

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

August 24, 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, August 24, 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. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department; Mr. Ed Randels, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department; Major Robert Hinshaw, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Kent Koehler, Project Leader, Division of Information and Operations; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Dee Stuart, Mayor, City of Park City.
Ms. Terry Cassidy, City of Wichita Manager's Office.
Mr. Kent Brown, City Administrator, City of Clearwater.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was recognized by a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, August 3, 2005

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 3rd, 2005.

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Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you've had the opportunity to review the Minutes of the August 3rd meeting. Are there any additions or corrects?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3rd, 2005.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Unruh said, "At this time, Commissioners, I would like to have a Motion for an off agenda item."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to consider an Off Agenda item.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

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

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OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Unruh said, "Mayor Dee Stuart is here to speak to us. She was present last week and I failed to recognize her, so I apologize for that. But this morning, you have a few moments to address the commission."

Ms. Dee Stuart, Mayor, City of Park City, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I appreciate the five minutes that I've been granted to speak to you this morning, and I'll try to keep my comments brief. I'm here on behalf of the voters of Sedgwick County, both those that want a destination casino and those who don't. I'm here to ask you to let democracy work."

Since last Wednesday, I've heard from people all over the county who were dismayed not to have the opportunity to have their voices heard on this issue. Perhaps I should amend that statement to read 'dismayed and outraged'. Gaming will be seriously considered in the 2006 legislative session as a means to create a new revenue stream that helps mitigate projected state shortfalls. If new revenue sources cannot be found, citizens are left with few options: increased taxation, reduced services, a master who could take over the legislature's responsibility for our schools. None of those are particularly attractive.

Regardless of people's stand on expanded gambling, they want a chance to have their say. A vote of the people sends a clear message to the county commission, the Kansas legislature, our Sedgwick County legislators and our governor. Up or down, yea or nay, the message would be clear. We voted on the downtown arena. How much more important is this issue in the everyday lives of our citizens.

I maintain that a revenue source to this county and its cities that would help pay for that very arena is an issue that needs immediate attention. Commissioners, the \$270,000,000 of private money that is waiting to be invested in our county could go away, and soon. The patience of the financial interests is wearing thin. Oklahoma interests are building madly on our very borders. We know they don't want us to vote. They want us to wait for the right time, and hope the right time for us is too late for this project.

Commissioners, the destination casino could be bigger than Towne East, the biggest project ever undertaken in the county. It would provide 2,500 permanent jobs. Don't the people deserve input into this decision?

If we send our legislators back to Topeka without a clear mission, the State of Kansas will have

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expanded gaming: eastern Kansas. Without a referendum, our area will be passed over again during the next legislative session, when the state decides on locations for destination casinos. South central Kansas money will continue to stream south into Oklahoma and east into Missouri, whose schools are benefiting greatly from our money, and northeast onto the Indian reservation north of Topeka. None of these casinos provide a cent of tax relief, not a dime towards schools, highways or other projects, and the legislature is powerless to stop that negative flow.

Sedgwick County would be very likely to get 1,500 slot machines at the Wichita Greyhound Park, without the financial injection of non-tax funds the county would see from a destination casino. Over the last few months, the governor and the Kansas legislature have asked for an indication of the sentiments of the Sedgwick County voters on this issue.

People have said that a non-binding referendum is only an opinion poll. I say it's a glorified opinion poll and it's glorified by the votes of the registered voters who can say yes or no and only get one vote each.

In conclusion, I'm asking you to respond to the people who are asking for a say on this important issue. Let the voters decide what message to send to Topeka."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you very much for these comments, mayor. I would offer commissioners an opportunity to ask a question or make a comment, but I don't see any lights at this time. So, thank you very much for your presence and your comments."

Ms. Stuart said, "Thank you for allowing me the time."

Chairman Unruh said, "Madam Clerk, call the next item. Did you have a comment, Commissioner?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I was going to make a comment, yes."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, our communication system . . . for those who are wondering what's happening, our little communication system up here is not working right now, so we will . . . excuse me, Mr. Parnacott and excuse me, Madam Clerk, but Commissioner Norton would like to say something."

Commissioner Norton said, "I'm sorry, I thought I was doing the right thing. I'd like to thank

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Mayor Stuart for coming today and voicing her support for a non-binding referendum. You know, the truth is, we're still anguishing over this issue. I believe that the county commission was put in a pretty compromising position, as some legislators came before us and asked us to consider the issue and then another group of legislators came before us and gave a counter-opinion.

As I listen to the public, you know, all over the county, via e-mail, phone call, at the grocery store, at my own church, there's an indication that our community has some widely varying opinions about a casino referendum. I personally believe that this is one of those big issues that possibly we should put to a vote of the people. Whether the time is right today or if it's going to be in the future, I don't know.

As the week has gone by, since we voted last week, I've had a chance to think about all the 'what ifs' and the options and the goods and the bads of this particular referendum and it struck me that, if we move forward on any kind of referendum, this is not the only question that I think is pretty big picture, 40,000 foot viewpoint, that we might want to attach to some other issues. If we're going to have a vote, we might as well find out some other things that I worry about. One of them is whether we should fluoride our water. Oh, you know, don't get that started. I'm sure that will create a fight in our community.

But you know what, it's a big issue that's gone on for a long time. It became one of our number one health issues out of the Health Assembly, promoting good dental care. We are one of a few communities in the United States of our size that hasn't done fluoridation and should we? Last time it went to a vote, it failed. I don't know, pretty emotional issue, but if we're going to deal with emotional issues, we might as well put them all out there at the same time.

The next one is trash franchising. You know, we continue to worry about landfills and trash disposal and cost and money flow, and trash franchising is an issue that needs to be dealt with, put on the burner and voted by the people to see if there's support, one way or another.

We're certainly working on jail expansion right now, and we're going to have to find out pretty soon whether the public supports us, building more jail space to incarcerate the increasing numbers of people in our own community that are falling into the adult detention center.

Many communities have dealt with smoking bans and you know, I continue to hear from people right now that say, 'You need to deal with that'. Now is that a City of Wichita issue, is that a

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county-wide issue? I don't know, but sooner or later, as part of our job as the Health Department Board, we're going to have to deal with smoking and smoking cessation and bans in public places.

And then finally, the whole issue of whether we site a landfill in Sedgwick County and whether Furley is that site is rapidly coming to maybe a head, and we need some information on that from the public.

So I guess, as we look ahead, there are quite a few issues that are going to have to be dealt with in our community and, as one of the representatives of the democratic process, I certainly have ideas on each one of these issues, but I don't know if they're the ideas that encompass what the whole community wants, as far as their values and beliefs and understandings of how we should move forward.

So I guess our challenge is going to be is certainly deal with the casino deal referendum issue pretty soon, but talk about some of these other tough issues and certainly I don't have a problem with putting them all up on some kind of a non-binding referendum, to see how the community feels about them. Certainly it would move us to the idea that it makes it more cost efficient. If you're going to have one referendum, you might as well understand what people feel about all the issues that separate us, give us consternation, polarize us and make the debate go on and on and on. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if that was pertinent to a casino referendum, but it's what I've been thinking about and I wanted to make it public."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you Commissioner. Any other comments? And our communications system now works, so we won't do that anymore. Okay, Madam Clerk, now please call the next item."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

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- 1. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING WHETHER THE CITY OF WICHITA HAS PROVIDED SERVICES AS SET OUT IN THE SERVICE PLAN PREPARED FOR ANNEXATION NO. 99-36, 45TH STREET NORTH AND WEBB ROAD.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Robert W. Parnacott, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselor's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is one of our post-annexation hearings that we have five years after an annexation by a city that has had to prepare a service plan, which is generally one you don't have consent of the landowners. The purpose of the hearing of course is to determine whether the city has provided the services they said they were going to.

This was a three-phase annexation, and you can see in the upper right-hand corner, right at the intersection of 45th and Webb, the hatched and cross-hatched areas. Those are the two areas that are subject to the hearings today. Phase two is the cross-hatching, the darker of the two areas, I guess I would describe it, and we'll talk about that first. We provided notice, as required by statute, to the landowners and to the city by mail. Again, the purpose of the hearing is going to be to determine whether they provided the services set out in the service plan. The schedule of services is on page 32 of your backup for both phases and the city has provided us a written report, substantiating that they have provided the services they said they were going to, and that report begins at page 33 of your backup.

So having said all of that, I would recommend that you open the public hearing, receive any comment and then close the hearing, and make the finding whether or not they've provided the services. I would also note that we have not received any phone calls in response to the letters that we sent out on this particular set of annexations."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you Bob. At this time, I will open the public hearing and ask if there are any citizens who would like to make comment relative to this proposed annexation? You have an opportunity to speak now. Is anyone here? Perhaps Terry Cassidy would like to speak then, on behalf of the City of Wichita."

Ms. Terry Cassidy, City of Wichita Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As Mr. Parnacott indicated, we've provided a written status report for your review and consideration.

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We feel that it's comprehensive. The city does believe that it's in compliance with the requirements of the service plan and we would ask for your support today.

I will also indicate, I have a number of staff members here that are knowledgeable of this annexation and available to answer any particular questions you might have."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there any questions of Terry or of Bob? Okay, I will ask one more time, is there any citizens who want to speak then? Seeing none, I will close the public hearing and then commissioners, now is the time, if there are any questions of Mr. Parnacott? Other than that, we need to move forward."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to find that the City of Wichita has extended services as provided for in the service plan.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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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."

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING WHETHER THE CITY OF WICHITA HAS PROVIDED SERVICES AS SET OUT IN THE SERVICE PLAN PREPARED FOR ANNEXATION NO. 00-03, 45TH STREET NORTH AND**

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WEBB ROAD.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Parnacott said, "I'll incorporate all my remarks from the previous introduction to the first hearing and recommend that you open the public hearing and receive any comments and then close it and make your finding."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Are there any questions directly of Bob, commissioners? Seeing none, I will open the public hearing and once again, ask if there is anyone present who would like to speak to this annexation. I see no movement. So Terry, perhaps you would like to address this."

Ms. Cassidy said, "This was a two-phase annexation. We provided you documentation of both phases of this annexation. Actually, we really treated it as one annexation, and just provided services to that whole area during this period of time. We do believe that we're in compliance with the requirements and hope that you'll find in our favor today. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Any questions, Commissioners? Seeing none, I'll close the public hearing and restrict the comments to the bench and if there are any questions of Mr. Parnacott?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to find that the City of Wichita has extended services as provided for in the service plan.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton

Aye

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, Bob and Terry and representatives from the city, appreciate your being here today. Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

NEW BUSINESS

B. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

1. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF CLEARWATER AND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #264 PROVIDING FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF CLEARWATER

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act described in Kansas Statute 1217-115, authorizes cities in Kansas to define a revitalization area and offer incentives to remove or rehabilitate blighted, unsafe or abandoned properties, overcrowded conditions, detriments to public health and safety, preserve or restore historic buildings and make improvements for productive use.

Before you this morning is a interlocal agreement between the City of Clearwater, USD 264 and Sedgwick County that, if approved, will establish a neighborhood revitalization area in Clearwater and rebate property taxes on a declining scale, over five years, for eligible residential and commercial property owners who make significant improvements to their homes or businesses.

Kent Brown is here, the city administrator for Clearwater, to tell you about the plan.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Very good. Welcome, Mr. Brown.”

Mr. Kent Brown, City Administrator, City of Clearwater, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The city council for the City of Clearwater had this presented to them as an opportunity to have a tool to encourage redevelopment, or development in older areas of Clearwater. The plan itself has a defined area that doesn’t include the two new housing areas within Clearwater, but the rest of

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Clearwater and to encourage the rehabilitation or removal of properties that are dilapidated into newer properties or updating the property.

The rebate itself is really just for the increase on the appraised value of the property. It will not affect the original appraised value of the property and the increase has to be a significant amount. It has to be at least 10 percent of the property value.

And we see it as a tool that can be used. One, that it will be used for is a senior housing project that will be for sure used within the community. We hope to encourage several property owners to take properties that they have within Clearwater, to upgrade the property itself and there's also two businesses that will be another tool to help them, as far as manufacturing operations, to encourage them to keep their operations within Clearwater.

The school board and the city council have been fully in support of this plan, and I also want to extend our appreciation to several members of the county staff, including Irene Hart and Mark Clark with the Appraiser's Office and Brad Snapp of course is here speaking with me, and several members with the County Clerk's Office, within Don Brace's office. They've been most helpful in trying to put this plan together. If you had any questions, I'll try to answer them."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Kent. We do have a question from Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know for sure if I have a question of you sir, or staff or what have you. First of all, I think this plan is tremendous. The concept is a very good tool to help communities try to infuse some revitalization into blighted areas and I think it's a tremendous tool and I compliment you all for using it.

The question I had about taxes, however, homes normally would normally increase in value anyway. If a person, say for example, was adding an extra bedroom, an attached garage, or something improving his home in the blighted area and he can show that he spent \$10,000, and this year the property goes up, do we take into consideration how much of the increase it would have normally maybe gone up, without the additional work being done, or do we just assume that it went up and all of it were due to the new garage? I mean, if there's a trend where it's been increasing over the years, two or three percent a year, should that be taken into consideration or how do you handle the normal increase."

Mr. Snapp said, "The property as a whole, as it increases or decreases, will be assessed and taxes will be paid according to the whole value. When the improvement has been made, that rate will remain constant and so that . . . let's say like it's been valued at \$25,000, that's what that rebate is going to be calculated on, throughout the period. The whole property might increase, so additional taxes will be assessed on that amount or it may decrease."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, but what I mean, does the appraiser go out after the work is done and he already has on the books that this house is worth . . . I’ll just pick a number, \$50,000, and because of this, it’s an extra \$10,000. I mean, does the appraiser actually go out and do that for each home, so now we have the fixed number that we know will be abated?”

Mr. Snapp said, “Yes.”

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

Chairman Unruh said, “All right. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you very much. Kent, we appreciate your being here today and it sounds like this is a project that both the city council of Clearwater and the school district have thought some about, and so we appreciate their work on this, and again, I think it’s an opportunity where Kansas statute has given some communities an ability to do some revitalization plans and have a benefit back to their citizens, so I’m certainly going to be very supportive of this interlocal agreement, and commissioners, I hope you can also support it. Thank you.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Well, I’ll just voice an opinion that I also think it’s a great program. It allows for the smaller participant in economic development to reap some benefits and have some support from the public side. So good program and I suspect that it will be very successful for you community and I also would add my thanks for you being here today, Mr. Brown.

Commissioners, any other question or comment?”

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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

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

2. PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP IN K-96 CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In looking over my notes, I'm impressed with how far we've come in such a short period of time. We first began this process with a K-96 Corridor in 2002 and since we were breaking new ground, it took us about a year to figure out how a group of two counties and several cities can work together for the benefit of a regional corridor.

In December of 2003, the actually K-96 Corridor Coalition was formed. It was formed by the counties of Sedgwick and Reno and the cities of South Hutch, Haven, Mount Hope and Maize. These units of local government pooled resources, developed an issue to Request For Proposal for a consultant to identify the corridor's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for economic development.

In December of 2004, the resulting consultant report, they hired the consulting firm of Gould, Evans, who developed a report. The report was completed in December of 2004 and accepted by the coalition.

Now through 2005, the plan's been reviewed and adopted by the municipalities along the corridor and they have been considering strategies to assure implementation and development . . . implementation of these recommendations that were contained in the plan. At their August 5th meeting, the Corridor Coalition members voted to approve a follow up organization named the K-96 Corridor Development Association, and I'll call it the K-96 Association for short.

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The K-96 Association would be a public/ private partnership membership organization with units of local government, and private sector, including businesses, utilities, development organizations and anyone else who is interested in the development of the corridor. This association would be responsible for the management and implementation of the actions and recommendations contained in the plan.

Each of the members would have annual dues. The dues would go to support a part-time staff position, who would be responsible for this implementation. The annual dues for the counties, for Reno County and for Sedgwick County for next year would be, for 2006 would be \$8,000. I'd be happy to answer any questions and I'd recommend your approval of this membership."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you Irene. We do have a couple of questions. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Commissioners, again, Irene has given a pretty good report on this activity. I've been involved in this back since December of 2003, when commissioners from Reno County asked if we would consider joining in with them in trying to better work with the growth along K-96 Highway, between Wichita and Hutchinson. It is one of the most highly traveled state highways that's not on the interstate system in Kansas so it is . . . it has the traffic counts for lots of future activities would benefit from high traffic counts.

We studied for some time the K-10 corridor that operates between Lawrence and Lenexa, Kansas and which they have done a similar project several years ago, starting to really try to make sure the K-10 Highway develops the best that it possibly can.

After a couple of years of work and after a couple of years of work and study and work with Gould Evans out of Kansas City on putting together a plan, the plan has been finalized and is now a living, breathing document and what this request today is, is to allow the group to secure the services of a part-time individual to make the plan not be one that just sits on the shelf and waits for something to happen, but can go out into the community and really manage part of the implementation of some of the strategies in the plan and establish some relationships with communities along the route which have, again, included at least four communities: Mount Hope and Maize, Haven and South Hutchinson, along with two counties.

So I think it's really been a good regional project, so I would encourage you to seriously consider this. This is not a done deal. This is kind of the next step. We need to see how Reno County responds and the other cities respond, but this would be our commitment to the project, so if you have any questions also, I'd be happy to speak on anything with Irene."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Sciortino."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. I’m going to be very supportive of us joining in and paying our portion of this. I assumed, from what I heard from Commissioner Winters however, that our participation is contingent upon the association actually getting the \$35,000 that they need to hire the part-time person. Is that correct? They don’t get our \$8,000 and then the other 11 doesn’t show up, they don’t get . . .?”

Commissioner Winters said, “I’ll answer that question. Yeah, we won’t go forward if there’s not participation from the group to meet the budget that we feel like we could meet and be productive.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I think this concept has a lot of merit and I actually am relatively surprised that it has moved as quickly as it has, because usually some of these things just languish forever and you get old waiting for something to happen. But this has moved along and I think enough people think it’s important and I think it’s time for Sedgwick County to come up and say ‘Yes, we want to be a part of the solution’. So I’m going to support this.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. Well I’ll just make a comment that I also will be supportive and I appreciate the fact that Commissioner Winters took the lead in getting this type of program started here in Sedgwick County. I know there was a prototype on the K-10 corridor, but following along behind commissioners’ leadership and the K-96 Coalition, we have a K-254 Coalition that’s in its beginning stages, between Sedgwick and Butler County, in the six communities that are along K-254, so looking forward to continue to watch the development of this effort, as we will learn from that and try to make all these primary corridors in Sedgwick County, as it would connect to our neighboring counties, make them reasonable, logical, intelligent way of developing and that’s the purpose for all this, so we don’t just have haphazard development. So, anyway, very supportive and commissioners, any other comment?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I just have one. Have we asked Hutchinson if they want to be part . . . Not South . . . I know South Hutchinson is onboard, but has the association asked Hutchinson if they would like to be part of this, because it would seem like it would have been beneficiary of any . . .?”

Commissioner Winters said, “Commissioner Sciortino, I can respond to that and I was not involved in the very first, original meeting of this group, but it’s my understanding that the City of Hutchinson and the City of Wichita were both extended invitations and chose not to participate.”

Ms. Hart said, “And they may be willing to under the association. I think there are some other cities along the corridor that may be willing to participate, now that it’s an open membership.”

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Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, very good. Any other comment, commissioners? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the membership and related dues.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Irene. Next item please."

C. RESOLUTION CREATING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE CONCERNING PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMS MADE BY INMATES OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY.

Mr. Ed Randels, Assistant County Counselor, County Counselors Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you a resolution which will create a formal complaint procedure in the county code. This is contemplated by both the Prison Litigation Reform Act, a federal statute, and Kansas Statute 7552-138, which has to do with claims under state law.

We have reviewed this. This will do two things. First, let me emphasize, one of the problems we have, there's a two-year statute of limitations for most claims made by prisoners. If we do not get notice of that claim until nearly two years have elapsed, it is very difficult to go back and investigate the details of the complaintant and the claim.

Therefore, we are creating this formal procedure, which will require the first notice to be made to the Sheriff within 30 days of the incident. At that point in time, we can do a reasonable job of

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investigating what the inmate has said about what's happened to him or her.

As a result, it would be better to defend the cases that are brought before you, and contemplated by both federal and state law. We would certainly encourage its adoption. Timely notice is very important in that investigation process. We've discussed this with both the County Clerk Don Brace and the Sheriff Gary Steed, who is represented today by Major Henshaw and they're both supportive of this resolution. If you have any questions, we'd be happy to take them."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Ed. It seems like a reasonable thing to do, that we establish some procedures and some timelines and some guidance so that if there should be a claim, that we can handle it in a logical and orderly fashion. We do have another comment from Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well thank you. I just see Major Hinshaw in the audience, and Major, then the Sheriff's Department believes that this is a workable procedure and would be a benefit to your department."

Major Robert Hinshaw, Sheriff's Department, said, "Yes Commissioner, we fully support this and we think it's going to make our job a lot easier and more efficient."

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

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Any other comment or questions, Commissioners? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the Motion.

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

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

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Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Ed. Thank you, Major. Next item please."

D. AGREEMENT WITH CLEARWATER FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE FOR CONTROLLED ACCESS OF ROSS AVENUE AND FOURTH STREET BETWEEN WOOD AND ROSS IN CLEARWATER SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2005 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2005 CLEARWATER FALL FESTIVAL.

Ms. Hart said, "This is an annual request made by the Clearwater Fall Festival Committee for controlled access of Ross Avenue and 4th Street in Clearwater for the purpose of hosting the Clearwater Fall Festival. Arrangements will be made for traffic and insurance coverage as usual. I'd be happy to try to answer any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you Irene. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, thank you. I'm going to, of course, be supportive of this. This is a small community fall festival and it goes right down Main Street, which is a connecting link, which is one of our roads."

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.

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Irene. Next item please."

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DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES

E. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCE PCS HEALTH TO EXTEND THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM THROUGH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THREE YEARS.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As you remember, the end of December last year you agreed to be a pilot site for NaCO and establish the Sedgwick County Prescription Drug Discount Card. And because of success here and across the country, they have now made that a permanent program, so what I’m bringing to you today is an extension of that program for three years.

It has been very successful. We have actually distributed 26,412 cards to over 38 agencies. Now, not everyone has a card right now, because we gave them like yearly allocations. So they are giving them to people as need arises. We have had an average savings of about 17% and 5,957 prescriptions have been presented.

The thing that is really interesting is that every month, the number of prescriptions goes up. For example, in July the number presented was 1,259. In 80% of the time, these prescriptions . . . or this card provides some kind of discount for the person who receives it and we can . . . our residents have saved over \$45,000 in prescription drug costs because of this. We now have over 80 pharmacies participating, and that includes Walmart, who did not participate initially, but they are now. I would be glad to answer any questions and I would recommend approval.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you. How many cards did you say that we have distributed now?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “26,412 we have given out through the community, so that people have allocations of cards.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right. Well, that seems like a substantial number. You know, and I just want to make a comment that a lot of times questions about our involvement in various associations and sometimes we have to go to meetings relatives to these associations and folks say, ‘Well, lot of smoke, no fire’ but here’s an example of where there’s some real fire coming from our involvement and this is very beneficial for the citizens of our community and I’m proud of our involvement in the National Association and proud that we were chosen as a pilot project and now

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we're reaping the benefits of a successful program, so very supportive.

We do have other comments. Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Well I think this is a great program, but my question would be I know how you distribute the cards. Do the pharmacies that participate give you monthly reports, so you can get these facts and figures to us, or is quarterly, or how do you get your reports?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "To participate in this program, they actually send reports to CareMark and then CareMark puts together the data and sends it to NaCo who sends it to me, so they catch every one of them, no matter what pharmacy people go to."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I guess two questions. I did note that the savings are at no cost to the consumer, the cardholder and it's no cost to Sedgwick County. Who pays the cost?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Basically, the company worked out arrangements with the pharmaceutical companies through rebates and other things and because of the volume that they guarantee, and so that is how they finance this."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So is it the pharmaceutical companies that absorb the loss, so the pharmacy doesn't reduce his or her revenue. It's the pharmacy companies that are anticipating some increased volume use of their drugs, that they just discount it. Is that how you understand it?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Okay, the funding for the company comes from the pharmaceutical companies. The pharmacies that agree to participate, agree to a certain price list and they absorb those costs."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, and the assumption I would make is that they think that the increased traffic into their drugstore or what have you, they might buy some other things and this could be . . . not a loss leader, but an incentive to come into their stores."

Ms. Donaldson said, "Correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. One more final question, just in case there's someone now just hearing about it for the first time, on TV or the audience that we have today, where are they available? Where can a person go to get one of these cards?"

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Ms. Donaldson said, "There are five sites where people can just come in and get one. That includes the Division of Human Services, the Health Department, Catholic Charities, United Way and Social and Rehabilitation Services. And all of those are listed and available with their addresses on the Sedgwick County website."

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

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I just had two quick points and Commissioner Sciortino talked about one. If people are listening today, if you're walking into a pharmacy and paying retail, over the counter, you need to call COMCARE and secure one of these cards, because you may be able to save some money. If you have a plan, it probably will not help but again, if you're paying over the counter retail, you need to try to have one of these cards."

Secondly, I do want to follow up on a point that the Chairman made about participation on NaCo. I think even one of the reasons that we were possibly considered as a pilot county is because of Deborah Donaldson's participation on the national level on the board of directors and involved with representative mental health associations across the country on the NaCo board. So she is certainly involved in the highest level with that organization, and several of us have participated and continue to participate on various committees of NaCo.

So I think, again, one of the reasons that we possibly could have been considered as a pilot county in getting a head start on the rest of the country is just our participation with that organization, which is based in Washington, D.C. and does on occasion, call us to go to Washington to participate in organizational activities. So I want to say a special thanks to Deborah for her work on the national level, with that group. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just had one other thing I had forgotten, and thank you Mr. Chairman. Is the pilot program over now and it's been successful and now it's just going to be implemented nationwide?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Yes, that is correct."

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

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Chairman Unruh said, “Okay Commissioners, I don’t see any other requests for comment. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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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.”

F. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE

- 1. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SEVERELY AND PERSISTENTLY MENTALLY ILL ADULTS, SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, “This is a renewal of a contract with the Mental Health Association that spells out the terms and conditions of kind of a wide array of services, community-based services

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that are really necessary to maintain people who have severe mental illnesses in the community.

Those services are listed on your information sheet and involve housing services, live coaching skills, some flex funds for some of the services they provide that pay for things that are necessary. There is an employment project, Cero's Confections, a chat line, which is a consumer run phone service for folks who are feeling lonely who don't really need to be calling our crisis service, but do need to connect with someone. It also provides employment for a number of consumers in this community and they are listed there.

Essentially the same contract as we had with them last year. We're just a little bit later getting this one to you. We are recommending that you approve the contract. Be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. So this just provides services that otherwise we would be responsible for providing in-house. Mental Health Association is a partner with us in taking care of this particular part of our population."

Ms. Cook said, "Exactly."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Commissioners, are there any other comments or questions? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH

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CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH A SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS AND CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES, AND ALLOWING DIRECT BILLING OF MEDICAID FOR THOSE SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, “This is also an agreement with Mental Health Association. We commonly call this our affiliation agreement with them, which is the document that does allow the Mental Health Association to bill Medicaid for several services: case management, attendant care and psychosocial groups. This is also a renewal of contracts that have been going on for some time. We’re recommending that you approve this contract.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. It seems like just standard business and we need to proceed with it. So Commissioners, any comment? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Chairman Unruh seconded the Motion.

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

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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. Next item please.”

G. DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS – HEALTH DEPT.

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1. GRANT APPLICATION TO SUNFLOWER FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING OF A UNIFIED MEDICAL CHART SYSTEM.

Ms. Claudia Blackburn, Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Health Department has, as a long-term goal, the conversion of our paper medical records to electronic medical records. The movement towards electronic medical records is being urged at the national level and also within the medical community and the first step for the Health Department in this process is to move from multiple records for each client to one unified record.

And this grant requests \$20,024 from the Sunflower Foundation to allow us to make this transition. This amount includes \$19,000 that will go directly for purchase of chart components. I’d be happy to answer any questions you have about this application request and we’re recommending that you approve the grant application and authorize the Chair to sign all related documents.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you. Is there any comment? My only comment would be, it sounds like this is something you would say ‘It’s about time’, right? Okay, good, I’m glad we’re doing this. Is there any other comment? Seeing none, call the 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.”

2. GRANT APPLICATION TO MARCH OF DIMES FOR FUNDING OF HEALTH EDUCATION MATERIALS AND INCENTIVES.

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Ms. Blackburn said, “The March of Dimes is releasing funds for projects that increase access to and quality of healthcare for women and infants, increase prevention services and enhance Sudden Infant Death Syndrome education. These goals are consistent with the goals of the Healthy Babies program and our blood lead program.

The Health Department’s application requests \$19,690 to purchase incentives and educational material for our monthly community health education forums, which are hosted by our Healthy Babies program.

The forms draw from our WIC and Clinical Services, Reproductive Age Women and past experience has shown us that attendance triples when we offer incentives and so we recommend that you approve the grant application and authorize the chair to sign all related documents.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. The implementation of this causes triple the attendance? That’s amazing.”

Ms. Blackburn said, “They had car seats available through the Safe Kids Coalition at one of the forums and they had three times as many people as they normally have in attendance.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well, it sounds like a worthwhile incentive. Commissioners, is there any other question or comment? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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

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

H. ADJUSTMENT TO THE DIVISION OF CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT POSITION, B533; AND WAIVER OF POLICY TO HIRE AT LEVEL 8.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "About 18 months ago, we began addressing the disjointed approach that this state and community has taken towards workforce development and technical education and training. At that point, you thoughtfully created the Sedgwick County Technical Education and Training Authority, whose task was to provide leadership for an integrated technical training program that meets the needs of our customers, and those customers would include the community, employers and then students.

We've been struggling about how to proceed with that, and it struck us that because of the number of other items occurring in this organization, that we needed a position to be dedicated to this task, who woke up every morning and trying to come to work thinking about how we're going to make this system work and I think we are in a position to do that, move forward.

What we need to do is create a position to do that, and waive the hiring policy to obtain the individual that I would like to hire for this position and the funds for this would come from the savings that we have received from the out-district tuition. I would recommend you approve this item."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. There are a couple of questions. I just would want to make a comment that as someone who sits on the Sedgwick County technical education and training authority board, that I think this is an important step towards us being able to make some progress. You know we've been . . . kind of had some staff support from Assistant County Manager Ron Holt but as you've implied, he is severely overtaxed right now, in all his efforts and responsibilities. So I think this is a very positive step forward, for this authority then to move into taking the responsibility of those things that we originally described for it to do. So, I'm going to be very supportive of this. Commissioner Sciortino has a comment."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. I also will also be very supportive of this, but just for the public edification Bill, what will the annual salary be? I know I have salary and benefits back here of 126, but what portion of that is salary?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "99,000."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "99,000, okay. I would encourage you not to . . . or encourage this new person not to hesitate to come before us for anything else he or she feels they need in order to do the job that we've asked that authority to do. I know, one person by themselves is . . . they're going to need help. I don't know what other services they may need. Are we presently going to be providing, gratis, all financial consultation, operations, you know if they need to put together a budget, do we do that gratis, or is that something that would be justifiable to charge the Authority for those services or what have you?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Part of the hiring this position is to think through those kind of items and think through a budget for the next three years and how we need to approach this opportunity in an integrated fashion. I would hope to have answers to you within 30 to 60 days."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great. So they will be coming . . . or this new person will be working on a 2006 budget that they feel they need in order to execute the responsibility we've given them."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes sir."

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

Chairman Unruh said, "The financing for all these programs is we intend, as you've suggested, bring that out of the out-district tuition savings that we had, which is consistent with our pledge to invest those savings in technical education."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes, sir. But I think there's such a need that we need to go find other sources of revenue also, and we would hope and expect that help to come from the state and others."

Chairman Unruh said, "Very good and I agree with that also. Commissioners, any other comment for the Manager or any questions? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the adjustment to the Division of Culture, Entertainment and Recreation Staffing Table; and approve the policy waiver.

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Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Manager. Next item please."

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2005.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of August 18th resulted in seven items for consideration today.

1) ON-CALL HVAC SERVICES- VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FUNDING: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

The first item is on-call HVAC services, that's heating, ventilation, air conditioning services for various county departments. The recommendation is to accept the low responsive proposal meeting specifications from the Fagan Company, to establish and execute contract pricing, not to exceed \$10,000 per project for one year, with two one-year options to renew.

2) DISPOSABLE SHEETS & PILLOW CASES- EMS FUNDING: EMS

The second item is disposable sheets and pillow cases for EMS. Recommendation is to accept and execute contract prices for one year, with two one-year options to renew for the low bid on item one, with an estimated annual cost of \$14,525 from Alliance Medical, the low bid for item two, with an estimated annual cost of \$20,884 from Boundtree Medical and the low bid meeting

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specifications for item three, for an estimated annual cost of \$9,600 from Matrix Medical.

**3) ULTRA SOUND MACHINE- HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: MCH-PRENATAL TRUST**

Item three, ultra sound machine for the Health Department. Recommendation is the low proposal from Sonosite in the amount of \$47,115.

**4) SONY STORAGE MEDIA- DIVISION OF INFORMATION/ OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION/ OPERATIONS**

Item four, Sony storage media for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommendation is to accept the low bid, meeting specifications, from E-Media Plus, for an initial purchase of \$12,295.50 and establish and execute contract pricing for one year, with two one-year options to renew.

**5) MOBILE HARDWARE- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

Item five, mobile hardware for Emergency Communications. Recommendation is to accept the quote from Data Radio for \$386,311.50.

**6) AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATOR ENHANCEMENT- EMEGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

Item six, automatic vehicle locator enhancement for Emergency Communications. Recommendation is to accept the quote from Northrop Grumman Information Technology in the amount of \$89,907.

**7) COMMANDPOINT MAP ENHANCEMENT- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

And item seven, commandpoint map enhancement for Emergency Communications. Recommendation is to accept the quote from Northrop Grumman Information Technology in the amount of \$19,985.

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

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Chairman Unruh said, "All right Iris, thank you. We do have a question. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Iris, on item two, our backup says we picked one item on item two, that we picked the low bid of Alliance Medical but our backup indicates that Comade was the lowest bid."

Ms. Baker said, "Comade, in their . . . the specifications asked for 100 cases or excuse me, 100 sheets per case and that sets the boundary for the pricing. Comade's case price, at \$34, is a 50 sheet case, so if you double that, then they're not low."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, got it. All right, that's all I have, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Iris, on items five, six and seven, that comes up to about \$500,000, half a million dollars. As always, I'd like some kind of a technical explanation of why we're spending that money, what it's going to do for us, because that's a lot of money to spend."

Ms. Baker said, "Okay. Kent Kohler, the technical expert just happens to be here."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well Kent did a wonderful job last time that I asked him questions on this, but I think the public needs to know, when you spend \$500,000 for a system that's very technologically advanced and is going to give us new capabilities, we own it to them to put it out into the public, so they understand exactly what it is."

Mr. Kent Koehler, Project Leader, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I agree. What is before you today is another piece of what's called our public safety vehicle location project. What this project entails is equipping 400 vehicles that belong to the City of Wichita and to Sedgwick County Public Safety officials with hardware and it's part of what you see today are the radio modems that allow them to talk, via computer, to their dispatchers and to each other, but also the ability to track their locations, using GPS satellites, and that's a big chunk of what you see in front of you today, what is the 150 units for Sedgwick County vehicles.

Even though it is a big chunk of money, it's an incredibly big chunk of money, \$500,000 that we're in front of you today with, but what this is, this is part of a local match that, through an agreement

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with City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas Department of Transportation and federal highway, it's a 2.4 million dollar project, but \$570,000 of that is local, the rest is from KDOT and from a federal earmark of almost \$1,000,000 that was received in 2002.

The other piece you see today talks about an upgrade to the computer-aided dispatch system. What this will allow is it gives . . . not only gives the dispatchers the information and allows them to see the vehicles live-time, it will change the system to say we don't care maybe who's beat it is on, it will give the dispatcher a recommendation as to who to send, based on actual location, if it's a high priority call, especially for law enforcement. We don't really care if it's somebody else's beat. What we do care about is getting the closest units there as quickly as possible.

Same with the ambulances, currently the system only knows where they said they last were, and it doesn't update their location until they get there and tell the dispatcher. Well, this will prevent, hopefully, crews driving . . . they may drive three or four blocks within a call and not be aware of it. They might not have heard the radio traffic. This way, the dispatchers will see it. They'll know it and the system will know it and recommend who is actually closest, make us hopefully a lot more efficient with the use of our resources.

The other piece of that not only will allow dispatchers to see the command point enhancement, it will allow I guess command or some of the executive level staff of those departments involved, to see their units, sitting in their offices. They'll be able to watch it on a map also. This will be very handy if we are, say for example, in the emergency operations center, we can track vehicles in there and not just rely on the dispatchers."

Commissioner Norton said, "Have we talked to other entities within the county, like the Derby Fire Department, the Haysville Police Department, the Valley Center EMS system, because not all EMS fire/ police are included in this and it seems to me that if you're talking first responder pulling people together, having these capabilities, that maybe everybody under the big tent would be included. Have we thought about that?"

Mr. Koehler said, "Yes we have and actually I went to some meetings. There is a regular meeting of the chiefs of police, gave them an update and told them where we were at . . . and same, there's a meeting coming up here in a couple of weeks with the Sedgwick County Fire Chiefs' Association and I plan on attending that and giving them an update.

One of the things we can do, even though we don't have funding to buy their hardware, we can make our contracts read, and we have been, that they can buy it at the same price we're buying and actually yesterday I got a call from a small police agency, it was actually City of Andale, was needing to buy a computer. Well, I can probably let them buy off of our contracts cheaper than they can buy it themselves, so actually it kind of caught me off guard when he called, didn't know anyone would be doing it yet, but for example, they can buy laptop computers at the prices we're

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getting.

I mean, for example, we're going as a joint bid or joint quote with the city, and with the numbers we're buying, the price has dropped."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you."

Commissioner Winters said, "Good job, Kent."

Chairman Unruh said, "Yeah, you did a good job on that report and I think I understood most of it. Well, it's just amazing how we can keep applying technology to make us better government, better responders and enhance our capability to take care of our citizens and do the job that we're charged to do. But I'm glad we have folks who do understand it better than I. I mean, it's magic, if you ask me, but good job."

Commissioner Norton said, "Mr. Chair, before we move on, the one thing as we move forward in our new public safety facility on Main Street and as we continue to invest in technology, the truth is, we're going to have huge capabilities to link ourselves with either other counties and other municipalities and to spread our capability. I mean, we're at the forefront of technology on some of these capabilities and when you think about the capacity we're going to have for 9-1-1 and Emergency Management, you know, we'll be able to link with other counties and in times of not enough money and not enough tax base, we'll be able to deliver services to many other entities at some point and I think that's . . . our investment today is going to drive some of that collaboration and coming together of entities, because this is state of the art. I mean, this is the newest technology and I'm proud we're investing in it."

Chairman Unruh said, "Very good. I see no more requests to speak. Commissioners, what's the will of the board?"

MOTION

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

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Contracts.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you, Iris. Next item please."

CONSENT AGENDA

J. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Seven Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project 821-BB, Cowskin Creek. District #2.**
- 2. Notice of Public Hearing September 14, 2005 regarding petition of Greenwich 13, LLC for withdrawal of land from the Beech-Wichita Industrial District of Sedgwick County, Kansas.**
- 3. Amendment No. 2 to Prescription Service Agreement with Walgreens Health Initiatives to adjust the pricing design.**
- 4. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

| <u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u> | <u>Rent</u> <u>Subsidy</u> | <u>District</u> <u>Number</u> | <u>Landlord</u> |
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| V05043 | \$164.00 | 5 | William Favreau |
| V05044 | \$500.00 | 5 | Monte and Jennifer Helms |
| V05045 | \$207.00 | 3 | Larsen Apartments |
| V05046 | \$268.00 | 3 | Larsen Apartments |
| V05047 | \$101.00 | 3 | Larsen Apartments |
| V05048 | \$196.00 | 3 | Larsen Apartments |
| V05049 | \$170.00 | 3 | Larsen Apartments |
| V05050 | \$160.00 | Butler | Jessica Hanes |
| V05051 | \$335.00 | 2 | Bridge Water Apartments |
| V05052 | \$166.00 | 5 | Springcreek Apartments |
| V020049-R | \$289.00 | 5 | Hearth Hollow Apartments |
| V04057-R | \$287.00 | Butler | Andover Crossing Apartments |

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- 5. 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> |
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| V040630 | \$208.00 | \$233.00 |
| V04061 | \$317.00 | \$304.00 |
| V04056 | \$336.00 | \$450.00 |
| V03081 | \$272.00 | \$272.00 |
| V95117 | \$130.00 | \$150.00 |
| V20104 | \$335.00 | \$332.00 |
| V04060 | \$530.00 | \$538.00 |
| V04059 | \$196.00 | \$191.00 |
| V2086 | \$299.00 | \$299.00 |
| V03059 | \$383.00 | \$575.00 |
| V04062 | \$231.00 | \$77.00 |
| V95118 | \$241.00 | \$237.00 |
| V03085 | \$281.00 | \$275.00 |
| V010118 | \$291.00 | \$260.00 |
| V01024 | \$505.00 | \$492.00 |
| V98004 | \$384.00 | \$389.00 |
| V2075 | \$384.00 | \$337.00 |
| V04077 | \$475.00 | \$387.00 |
| V04065 | \$191.00 | \$186.00 |
| V03080 | \$334.00 | \$329.00 |
| V95119 | \$360.00 | \$360.00 |
| V04064 | \$310.00 | \$305.00 |
| V05009 | \$681.00 | \$221.00 |
| V04090 | \$389.00 | \$360.00 |
| V04006 | \$470.00 | \$562.00 |
| V02007 | \$340.00 | \$329.00 |
| V05026 | \$285.00 | \$184.00 |
| V05036 | \$168.00 | \$215.00 |
| V020021 | \$329.00 | \$298.00 |
| V04088 | \$447.00 | \$520.00 |
| V020051 | \$188.00 | \$235.00 |

- 6. Community Corrections grant budget line item adjustments, to be submitted to**

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Kansas Department of Corrections.

7. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of August 17 – 23, 2005.

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioners, you have the consent agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it.”

MOTION

Commissioner 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.

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioners, we need to recess this meeting.”

The County Commission meeting recessed into the Fire District meeting at 10:13 a.m. and returned at 10:19 a.m.

Chairman Unruh said, “And we do need an Executive Session, but before we recess into that, Commissioners, is there any other items of community interest? Commissioner Norton.”

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Commissioner Norton said, “Well, this weekend, for Friday, Saturday and Sunday is the Wichita Flight Festival out at Jabara Airport. It should be a fun event. There’s plenty of tickets still available, I understand. I talked to Janet Wright last night and it looks like the weather is going to be good, so it should be a great event out there. There should be all kind of flying acrobatics, planes on review, some old planes, plenty of food and music and other items going on so I would urge people, if you’re looking for a family event, something interesting in our community, the Flight Festival will be going on Friday, Saturday and Sunday out at Jabara Airport.

The final thing I have is that yesterday we spent two and a half hours talking about jail expansion and incarceration issues in our community. We pulled together not only county commissioners, but a lot of folks that have a lot of information on jails and how you keep people out of jail and certainly we had a lot of great conversations. There was an article in the paper today, but that debate, dialogue, discernment is not going to stop any time soon, as we rapidly move towards trying to make a decision on whether we’re going to have a jail, but I did want to let the public know that we had a two and a half hour meeting, really trying to understand all the dynamics of what we’re going to have to do with adult detention. That’s all I have, Mr. Chair.”

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. I wasn’t going to, but let me just follow up a little bit on what Commissioner Norton just said and assure the public that we take seriously what the Sheriff is saying that he needs and that we will be addressing this, and I can assure you that we’ll make the best decision that we feel we can make.

My sense is that this board would like to have a combination of perhaps additional beds but maybe really seriously look at programs that might divert people from the jail, and might give them some assistance, if they’re addicted to some mind-altering drug or they have some mental health problems, that maybe we can improve the chances of them not going back into jail. So we will be adjusting this. We’re not going to shirk our responsibility but initially, the price tag looks fairly large, but we understand public safety and that we are going to address it and we’ll address it in the proper manner.

Now on to lighter items, I see I have a lot my friends from the media out there, and I swallowed hard . . . as some of you know, my wife is a volunteer at Heart Springs and they have some crazy, radical thing this Sunday call Pedal ‘Fest 2005 and in an unguarded moment, I agreed to ride 50 kilometers, which is 32 miles.

There will be ambulances every eight . . . I mean rest stops every eight miles or so, but if any of you want to sponsor my attempt at recapturing my youth, any donation would be gratefully accepted. Whether or not I’ll be physically able to come back to work Monday, I don’t know, but this Sunday

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I am going to try to ride 32 miles on a bicycle. That's all I have."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Well, if you're not here Monday, we'll know what happened."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just check the hospitals first."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Well, good luck to you. I mean, that sounds like a lot of work to me. I just want to mention what Kristi mentioned earlier in our introduction, that Zoobilee is coming up, so save some energy for that big fundraiser for Sedgwick County Zoo, and between now and then, the zoo is open, great exhibits, great place to enjoy a Saturday or a Sunday afternoon.

Also, would just want to mention that tomorrow night the annual township meeting is taking place out at Lake Afton and Commissioner Winters and Commissioner Norton will represent the commission at that meeting. I will not be able to be in attendance, so tell those folks hello for me, appreciate the good work that they do.

Well, with that, I think we need to have a Motion to move into executive session."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and further that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from executive session no sooner than 10:37 a.m.

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 |

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

Chairman Unruh said, "We are in recess."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into executive session at 10:27 a.m. and returned at 10:38 a.m.

Chairman Unruh said, "I will call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and state that while we were in Executive Session, no binding action was taken. However at this time, we need a report from County Counselor Rich Euson."

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you. Commissioners, while in Executive Session, we discussed a worker's compensation claim involving a fire department employee by the name of Donald Chetum and it's our recommendation at this time that we settle that claim in the total amount of \$57,500, and the settlement of that would include the closing out of any future medical liability or review or modification of the award. So, I recommend that settlement to you."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Worker's Compensation settlement as presented by counsel.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Euson. Is there anything else to come before the Board of County Commissioners?”

Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Euson said no.

Chairman Unruh said, “All right then, we are adjourned.”

L. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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