . . . I mean, they may be able to get the price sometimes cheaper, even without the card at some other pharmacy, or without being under this program, there are still some times an instance where they could get a prescription cheaper anyway. Is that correct?"

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "That's correct but the agreement with the pharmacy is that if they offer it at a lower cost, the person will get it at that lower cost."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Without asking or whatever."

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Yes, so they will get the lowest costs available at that pharmacy with the card, so they don't have to ask. The agreement is that that is what they will be offered."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. So, there's no way that they can stumble into making a mistake. I mean, it's kind of a program where they're going to get the lowest price, no matter what it is. Okay. All right, well very good. Well, we do have some other questions. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess, you know, for those citizens here in Sedgwick County who are walking into a pharmacy with no other prescription insurance

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coverage or prescription plan, this is one of those deals that it almost sounds like this is a little too good to be true, but the bottom line is, the National Association of Counties, in conjunction with some nationwide efforts have put in play a mechanism where, again, those people who do not have prescription coverage can take advantage and probably will get a 20% discount and even up to 50% on some mail-in prescriptions.

Just a couple of quick thoughts, one I think this is another reason that justifies our participation in the National Association of Counties and I know we have some very active members in that organization. Debbie is in fact on the board of directors of the National Association and a number of commissioners attend meetings throughout the year and I think this is one of the things we've learned about within the last six or twelve months and I think it makes it very worthwhile, our participation, and I hope if there's any other commissioners from surrounding counties who are not members of the National Association of Counties, I think this is a reason, I mean, to have this kind of benefit available to your citizens who do not have any prescription coverage would be a great reason for you to consider joining the National Association of Counties.

One last thought, we of course have always been able to get very good coverage from our local media folks here in Wichita and I'm sure that they will help us get this message out. But I would hope that we could contact the small newspapers in Sedgwick County, the Cheney Times Centinel and Mount Hope Clarion, the Valley Center News, the Derby Reporter and the Haysville paper and get some articles in each one of those papers so we can let as many people know, that if you're walking into a pharmacy today and have no availability to get a discount, this is certainly something you need to think about. Thank you very much, Debbie."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Debbie, a couple of things, if I understood it right, every citizen in Sedgwick County is eligible to get this card."

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "That's correct."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Now, if a person has health insurance but maybe their health insurance says you have to buy generic drugs or this prescription plan doesn't cover x, y and z and you need x, y or z, then you could use your card for x, y and z."

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "So it could be a supplement to your existing prescription plan, in

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the case that you may need something that isn't covered by your prescription plan.”

**Ms. Donaldson** said, “Yes.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Then I heard you say, when Chairman Unruh visited with you, a particular pharmacy may be having a . . . something, if you have the Dillons card, you get ‘x’ percentage this week on ‘y’ and ‘z’. You’re not aware of that but you go in, having to buy ‘y’ and ‘z’ and you present this card, they have to give you this other plan, regardless of the fact if you knew about it or not.”

**Ms. Donaldson** said, “Correct.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, all right. Now, the last comment is when I come in . . . someone comes in for the card, do you give them a sheet of paper that shows all the participating pharmacies, so they know where to go?”

**Ms. Donaldson** said, “We’ve been doing that. I think we’re going to have to write on the tops of all those now and all the Walgreens . . . I mean Walmarts.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “But I mean, you give them . . . let them know.”

**Ms. Donaldson** said, “Yes.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Let them know. Okay, very good. Well, I think it was . . . and I echo what Commissioner Winters said, this is another example of this association that we belong to, that’s reaching out, trying to do something good for the entire country, and I’m kind of proud that we were chosen as a pilot project. Thank you.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, any other questions, Commissioners? I suppose Debbie that the only folks that are not thoroughly enthusiastic about this would be some small pharmacies or some pharmacies who see this as kind of an infringement on their right to price their product the way they want it.”

**Ms. Donaldson** said, “In some cases that could be true, but we actually have pharmacies who sent people to us to get the card. They’ll say, ‘Listen, you don’t have anything, I’ll tell you what you need to do is go and pick up one of these cards’. So, we in fact have one of our larger chains in town that does that.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, very good, well that’s great community support for the program.”

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Wait a minute, I've got just one . . ."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioner Sciortino has a thought."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, when there's a discount, is it the pharmacy that's taking the hit?"

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, so they are the ones that are voluntarily cutting their profit margins to assist the people."

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "That's correct. They've signed a contract agreement to do that, like they do with any other insurance plan, that type of thing."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, the only thing I would hope, and I'm speaking actually to the people viewing us, is that if you have one of these cards and you're going to a pharmacy, understand it's that pharmacy that's taking the reduction, so if there's other purchases you need to make, you might want to consider patronizing the pharmacy that is doing this benefit for you. So, okay, thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "The marketplace is continually changing, and everybody has to figure out how to . . ."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Unruh Alignment ought to start doing something like that."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you for that suggestion. All right, any other comment? Okay, seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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| Commissioner Norton    | Aye |
| Commissioner Winters   | Aye |
| Commissioner Burtnett  | Aye |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you, Debbie. Next item please.

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

**D. CONTRACTS (23) TO PROVIDE HOME CARE SERVICES TO OLDER PERSONS.**

1. **ADVANTAGE HOME CARE, INC.**
2. **AFFORD-A-CARE, INC.**
3. **ALL SAINTS HOME CARE, INC.**
4. **ASSOCIATED HOMECARE**
5. **BLESSED HOME HEALTH CARE & STAFFING SERVICES**
6. **CARE 2000 HOME CARE**
7. **CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADS**
8. **DEPENDABLE ASSISTED LIVING, INC.**
9. **GRACE HOME CARE, LLC-DBA, COMFORT KEEPERS**
10. **HOME HEALTHCARE CONNECTION**
11. **HOME HELPER**
12. **KELLY HOME CARE**
13. **LOVING HEARTS HOME CARE**
14. **MEDICALODGE HOME CARE**
15. **MERCY HOME CARE, LLC**
16. **MOUNT HOPE HOME HEALTH**
17. **PROACTIVE HOME CARE, INC.**
18. **PROGRESSIVE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE**
19. **RESOURCE CENTER INDEPENDENT LIVING**
20. **RIGHT AT HOME**
21. **SAINT RAPHAEL HOME CARE, INC.**
22. **SAINT RAPHAEL DIRECT CARE, INC.**
23. **WICHITA LIFELINE**

**Ms. Sonya Rickerson**, SCA/ QM Coordinator, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners

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and said, "I have 23 contracts to provide in-home care services to older persons for approval and authorize Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "That was short and sweet, Sonnie. I thought you were going to read the names of all these, but that's not necessary to be read into the record?"

**Commissioner Winters** said, "No. Somebody ask a hard question though."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "These are agencies that we've dealt with for several years and this is just a re-up of the contract, is that correct?"

**Ms. Rickerson** said, "Yes, Commissioner. Actually, we have two new agencies that are coming onboard. Ironically, their names are Grace and Mercy."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Good."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Why does it take so many to provide these services? I mean, is that just because no agency is large enough or because we just get more efficiency by having different people provide the service, or tell me."

**Ms. Rickerson** said, "Actually the later would be correct and also, we are covering services for a tri-county area, including Harvey and Butler and because it's a little more difficult to find an agency that's willing to have workers drive out to some of the rural areas in Harvey and Butler, we really try to focus in these areas for agencies and target those agencies so they can provide services for seniors."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, very good. It makes sense. Well Commissioners, any other comments or questions?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

### **VOTE**



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| Commissioner Norton    | Aye |
| Commissioner Winters   | Aye |
| Commissioner Burnett   | Aye |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Thank you, Sonny. Next item please.”

**E. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE**

**1. CONTRACT WITH ARROWHEAD WEST, INC. TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR CONSUMERS PREVIOUSLY SERVED THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SYSTEM.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a renewal of a contract that we have with Arrowhead West. They provide residential services for just eight of our consumers that were previously served through the Developmental Disabilities system.

Around seven or eight years ago, the requirements . . . or eligibility criteria is probably a better way to say it, to be DD changed and got more strict and these were individuals who also had a mental illness, and so they were kind of trapped between two systems. It was a time when Kevin Bomhoff worked for COMCARE and he was also the DD Director as well as the Community Support Services Director. So he developed a contract with Arrowhead West to make sure that these individuals didn’t fall through the cracks, so this is a continuation of that contract. We are recommending that you approve it and I’d be happy to answer any questions you might have.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there any questions?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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| Commissioner Norton | Aye |
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| Commissioner Winters   | Aye |
| Commissioner Burtnett  | Aye |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item."

**2. AGREEMENT WITH COWLEY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND COUNSELING CENTER FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICES TO EMPLOYEES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES.**

**Ms. Cook** said, "This is also a renewal of an agreement between COMCARE and Cowley County Mental Health Center, which is the community mental health center in Cowley County, to provide basically one free session assessment of their staff that may need mental health or addiction services. We are essentially doing this as a professional courtesy for the mental health center there, so if they have problems, they don't have to go to people they know and any services, once that assessment is done, that are needed beyond that would be paid for using the insurance that those employees do have.

We didn't need to use this contract last year, but it was comforting for both centers to know that it was there, should that need arise. So we are recommending that you approve this agreement."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, Commissioners, any questions?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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| Commissioner Norton   | Aye |
| Commissioner Winters  | Aye |
| Commissioner Burtnett | Aye |

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| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item."

**3. AGREEMENT WITH CENPATICO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUTH WITH HEALTHWAVE 21 INSURANCE.**

**Ms. Cook** said, "This is a contract between COMCARE and Cenpatico for children with Healthwave Insurance. Cenpatico is a new vendor, the new managed care organization for the State of Kansas, replacing the Mental Health Consortium, who had provided the behavioral health services since the inception of Healthwave in Kansas, so this was a big change for all the community mental health centers.

I was one of four directors that was on this state negotiation committee and we spent several months going over this contract, so I want to assure you that the language in here is one that was acceptable to not only our center, but all 29 community mental health centers. We had a lot of changes on our provider manual, on the actual contract language and on the rates, so we feel good that this has finally been negotiated. We've had a letter of agreement with them since January 1<sup>st</sup> when this started. We have about 45 children on Healthwave at COMCARE and those are primarily children with serious emotional disturbances.

One of our community partners and affiliate agencies, Family Consultation, has about 245 children on Healthwave. We are recommending that you approve this contract."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Healthwave 21, is that a . . ."

**Ms. Cook** said, "That's the children's health initiative program, the CHIPs program, that a national program for children that have families whose income is just a notch above the Medicaid eligibility level and it provides not only mental health coverage, but it also provides vision coverage and health insurance for these children.

We advertise this, USD 259 has a booth every year at their enrollment so that parents can see if their children are eligible for this program."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, and we will be acting then as kind of a sub-contractor for Cenpatico."

**Ms. Cook** said, "Right."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, that answers my questions. Commissioners, any other questions?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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| Commissioner Norton    | Aye |
| Commissioner Winters   | Aye |
| Commissioner Burtnett  | Aye |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

**Chairman Unruh** said, “ Next item please.”

**4. GRANT AWARD FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES/ADDICTION AND PREVENTION SERVICES TO FUND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES.**

**Ms. Cook** said, “Commissioners, this is a renewal of a grant funding from SRS, through APS, which is Addiction and Prevention Services, to provide substance abuse services, or funding for it. This is a fee for service agreement, with a cap on it, and it pays for assessment, individual and group counseling, case management services, and general services . . . addiction services for adults that meet the federal poverty guidelines.

The grant award of \$175,000 this year was an increase of \$20,000 over the contract rate paid for the last two years, which was very encouraging to us. I asked Judy Addison, who is a director of that program, to pull a couple of numbers for us so you would kind of get a sense of that. We served 1,206 individuals in our addiction treatment program last year and a little bit over half of them, or 644, had this kind of coverage, so we are pleased to be able to renew this again. We are recommending that you approve the grant and I’d be happy to answer any questions you might have

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on it.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Commissioners, are there any questions of Marilyn on this agenda item? What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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| Commissioner Norton    | Aye |
| Commissioner Winters   | Aye |
| Commissioner Burtnett  | Aye |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, Marilyn. Call the next item please.”

**F. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I think I can find it here somewhere. Yes, I do. Report today is on the activities at the Coliseum for the month of May. As you know, that May is usually the graduation central in our business. However, due to the fact that we were supposed to be closed this year, all of our clients for graduations found other venues in which to hold their ceremonies. They’ll be back again in 2006.

But in May of this year, we had over 25,000 people through the doors, 11 events, 23 individual performances and a net revenue, between the operations of the Coliseum and Select-A-Seat were nearly \$104,000.

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Now highlights for the month, we had the Heartland Miniature Classic Horse Show, which is really very cool. I'd love to have one in my backyard. They are just adorable little creatures. We had the Outlet Expo, which is an event that goes around and it buys overstocks, closeouts, scratch and dent and provides a variety of merchandise at a very, very substantial discount. They make their money by charging admission to go and buy the discounted merchandise. It really a very clever little way of doing it.

We had two other horse shows. We had the Kansas Arabian Show and the Spring Charity Horse Show and together they drew nearly 5,000 people. Now, these are both annual events. The Machinists held their meeting where they voted on the Onex offer at our facility and Aviator Football had two games and had nearly . . . well, we had 2,209 people in attendance over the two games.

Coming up, we have the Aviator football game this weekend. We have the one on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tornado Alley is returning with another paintball tournament July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and we do that in the equestrian arena, in our arena building. The machinist union has another meeting scheduled on July 30<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Weapons Gun and Knife Show returns again August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We have Alison Krauss and Union Station on August 18<sup>th</sup> and Veggie Tales, Rockin' Tour Live on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Now the last two events, Alison Krauss and Union Station and Veggie Tales are in-house promoted events. We have gone out, through the assistance of the concessionaire funded promotions fund and found partners in order to bring those events to perform in our facility. We're looking forward to two very successful dates with those. If there's any questions, I'd be happy to answer those at this time."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "I have one question. Is there a good turnout for a paintball tournament? I mean, people shoot paint stuff at one another."

**Mr. Nath** said, "Yes they do. It is three on three, it is fast and furious and there will be fifty, sixty teams turn out from all over the region. There will be like five or seven states represented. It's quite the turnout."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, that's great. I'm glad they're having fun. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. John, when we get to the point of refurbishing the pavilions, will we be able to keep some open and keep some of the horse shows

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and that kind of thing in operation or will it go dark for the period of time in all of the pavilions? Do you know that?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "Our plan currently, commissioner, is to close everything all at once, and that just makes the whole project a lot more reasonable and a lot more cost effective. Just bite the bullet, close it down and get it over with. And that way we displace the disadvantages at a minimum amount of clients and then we're back up in operation in a faster time line."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Yeah, I was going to say, I assume that's the fastest way to get the project completed from start to end."

**Mr. Nath** said, "That's the best way to do it is just get it over with and then we're back in operation."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "And do we have the date set, the time set for when that's going to happen in the pavilions yet?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "We're looking at 2007."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay. Thank you very much."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, any other questions of Mr. Nath?"

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Yeah, let me ask a follow up if I can, Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Just to pick up on what Mr. Winters said, no changes to the Coliseum pavilion events throughout 2006. Is that correct?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "That is correct."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you. What's the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Commissioner Norton    | Aye |
| Commissioner Winters   | Aye |
| Commissioner Burnett   | Aye |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, John. Next item please.”

**G. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2005.**

**Mr. Jerry Phipps**, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Minutes of the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There were two items for your consideration.

**1) GENETIC ANALYZER- FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER  
FUNDING: NIJ-DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT & BIO/DNA**

Item one is a genetic analyzer for the Forensic Science Center. It was moved to accept the only bid received from Applied Biosystems for \$85,923. I would like to make a note that this project is 100% grant funded.

**2) FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCING- DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE  
FUNDING: DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE (GRANT FUNDED)**

Item two, family group conferencing for the District Attorney’s Office. It was moved to accept the best overall proposal from Episcopal Social Services for \$55,230.

I’ll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, thank you Jerry. We do have a question. Commissioner Sciortino.”



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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “On item one, Jerry, you know it’s a fairly large item, and only one person . . . only one company bid on it. I’m assuming the other five . . . Okay, let me just say it the way I . . . I’ve written specs before where I want a particular product so I write the specs where only one vendor can honor that product. Did that happen here?”

**Mr. Phipps** said, “We tried to open this up as best we could. There was another company, Decelis, that didn’t respond. This also matches the existing equipment we now have in use at the Forensic Science Center, which utilizes all existing software, consumables, and this particular product is validated to enter the DNA profiles, which is necessary for FDA/ DNA database. So we needed a piece of equipment like we already have in use now.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “So only one vendor could submit a bid. It didn’t matter how many we send out to, only one person could bid on it the way we had it spec-ed out.”

**Mr. Phipps** said, “One other company had . . . could have bid that did not.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, thank you.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, anything else? Any other questions, Commissioners?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Commissioner Norton    | Aye |
| Commissioner Winters   | Aye |
| Commissioner Burtnett  | Aye |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Jerry. Next item please."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**H. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Range reallocation from Management Analyst II, B323-5, to Management Analyst III, B325-2, Budget Department.**
- 2. Order dated June 8, 2005 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 3. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are being amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to a change in the income level of the participating client.**

| <u>Contract Number</u> | <u>Old Amount</u> | <u>New Amount</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| V010116                | \$287.00          | \$292.00          |
| V04045                 | \$424.00          | \$417.00          |
| V04036                 | \$491.00          | \$425.00          |
| V94049                 | \$135.00          | \$131.00          |
| V03061                 | \$385.00          | \$385.00          |
| V72016                 | \$244.00          | \$254.00          |
| V2045                  | \$207.00          | \$206.00          |
| V020040                | \$280.00          | \$299.00          |
| V04044                 | \$425.00          | \$425.00          |
| V95088                 | \$600.00          | \$600.00          |
| V04043                 | \$430.00          | \$436.00          |
| V010103                | \$292.00          | \$284.00          |
| V010113                | \$289.00          | \$296.00          |
| V03041                 | \$45.00           | \$000.00          |
| V20138                 | \$185.00          | \$260.00          |
| V2009                  | \$425.00          | \$414.00          |
| V04053                 | \$550.00          | \$238.00          |
| V020052                | \$337.00          | \$396.00          |
| V04042                 | \$299.00          | \$376.00          |
| V04071                 | \$68.00           | \$10.00           |

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| V04030 | \$462.00 | \$000.00 |
| V04040 | \$149.00 | \$163.00 |
| V05005 | \$303.00 | \$315.00 |

**4. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

| <u>Contract Number</u> | <u>Rent Subsidy</u> | <u>District Number</u> | <u>Landlord</u>             |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| V04039R                | \$299.00            | Harvey                 | Metro Plains Development    |
| V04057R                | \$287.00            | Butler                 | Andover Crossing Apartments |
| V05025                 | \$71.00             | Butler                 | Brookside Cottages          |
| V05026                 | \$285.00            | 2                      | Country Walk Apartments     |
| V05027                 | \$224.00            | Butler                 | Jim Phillips                |
| V05028                 | \$249.00            | 2                      | Bridgewater Apartments      |
| V05030                 | \$133.00            | 5                      | Oakview at the Park         |
| V05031                 | \$239.00            | 4                      | Sunflower Gardens           |
| V05032                 | \$561.00            | 5                      | William Favreau             |
| V05033                 | \$281.00            | 5                      | Country Park Residences     |
| V05034                 | \$183.00            | 4                      | Valley Lodge Apartments     |

**5. Five Easements for Right-of-Way, two Easements for Drainage and two Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project 634-32, 33, 34, 35, 36; widening of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street South between Rock Road and the Butler County line. CIP# R-275. District #5.**

**6. Payroll Check Register of June 3, 2005.**

**7. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of June 8 – 14, 2005.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and I recommend you approve it.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Commissioner Norton    | Aye |
| Commissioner Winters   | Aye |
| Commissioner Burtnett  | Aye |
| Commissioner Sciortino | Aye |
| Chairman Unruh         | Aye |

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Commissioners, we need to have a Fire District meeting, so at this time I will recess the Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.”

**The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Fire District #1 at 10:28 a.m. and returned at 10:39 a.m.**

**Chairman Unruh** said, “And we have no other agenda items before us, so now is an appropriate time, if there are comments about our activities or comments for community interest. There we go. Commissioner Norton.”

**I. OTHER**

**Commissioner Norton** said, “I would like to let everybody know that I participated in the Haysville City Council meeting, as a citizen to be heard on this last Monday and I really gave the county update on ten things that we’re working on for the year, just to let the city council and the mayor and the citizens of Haysville know kind of the top issues. I did talk about capitol improvement’s budget and what we’re doing with putting Meridian, the four-lane Meridian and some of the other things that we’ve got going on with drainage, but I did give them an update.

And then, last night I went to the Southwest Village Neighborhood Association and did the same thing, to give them an update on kind of what’s happening. Obviously, we don’t have as many projects that will effect them, but globally, everything we do effects people that live in the City of Wichita.

And then finally, I participated in trash clean up days, not only in Haysville on Saturday, but in the Southwest Village, so a lot of folks are trying to clean up their neighborhoods and clean up their trash. Haysville has divided the city in half, two weekends in a row, and had over 300 households both weekends that participated and threw away trash, so I think eight packer loads one Saturday got hauled off, a lot of trash. So, that’s all I have.”

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, very good. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a lot of fun things at Cowtown. Sometimes I've heard that people say that, oh when I go there it's kind of boring, nothing's really happening and that isn't going to be the case this weekend. We'll see ridin', ropin', rootin', might even see a commissioner in a bar, so you never can tell what you might see, as far as fun activity. But it's going to be exciting. It will look as much as the museum can make it look like as if you rode into Wichita, Kansas in the 1860s or 1870s, there'll be that much activity going on in the streets and in the various buildings and I think it could give you a little flavor for what it was like to ride into Wichita in that period of time. So if you're not at the zoo looking at new animals being born, or you're not at Botanica in awe of flowers or what have you, you might come in and see what is fun in the mud and the blood and the beer in the Old Cowtown."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, you can go to Cowtown to see Commissioner Sciortino in a big hat and cowboy boots."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "It's a little hat."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Little hat, right. Go to the zoo . . . you know, we did have a bull yak born out there."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Gosh, I knew we'd have another. They don't have any good family planning there. They just . . . whatever happens, happens."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "We are a prolific place at the Sedgwick County Zoo. Well Commissioners, I would just want to remind citizens that there is a K-254 corridor study meeting tonight and it's a community meeting, open to the public, out at the Kechi Community Building, for those folks who live along that corridor, if they want to have input or if they want to just find out what the thinking is, they should show up at Kechi tonight from 7:00 until 9:00. And that same community meeting will be repeated then tomorrow night in Benton, over in Butler, so we're trying to do some good planning along that corridor."

And I'd just let folks know, who are interested in our strong effort in technical education, that the Sedgwick County Technical Education and Training Authority is meeting again tomorrow afternoon and trying to continue to make good decisions on developing workforce in this area.

Other than that, I have nothing, and I see no more lights. Anything more to come before the Commission? Then we will be adjourned."

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**J. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

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