

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 1, 2006

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, March 1, 2006 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Ben Sciortino, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Lucy Burtnett; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Abigail Lessman, Independent Living Therapist, Juvenile Residential Facility, Corrections Department; Mr. Tom Pletcher, Clinical Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Deputy David W. Keene, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Sheena Lynch, Management Intern, Manager's Office; Ms. Pamela Martin, RN, ARNP, Director, Clinical Services, Health Department; Ms. Julie Harbour, HR Director, Office of the Court Trustee, Eighteenth Judicial District; Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, Project Services; Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, Budget Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Tiffany Wilson, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.
Ms. Lynn Ward, President, Junior League of Wichita.
Ms. Raegan Fisher, Representative, Junior League of Wichita.
Mr. Moses Thompson, 4815 N. Hydraulic, Wichita, Ks.
Mr. John Polson, Secretary, Piatt Memorial Park Committee.
Dr. Carla Lee, Chair, Piatt Memorial Park Committee.
Ms. Raquel Bentley, Chair, Performance Measures Subcommittee, Waste Minimization Team.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Rick Cline of Central Church of Christ, Wichita.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, February 8, 2006

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2006.

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, I believe we’ve all had a chance to review the Minutes of the February 8th meeting. What’s your will?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2006.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Before the next item, just for the record, want to let you know that Commissioner Winters had a function away from the office today and was unable to be at the meeting today. Next item please.”

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 1, 2006 AS “SHAYLA AND LUKE DAY.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, I guess now is the time for me to read the proclamation, right Madam Clerk. Thank you very much. Without the Clerk, I couldn’t do my job. I’d like to read into the record this proclamation, which states:

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, blood-related cancers currently afflict more than 700,000 Americans with an estimated 110,000 new cases diagnosed each year, and

WHEREAS, leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma will kill an estimated 106,300 people in the United States this year; and

WHEREAS, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has chosen 3-year-old Shayla Gould and 6-year-old Luke Smith as this year's *Boys and Girl of the Year* as part of an effort to raise awareness of these diseases and to raise money for research and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is committed to eradication of these diseases, support the treatment of those that suffer from them, and encourage private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ben Sciortino, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 1 as

'Shayla and Luke Day'

in Sedgwick County to enhance the understanding of blood-rated cancers and encourage voluntary activities to support education programs and the funding of research programs to find a cure for them.

And I believe here is Shayla and Luke are here and somebody is here to accept the proclamation I believe. Commissioners, what's your will on this proclamation?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. And is someone here to speak to us?"

Ms. Tiffany Wilson, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, I am. Thank you very much for this opportunity. And Luke and Shayla are here today, along with some of our candidates. We're running a campaign called 'Man/ Woman of the Year' for the Society. We've got candidates who are running for the title of Man of the Year and Woman of the Year. They have eight weeks to fund raise. A dollar counts as a vote. Whoever has the most votes wins. So they're out doing fun things like poker runs, poker tournaments, dinner parties, runner campaigns, but we're doing it in honor of Luke and Shayla.

When we think our jobs are tough, just wait until you see a spinal tap. Kind of puts it in perspective, so we're doing this in honor of these two young, wonderful individuals who are going through it right now. The grand finale is April 1st and we would love to have anybody participate. They can go on-line and donate, or they can send the checks directly to the Society.

But again, I just want to say thank you very much for this opportunity. We really appreciate your help and your support."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great. We have a couple of questions or comments. Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Well, I was going to ask what that website was. I think I got the information and got on-line, but I've forgotten what that website is."

Ms. Wilson said, "It's www.los.org/ksmw, for Kansas Man/ Woman and you just go underneath their beautiful pictures and it says how to donate and you just click on the candidate you want to donate to."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Great, thank you."

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Ms. Wilson said, "You're welcome."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well I just want to commend you for your effort in this very worthy cause. We appreciate that. I know it takes a lot of work and concentration to get it done and I just want to tell these two young folks that we appreciate their being here today and the six-year-old, is he . . .?"

Ms. Wilson said, "Luke."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Is he a first grader? Is that what that would be?"

Ms. Wilson said, "First grader at Saint Thomas."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, well it looks like he's a brave young man. We appreciate him being here, so thank you for your efforts."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that all, Commissioner Unruh? I have a . . . for those of us that are technologically challenged, is there a phone number, that if somebody wants some information?"

Ms. Wilson said, "You know, there is, as a matter of fact. You can call 687-2222 and you can ask for me, Tiffany, or my assistant Kim and tell them you want to contribute to Man/ Woman of the Year and they'll get you taken care of."

We also have an address you can send your donations to, at 555 North Woodlawn, Suite 113, Wichita, Kansas, 67208."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great. We still have comments coming. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, this will be a paid political announcement, but I think one of our own is involved in this, Angie Duntz, and if that gives her any advantage, because she's on television."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Oh, that was what I was hit up for."

Ms. Wilson said, "You know we do have some other candidates."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I guess we've got to give them equal time now."

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Ms. Wilson said, "Well, I know that but it shows you their support."

Commissioner Norton said, "Absolutely."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Why don't the candidates stand up, so we can recognize the candidates."

Commissioner Norton said, "Wonderful."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Is that all? Commissioner Unruh, did you still have something?"

Commissioner Unruh said, "No, I just wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that our Angie was one of the candidates."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I was made aware of it because she twisted my arm and got me to do something that I have never done before. But I did it."

Commissioner Burnett said, "So did I. I did too."

Chairman Sciortino said, "She uses intimidation. Is that part of the policy?"

Ms. Wilson said, "You know, they can get as creative as they can."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you and very good luck to you."

Ms. Wilson said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right, thank you. Next item please, Madam Clerk."

DONATIONS

B. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

1. DONATION BY THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WICHITA OF ONE THOUSAND BOOKS TO BE USED AT THE JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY.

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Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Junior League of Wichita has donated 1,000 books to the Juvenile Residential Shelter, 60% of the books are used and 40% are new, with an approximate value of about \$3,000. The Residential Shelter, as you know, provides a supervised staff secure living situation for Sedgwick County juvenile offenders, as an alternative to being in the locked detention center. Some of the youth who are in that shelter, about half are able to go to school in the community and return after school and they stay there through the court process.

The donation will enhance our recreational activity for residents and also be useful to the residents in research for book reports. Representatives of the Junior League are here this morning. I’d like to introduce Lynn Ward and Reagan Fisher and then Abbie Lessman from our staff, who worked with them closely on this.”

Ms. Lynn Ward, President, Junior League of Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The tag line for our organization is ‘Women Building Better Communities’ and one of the ways that we try to build a better community is through done-in-a-day projects, which are community projects very short term in nature that we try to accomplish in one day and the gift to the juvenile residential facility is one of those done-in-a-day projects.

This is Reagan Fisher, one of our star members of the Junior League of Wichita, a member of the Done-In-A-Day Committee, who is going to tell you just a little more about this project.”

Ms. Reagan Fisher, Member, Junior League of Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have the privilege of working with the juvenile residential facility on this project and one of those employees being Abbie and we worked together in donating 1,000 books and we had a wonderful party for the residents and the family members and just really enjoyed working on the project together with them.”

Ms. Abigail Lessman, Independent Living Therapist, Corrections Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I would just like to thank, from the staff from the Juvenile Residential Facility, just to take this opportunity to thank the Junior League, because they did all the hard work of actually gathering the donations, and we just kind of helped throw the party with them, so it’s a very gracious donation, definitely enhancing our library there and we definitely appreciate it.”

Ms. Ward said, “Thank you. Are there any questions?”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, I have a question. Let me ask this question. How did you get the books? I mean, 1,000 books is a lot of books. Did you go door-to-door knocking to get a them to

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donate, or how did you get . . .?”

Ms. Ward said, “No, we gathered them through the Junior League members. We just asked through dollar donations or through your used books through home.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “And are these like novels, or . . .?”

Ms. Ward said, “They’re age-appropriate books. We went through them all and made sure that they were appropriate for the residents.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “That’s great. We do have a question or a comment from Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, thank you Mr. Chairman. Well, Chairman asked a question I had, what’s the nature of the books, and I see that you’ve taken the concern and the oversight to make sure that these are age-appropriate books. But I also just want to thank you for your effort and I know that reading is something that’s key and young people have to know how to read and it seems like too many of them . . . watching TV seems to be popular and playing video games seems popular, so if there’s any way that we can encourage young people throughout or community to read is a very good thing, so appreciate this effort and is this the first year that you’ve done this particular project?”

Ms. Ward said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, well and I want to commend you for getting done in a day. That’s . . .”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Maybe we should take up an idea like that.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, I was going to say, that’s a foreign language in government circles, but done in a day is very commendable. We appreciate your efforts.”

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

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Well, I’m glad they mentioned the done in a day thing, because I wanted to comment on that. Working with a bunch of men, we do not get things done in a day.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Oh, I’m devastated by that remark.”

Commissioner Burtnett said, “Yeah, I’m sure you are. So I commend you and I can attest to the

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fact that women can get things done in a day and thank you so much for the work you do.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Let me ask one other question from the facility. I mean, 1,000 books, did we have to build bookcases in the library or . . .? That’s a lot of books to have to process through.”

Ms. Fisher said, “It is a lot of books. It’s more than we had in the facility, so we are becoming creative in where to actually store them but it also gave the opportunity that each youth that was in the facility that day was able to take their own book, that they will personally have and keep in their possession for when they leave. We were also able to donate some to the families that were present, to younger siblings and things like that, that they were able to take home to promote literacy and reading in the home as well.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Dynamite. Well thank you ladies very much. That’s a very worthwhile cause, and we will start trying to learn that female thing ‘done in a day’ or whatever. Thank you again. Next item please, Madam Clerk. I’m sorry, we have to take some action.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Now, next item.”

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2. **DONATION BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL'S COLOR GUARD AT FT. RILEY, KANSAS OF TWO GELDINGS TO BE USED IN THE JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM.**

Mr. Masterson said, "The General's Color Guard regularly retires horses that can no longer complete all of the requirements for the color guard in their demonstrations. Both horses are approximately 15 hands tall and in excellent shape, except they're no longer able to jump over a four-foot fence, which is one of the requirements.

But they're very good, very well trained, appropriate horses for our program. One horse is named Boo, who is approximately 17-years-old and is a mixed-blood Bay gelding. The other, Stonewall, is closer to 15, and a registered Paint gelding. Once you take this action, if you agree to accept this, the color guard will deliver the horses at no cost to us and these replace two horses that passed away of natural causes this year."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great. Thank you. Any questions or comments right now of Mr. Masterson? Yes, Commissioner Burnett."

Commissioner Burnett said, "How many horses do you have out there now?"

Mr. Masterson said, "This would make 11 and we have capacity for 12."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And when you have a group of horses, that's a remuda, remoda? What do you call that? I mean, it's not a herd. What do you call a group of horses? Do you happen to know?"

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "It starts with an 'r'. Okay, any other questions or comments? What's the will of the Board on this item please?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation and associated General Release Agreements.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you very much, Mark. Please convey our thanks and we will get a letter out to them officially thanking them for their generous donation. Next item please, Madam Clerk."

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- COMCARE

C. DONATION BY THE FORREST C. LATTNER FOUNDATION OF \$5,000 TO BE USED FOR COMCARE'S PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Tom Pletcher, Clinical Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sedgwick County COMCARE received a \$5,000 donation from the Forrest C. Lattner Foundation to help underwrite the cost of a new public awareness campaign regarding the issues of mental illness and homelessness.

You may remember the Walk For Awareness that was conducted downtown each year to focus attention on the needs of people who experience these circumstances. To try to increase public awareness, a plan was developed that would include new ways to get our message out to the community.

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This public awareness campaign will include a variety of means to promote a positive change in community attitudes, beliefs and actions towards people who are homeless and have a mental illness. This past year, the campaign included posters that were placed on 48 buses for eight weeks, posters in area stores and public locations such as the library and courthouse and media exposure. Plans for this coming year will include the bus signs and posters, as well as billboards and other print media.

Public service announcements will also be created for use in this campaign. You may have seen this poster, and I did bring an example of it this morning, just to jog your memory. This was the one that was placed on the buses and was very nicely done to just raise the issue of homelessness, mental illness and to reduce that stigma associated with those conditions.

We thank the Lattner Foundation for this contribution and would recommend that you accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of appreciation.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any comments or questions? Yes, Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I just want to express appreciation for this contribution, the donation to this effort and I know, how many years now have we been trying to do this particular effort?”

Mr. Pletcher said, “We’ve had the ‘Walk For Awareness’ for quite a number of years. This last year, in 2005, was the first year we did not do the ‘Walk For Awareness’ because people were used to that and it wasn’t generating the same kind of attention and interest that it had in the past. So rather than doing that, we decided to take an approach that would spread the word beyond just the core, downtown area, where the focus had been previously with the ‘Walk For Awareness’.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Is there . . . it’s probably a silly question. Is there a way to measure the effectiveness of this? I mean, I know we’re making our very best effort to achieve the goals, but difficult to measure, I would think.”

Mr. Pletcher said, “Well, we did notice an increase in the number of phone calls coming into the Center City project, our homeless project at COMCARE after these posters started to appear on the buses and in the community, so we believe it was having an impact by bringing awareness of those resources.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, and do we have an estimate of the number of homeless folks in

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our county?”

Mr. Pletcher said, “In the county, I hesitate to say, I believe that the number is somewhere between 600 and 700 people each night.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, thank you Mr. Chairman. That’s all I had.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, if there is no other further comment, what's the will of the board on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. We have a presentation of a retirement clock I believe, so why don’t I excuse myself and go down and do that. I’m sorry, next item please.”

RETIREMENT

D. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO DAVID W. KEENE, DEPUTY, SHERIFF’S OFFICE.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today, this item celebrates with Mr. Keene a long-term employee of the Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Keene is joined today by Sheriff Gary Steed, members of the Sheriff’s Office and family and friends, and we’d like to thank them for being here. David W. Keene, Sheriff Deputy with the Sheriff’s Office, will retire April 1, 2006 after 29 years of service in the Sheriff’s Office.”

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Chairman Sciortino said, "This is a presentation that we have that will commemorate your 29 years of service. It's signed by all the county commissioners and it's given to you as our thanks, on behalf of the citizens of Sedgwick County to thank you for your dedication over the last 29 years and also . . . this is heavy, this is a retirement clock to let you know that time is still passing, but now hopefully you'll be able to enjoy it more. So please feel free to say something."

Deputy David W. Keene, Sheriff's Office, said, "Well, thank you, sir. I just appreciate having been given the opportunity to serve under three sheriffs and had a good time doing it and to be able to retire."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Fantastic. You have plans for retirement?"

Deputy Keene said, "Yes, sir. I'm am going to be a house husband and a taxi driver for my wife, who can't retire for another few years."

Chairman Sciortino said, "So you're going to do windows and things like that. Do me a favor though, don't make the mistake of trying to redesign her kitchen. I tried that once and I'm not good at it. Well congratulations once again."

Chair Pro Tem Burtnett said, "Madam Clerk, would you call the next item."

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

E. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE ARENA PROJECT.

Chair Pro Tem Burtnett said, "Is Mr. Thompson here today?"

Mr. Moses Thompson, 4815 N. Hydraulic, Wichita, Ks., greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've lived in Wichita since the 20th of June, 1969. We came here and I was in drafting school at W.S.U. I pursued a number of different things, from Child Welfare on down to where I am now. I am a businessman in Wichita. My business consists of asbestos abatement, flat abatement, demolition, specialized demolition and inspections."

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I come before you today because of a concern that I have that I would like answers to, if someone could provide me answers to of the arena project. As you know, if you're going to play on a game, if you're the first round draft choice, chances are you'll get to play, maybe or you get traded. I'm here because I do not desire to be traded. I'm here I say again today because I have a number of questions that I desire answers to concerning the project. They will be as follows: How will the construction of the arena project give consideration to the minority contractor at this phase? I will elaborate on these once I'm finished. At what stage of the project will information be available as to the bidding process; number three, will the construction of the project be phased, put into phases or put under one general contractor to select all subs?; number four, in the acquisition of property for the sites of construction how will the environmental issues be addressed? Before the acquisition of property or after the acquisition of property? And will each phase be bid in a single bid or given to a general contractor and he selects his people to do the work?

These questions I have because historically, since I've been in the business in Wichita, and I've observed some things happening when a project of this magnitude come about that somehow, somehow I've found that I've been systematically and arbitrarily excluded, by design or by default. I don't know which one it is, but the project seemed . . . many times they come up with designs that to small business, the minority businessman, i.e. such as myself, find it impossible to be a part of the team and included any place in the game.

The questions that I've just posed are a few of the major questions that I will have that I feel that in my business, I'm in abatements, I do inspections for asbestos and this kind of thing and unless at an early stage you're included in this, at a later stage it's too late, because the contractors will select and pick whom they want and I've not been lucky so far.

I would go on, but do you have questions?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't see any questions at this time, so we thank you very much for coming before us and I would like to maybe suggest that Ron Holt or the Manager respond to this gentleman to give him the answers to the questions that he's requested."

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, said, "We will do so."

Chairman Sciortino said, "All right, thank you. Thank you, sir."

Mr. Thompson said, "That's it?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "That's it for right now."

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Mr. Thompson said, "Okay, excuse me but if you would allow me, I had an experience like this once before and I have to elaborate on it. If you will recall, when the building was imploded downtown here, I was one of the person's who bid on the project. It was unfortunate that I was the low bidder and I was left out. And it was unfortunate that what just happened here is what happened then and I have to say, at this point, part of the record or anything else, is that I went all the way to this level to ask for answers and it's strange, that's the same thing has happened just now that happened then. I'm not pointing fingers. I'm not saying what can't happen, but I just . . . Mr. Norton, Mr. Sciortino, and others this kind of thing has happened to me, or should I say us, so frequently until this morning, what's happened here now, it's like an old song, it's been played. I've just . . . I've played this one out before, and please let us not be unfortunate that our blessing become a cursing, salvation . . ."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Let's cut this short for a minute. You've asked us some questions."

Mr. Thompson said, "Yes, I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I don't have the answers, personally. Neither of the commissioners has the answers personally. We've asked our staff to respond to you and to answer the questions you have posed before us."

Mr. Thompson said, "Can this be done in a timely fashion?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "It will be done in a timely manner. Yeah, Mr. Buchanan."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Mr. Thompson, you will have an answer within a week."

Mr. Thompson said, "Very good. Thank you."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item."

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F. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE PIATT MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT.

Dr. Carla Lee, 1367 N. Westlink Avenue, Wichita, Ks., greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here on behalf of the Piatt Project, accompanied by John Polson, secretary on our group, on behalf of Representative Oletha Faust-Goudeau. The prayer this morning by Pastor Cline was very relevant to what we're asking for today, honor for founders and justice for all. Our request is related to a long overdue project, 41 years since the crash and we wanted to kind of update you. We've been meeting with Lucy occasionally, so she knows about our project, that we've made adequate progress, but we're still working for the building of the monument, hopefully by this fall, and the unveiling by January 15th, '07.

There were 30 individuals killed in a KC-135 crash January 16th of '65 and no public monument has ever been built. It's the largest crash ever and death of people in the State of Kansas for a non-natural disaster.

We met with the governor, we've met with the city, we're meeting with Representative Todd Tiahrt, congressmen. And to date, we've conducted four public awareness events, quite a bit of media and we appreciate everybody's involvement with us.

Our fundraising efforts, with an 800 line, 1-800-279-7277, and the events, we have approximately 20,000 on board. Our goal is 100,000. We have a contractor in Parson City Industries and the image of the monument and archway, with an entering walkway, has been published in the paper, so you've seen that. We're a ways off from the 100, but we're still planning to do that, so today I'm here on behalf of the committee to ask at what time, in a timely fashion, the county possibly could assist some with the project and to also share with our walkway project, that you may want to be a part of with the bricks. And on that, you know Tim, I've left packets for each of you. Be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Sciortino said, "And we have a question or a comment from Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Well, doctor I know you have been working very hard on this and I have attended quite a few of the meetings and I was glad to be at the groundbreaking, where Dawson Grimsley I believe gave a very large donation to help kick this off. And hopefully you've checked your mail, to see that I've donated a brick and I will certainly try to get the other commissioners to do that too. It's going to be a great project, so I know it's difficult and I know how hard it is to raise money, in this day and age, because there are just so many worthy projects out there, but you know, keep going with it and do your best."

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Dr. Lee said, “Well, we’re very appreciative of your support, Lucy, in getting to your papers and coming to the event and the public, personal first sponsor Grimsley, with a \$5,000 personal donation of course meant a lot and we’re asking for matchings on that. Prior to that, we had about \$15,00 in small donations and we’ve been using 4s, for anybody in the audience or on the news that wants to know, because of the 40th. As little as \$4, 40 for a supporter, 400 for an endorser and 4,000 for a sponsor, so Grimsley was our first that day. Yeah, nice turnout.

We also have a website functional, www.piattparkmonument.com and on that are the forms that can be downloaded for anyone that wants to go that direction.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you and we have a comment from Commissioner Norton too, or a question.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well Dr. Lee, describe . . . it has been over 40 years. Describe the Piatt Park and kind of what’s there now and what the vision is and exactly where Piatt Park is, because I’m not sure everybody knows, if they’re new to the community. I think we need to describe that.”

Dr. Lee said, “Piatt Park is a city park, 20th Street and Piatt. As you get off of I-35, second turn to the right, just one block south of 21st Street. We’ve met with the city to also see about signage that would occur on 21st Street that would direct people, hopefully, to a historical, eventually, monument in the sense of the event. It is planned for the northeast corner of 20th Street and Piatt. There currently, thanks to Carl Brewer, councilman, we finally have a wooden sign up that says ‘Piatt Memorial Park’. There’s a water fountain just north of that and children’s play events, but frankly not much there that would honor anything, sand underneath the swings and no chairs, no facilities and so we’re hoping that this would add a lot to that site and we’re hoping for the city, and that’s why we’ve been sharing, I’ve been meeting with Erma Marken, who is planning to bring an international/ national neighborhood association conference here in 2010. I will be its co-coordinator with her.

And the neighborhoods there, I think, wish to have people see this as part of Wichita in this county’s history and in this city’s history and to me, the absence of anything there, I mean there is nothing that documents this tragedy in the public. So, to me, it’s probably in a way, it’s probably a bad word to say, but it’s in a sense an eyesore to have had this happen and not have something beautiful there. Now, we’ve made a grant to the Arts and Culture Commission, which we’re hoping to reinstate to them, to see how that would go, but we would like something culturally sensitive and artistically done that would be in that archway, with a proper quote, which we’ve asked the families to help us with.

On the one side will be the military with a plane, and on the other side will be civilians, with a

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wreath and then the walkway will be people that want to be remembered with this. So to me, it's frankly a loss to the county and to the city not to have honored such a tragedy and for history's sake, not to possibly have this, you know, the park tours, like down by the river."

Commissioner Norton said, "And this really ties in with the 21st Street Corridor revitalization. As we start to pulse out from there and have some of the parks in close proximity to rise up, this will help do that. I mean, it's not on 21st Street, but it's in close proximity."

Dr. Lee said, "I appreciate you asking that, Tim. James Arbertha is on our committee and I've gone several times with Oletha and he to the 21st Street Development project and we've asked for signage that will trigger in on 21st Street, with that development to this event and it is a park, which I think Wichita, and the County frankly, have done a wonderful job with parks in our area and to me this will do nothing but add to that community awareness."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I think there's another memorial right along 21st Street that commemorates those that died in the W.S.U. plane crash and it just seems appropriate that this would fall into that category also. So obviously, I think we'll take Lucy's lead as to how she supports this, but I'll be very supportive of whatever action we deem necessary to support your project. That's all I have."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. In case someone is out there listening, what's the cost to donate a brick?"

Dr. Lee said, "The smaller bricks are \$40, 4 by 8, and the larger bricks are for 8 by 8, or \$100 donation. We of course purchase the bricks through Suitor Industry and our contractor will place those, as we're doing the monument."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I just wanted to get the cost first hand, because I don't trust Lucy. When she comes to me, it will wind up being \$500 or something, because when she gets dedicated to a project, she goes full board."

Dr. Lee said, "Well, we wouldn't mind you being among the supporters or the sponsors, Chairman."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Open mouth, insert foot, there we go. Anyway, good luck on your project."

Dr. Lee said, "Thank you very much."

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MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

Mr. John Polson, 4815 N. Hydraulic, Wichita, Ks., greeted the Commissioners and said, “Dr. Lee takes the high road. Being Jesuit educated, this is Ash Wednesday, so it’s the start of a very frustrating time for me. Enough for the humor, but sort of putting it into historical perspective, but for the grace of God, there go I, and if that 230,000 gallons of jet fuel had splashed on the west side of the street instead of the right side, Lynette Woodard wouldn’t have ever gone on to her career at K.U. and with the Harlem Globetrotters and it was just by the grace of God that . . . because the Woodard family lived in the 2000 block of North Piatt at that . . . and still does.

And then, from a personal perspective, why should an almost 60s white guy be involved in this project and for those who don’t remember, it was a very snowy January morning and the plane crash was about 9:30. Well, if that plane had gone down two and a half hours later, and about three miles to the east, it would have struck the field house where the Shockers were preparing to play St. Louis University and that would have been a holocaust of 10,000 victims and I was there. And so the roll of the dice, and so as Spike Lee, you know the Black film director, one of his better films, ‘Just Do The Right Thing’, well in this age of cynicism by the general public, we would appreciate the county commission just doing the right thing and the compassionate thing. Thank you, Ben.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. All right, we have a Motion and a second. Let’s call the roll please.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Next item please.”

PUBLIC HEARING

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G. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN EDWARD J. BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION TO BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR FUNDING OF \$239,849 TO BE ALLOCATED EQUALLY TO SEDGWICK COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WICHITA.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Sheena Lynch, Management Intern, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to present the 2006 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The Justice Assistance Grant program, otherwise known as JAG, allows state and local governments to support a large range of activities and to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The process for allocating JAG funds is based on population and crime statistics.

The available funds this year total \$239,849, which is split 50/50 between Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita. The county's share is \$119,924.50. Total requests from county departments total \$280,058.68. Those departments requesting funds include courthouse security, Department of Corrections, the District Attorney's Office, Regional Forensic Science Center and the Sheriff's Office and all of these departments received a recommendation for funding.

On Thursday, February 16th, the JAG advisory board met to discuss the request and to make a recommendation according to the need and availability of funds. Those on the advisory board include Chairman Ben Sciortino, Undersheriff John Green, Chief Administrative Attorney Ann Swegle, Court Administrator Ellen House, Director of Public Safety Bob Lamkey, and Revenue Manager Marty Hughes.

Recommended items for the Department of Corrections include one electronic fingerprint and palm scanner, which is estimated at \$31,874. Recommended items for courthouse security include two portable radios for Juvenile Security at \$2,500 each, for a total of \$5,000 and one portable radio unit charger, estimated at \$700, for a total of 5,700.

Recommended items for the District Attorney's Office include two laptop computers, estimated at \$1,893.59 for a total of \$3,787.18.

Recommended items for the Regional Forensic Science Center include one shoeprint and tire track ID system, which is estimated at \$20,000.

And finally, the recommended items for the Sheriff's Department include one local Kansas Adult Disposition Report and AFIS system. They requested \$60,000 and we recommend that you award them \$58,563.32.

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Our recommendation is that you approve the funding and I would be happy to answer any questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioners, just on that one last item, where the Sheriff’s had requested 60,000 and all we had left was the 58,000, the Sheriff assured us that he could find the extra 1,000-some-odd dollars to make up for it, so they could still get that piece of equipment. Any questions or comments of the work that was done? Yes, Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sheena, has there been communication between our agencies and the City of Wichita? I mean, we each got equal portions of this grant of yours. Can we develop any synergism between our two governments, or these are pretty much specific requests and we’re just trying to respond.”

Ms. Lynch said, “I personally don’t know the request of the City of Wichita, but I could find that out and get back to you.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. That’s all I had.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Any questions or comments? What’s the will of the Board? Excuse me, we have to have a public hearing on this also, so at this time I’ll open up the public hearing of this, if anyone is in the audience that would like to speak for or against the action that is being proposed, now is the time to come up and be recognized and speak to us. Seeing none, I’ll close the public hearing and resign comments just to the bench. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “I just have a procedural question of Mr. Euson or the Manager but why was it necessary that we have a public meeting for this item . . . public hearing?”

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, “It’s just pursuant to federal regulation that these funds come from.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Okay, because we have received other grants where we did not have to have a . . . thank you.”

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It’s a specific requirement of this grant that a public hearing be held.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “All right, thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay. No other questions or comments? What’s the will of the Board

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please?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Application, and authorize the Chairman to sign the Application.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much, young lady. You did a great job. Next item please.”

NEW BUSINESS

H. 2005 WASTE MINIMIZATION PERFORMANCE MEASURES REPORT

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Raquel Bentley, Chair, Performance Measures Subcommittee, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today I’m here representing the Waste Minimization Committee and I will be presenting the 2005 Performance Measures Report.

The first slide that I have indicates the number of programs that the committee has administered over . . . since 1999. In 2002, we started administering nine programs and we intend to continue to do that in 2006.

The next slide that I have indicates the number of particular poundage for paper products that we have, as well as some other items that we recycle. The first five or six lines there, you can see, is the amount of office paper that we had recycled or diverted from 2004 to 2005. That number was almost exactly the same. The cardboard was very close to what it was last year. The newspaper

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was up just a bit over what it was in 2004 and we started collecting newspaper from the Zoo and had a little bit of procedure changes on how we were weighing that here at the County Courthouse.

The magazines and catalogs, that was down just a bit. The committee would suggest that that may be in part due to the unsolicited mail program that we also run. A lot of the unsolicited mail we receive comes on high glossy paper, and that would certainly fall into the magazine and catalog category.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Well, before you go to the next item, I also was told that we have been having a concerted effort of canceling some of these un-asked-for subscriptions and what have you, so we could stop it even being sent to us, and that reduced the total volume.”

Ms. Bentley said, “You bet. Right, and I have some slides that we address specifically the unsolicited mail project later on in here, but yes, we certainly do.

The next one are the phonebooks and they’re up just a little bit over last year. I suppose that could also be maybe not because we have more phonebooks, but people tend to keep them longer than a year. That could also include some additional reference material and you can see the subtotal there for the paper products was very similar to last year, just up a bit this year over last.

The next two lines in the report are for the aluminum cans and the plastic beverage bottles. Those were up a bit over last year and the committee feels as though there may be a couple of reasons why we had an increase over last year. We’ve done a couple of things that maybe have created some more awareness for those. Every year, we run building coordinator training and this year . . . or in 2005, we did the same. A building coordinator is somebody who helps administer the Waste Minimization programs for their specific department, maybe a go-to person, and at that time there were a number of people who requested to have bins to recycle these two items. In addition to that, we also had in ’05 the nice new gray bins that we have throughout the courthouse that have the nice, colored pictures that indicate which one you’re supposed to drop it into, so we feel those two items created some more awareness.

And the next line is the subtotal for those programs and then we have the next item is the zoo manure, which is a nice, big impressive number and then we have the total for all of those, which this year over last, there was about a percent and a half difference from one year to the next, so we’re certainly holding steady and increasing some awareness on others. So, are there any questions on that slide? Okay.

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The next slide that I have here are the holiday cards and the recycled printer cartridges. These are just two other programs that we . . . one that we administer and another that we like to track, because the savings is significant for those recycled printer cartridges and those numbers are relatively close to what they were last year. We expect for them to stay similar in the coming years.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Now does that mean that we’re purchasing recycled holiday cards? I mean, holiday cards printed on recycled paper or that we’re submitting the cards that we get for recycling?”

Ms. Bentley said, “Right, we have a snippet that comes out in the Communications bulletin that reminds people that we do accept holiday cards that they’ve gotten. Usually, we run this over the winter months, they send it to us and then we would then distribute it to a charity, who would be able to use those.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “All right, great. The next slide that I have is the Fleet Management recycling efforts. For the gallons of motor oil, the vehicle batteries, the tires and the pounds of scrape metal, those are up a bit over last year and I asked why they would be up. Some of them, you know, were up considerably over last year, and they felt that it was maybe just timing with the vendors, when they picked them up, but there wasn’t any significant reason why those were increased over last year.

The gallons of antifreeze recycled was at 55, this year it’s at zero and that’s because that’s being processed by the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. The last few lines, the paint related material and the combustible liquids, again, they were at 130 and 59, respectively and they’re now at zero and that’s due to process changes in Fleet Management. We also had the waste, corrosive liquids, that was in 2004 at 466 on the pounds and 474, so there was not a significant change on that portion of it.

So, okay and the next slide we have is the unsolicited mail program that we have and we do run this every year, during the same week in November, it’s the week of Veterans’ Day. And the slide indicates that there’s been a significant decrease over . . . from 2001 when we first started the program to 2005. These are the cards that we send out. We just have them. It says ‘In an effort to reduce our waste, we request that you remove our name from the mailing list’ and this program can be very effective.

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This is an e-mail that I received from Sheri Boeken and the District Attorney's Office and she indicates, in the e-mail, like so many of us have found, that if you administer this program on a weekly basis, just for a year, you will considerably decrease the amount of unsolicited mail that you're receiving. I know that in the Appraiser's Office I did this continuously for a year and we were able to see a significant decrease, so feel this is a good, worthwhile program. It's fairly easy to administer and we're going to continue to do that in 2006. Any questions on that one?"

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, I have one. On the unsolicited mail thing, is the same procedure, can that be used by the private individual that's getting all kinds of junk mail? I mean, that same card can be used?"

Ms. Bentley said, "Sure, you bet."

Chairman Sciortino said, "If anyone is interested that's watching us today that wants to have some information, is it okay for them to call your team and they could at least let them know . . . or I guess they . . . what, do they go to the post office and pick up these cards?"

Ms. Bentley said, "Well, these are something that's specifically printed for the Waste Minimization Committee. I don't know that there are any cards like that available through the post office, but anybody who has access to a printer could certainly make these up on their own, or buy some generic postcards. Something else that I do is when I receive those credit card offers in the mail, they always come with a return envelope and that's postage paid, so that's one way to take care of that is just to write on there 'please remove my name from your mail list'. That may be another solution for them, sure."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Great, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I'm just thinking, is there any way we could put a form letter on our website that attaches to waste minimization, that a person could download and just fill in the vendor's name and sign it that has that pertinent information in it? It doesn't have to be a postcard. You know, it can be a letter that someone could sign that has that particular message and I think that would be wonderful if the public could have something that's relatively simple and uses the right legal jargon to shut off their unsolicited mail."

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Ms. Bentley said, "Okay."

Commissioner Norton said, "I don't know if we have that on our website, Waste Minimization, or recycling, there's a link."

Ms. Bentley said, "Okay, sure, we'll certainly look into that."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Anybody else have any questions. Okay, seeing none, what's the will of the board?"

Ms. Bentley said, "I'm not quite done yet."

Chairman Sciortino said, "I'm sorry. I thought you were finished. Please go ahead."

Ms. Bentley said, "Okay, the next slide that I have is, you can see a picture, we have a picture here of our own Steve Classen. He's accepting an award on behalf of the Sedgwick County Courthouse for the KDHE Secretary Roderick Bremby. This award was addressed at a previous Board of County Commissioners meeting, but the Waste Minimization Committee wanted to just reiterate that we're really very happy about the county was able to receive some recognition for a great energy saving program that was put in place, so we're very pleased that Mr. Classen applied for the award. And on a side note, we also just, you know, in the coming year be hopeful that we're also eligible for a national award KDHE Secretary Bremby suggested that we apply for, so hopefully we'll see some additional recognition for the great efforts that were put out, so thank you.

The last slide that I have is addressing the paper recycling procedures in the courthouse and in December, on December 1st of 2005, we did start recycling all paper products together here at the courthouse. I think, specifically, we are recycling newspapers, magazines and catalogs in the same bins. I think you've probably seen a reduction in the number of bins or the different types of bins. I personally work at 434 North Market in the Appraiser's Office. We also instituted that at that location as well.

For most of the county facilities, we are doing the separation, so just want to kind of make it . . . give a clarification that we're doing that here at the courthouse. I know that we're doing it over at Market, but it is, just as a whole, this is not a program for every county office, but we're looking forward to that and we'll definitely see some increased numbers and some changes in the ways that the numbers are going to be reported next year. So, that concludes my report, unless you have any additional questions."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any comments or questions?”

Commissioner Unruh said, “I’d just make a comment, Mr. Chair, that I think this is important for our government to stay right on top of this. I know that, it’s one of these things that if you let off on it a little bit, well then that waste will . . . we’ll start having more waste, you know, if we don’t just stay on it all the time. We had dramatic gains those first few years. It kind of leveled off, as you indicated, but if we don’t stay on it, then our efficiency will go to pot in a hurry.

It’s also important that we stay on this just to kind of set an example for our community and for other governments that we can do a good job, we can set the example and we can be effective if we stay on top of it. So, just appreciate your efforts and your committee’s efforts. Thank you.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, I see no other questions. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much. Apparently it’s already on the website. Next item please, Madam Clerk.”

DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS- HEALTH DEPARTMENT

I. GRANT APPLICATION TO SUSAN G. KOMEN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION FOR 2006 - 2007 FUNDING OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT’S BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER INITIATIVE.

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Ms. Pamela Martin, RN, ARNP, Director, Clinical Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Sedgwick County Health Department operates a cancer screening program that is funded by the Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer Initiative, Early Detection Works grant, a Susan G. Komen Foundation grant and revenues generated by the operation of this program.

The Sedgwick County Health Department has been a recipient of this funding since the inception of the Komen Foundation in 1990. Komen grant funds are used exclusively for the payment of mammograms and breast sonograms for women under the age of 50 that have no insurance and whose income is at or below 250% of poverty level.

In addition to this grant, the Komen Foundation provides all educational materials used at the Health Department for the promotion of breast and cervical cancer screening. Our recommended action is to approve the grant application and authorize the chair to sign the application and any related documents.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. We have some comments or questions, Pamela. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well thank you, Mr. Chair. Well Pam, I just first of all want to say I’ll be very supportive of this, but I’m a firm believer, from experience in our family, that early detection does work and I think it’s worthwhile to say that, as a community, we’ve become involved in some of these fundraising events, like the Komen Race for the Cure and other things where the citizens are asked to participate, to donate. This is one foundation where the money that comes from our local citizens and from the state of Kansas stays in the state of Kansas to support these type of initiatives. So, just want to say that it’s a good thing, glad we’re involved, early detection works and that here’s a good example of how our own charitable type giving is really applied right here in our own backyard. I’ll be very supportive.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Any other comments? The one thing that I think I say this every year, but breast cancer isn’t just a female problem. Although it’s rather rare, males can become victims of breast cancer also. So it’s all of us fighting this fight, so thank you very much, appreciate it.”

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.

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Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “That’s it? Thank you, Pamela. Next item please.”

J. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – COMCARE.

1. CONTRACT WITH WICHITA PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR IN-PATIENT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES.

Mr. Pletcher said, “This is a continuing contract with Wichita Psychiatric Consultants to provide services to COMCARE clients who are hospitalized at Via Christi Good Shepard Campus. Services include the usual range of duties performed by physicians who see hospitalized patients, including diagnosing and initiating treatment.

The average census of COMCARE clients in the hospital is about 25 people per day. Under this contract, Wichita Psychiatric Consultants will also provide liaison and consultation services in support of COMCARE clients admitted to Wesley Medical Center. Dr. Laurie Pointer is the primary psychiatrist providing these services. We’ve received very good feedback from the hospital about the work provided under this contract. Dr. Pointer completed part of the residency with COMCARE, so she’s had experience in working with COMCARE clients in the past. I would ask that you approve this contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

Commissioner Norton 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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VOTE

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

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

2. CONTRACT WITH REGIONAL PREVENTION CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION AND INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES.

Mr. Pletcher said, "This is a renewal of a contract that utilizes a portion of the county portion of liquor tax funds to help support the Regional Prevention Center in the delivery of substance abuse prevention education and information and referral services. The county appropriation is for \$15,000. The goals of the contract includes things such as increasing positive contributions of youth in the community, promoting understanding of the different prevention models and to increase the understanding of risk-focused prevention.

The positive influences include Wichita's Promise Youth Council and other programs. The Youth Council gives youth a chance to take action on community issues through rallies, retreats and other opportunities, assuring that their voice is heard. The council is currently engaged in the three-year cycle of gathering and analyzing data from 1,000 other teens to identifying the main issues affecting area teens and this is called A.C.T.I.O.N., for Adolescents Coming Together to Inform Others of their Needs.

Another project that the Youth Council is involved in annually is called Junior Jump Start, where high school students facilitate up to 14 junior high classes, from various middle schools in a strategic plan leading youth to affect their own schools in a positive manner. This may include areas around the school, developing procedures to encourage youth to participate in their schools and finding ways to improve communication with families and school administrators. I would ask that you approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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Commissioner Norton 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.

VOTE

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

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

K. DELETION OF ONE OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION, B112, FROM, AND ADDITION OF ONE CIVIL PROCESS SERVER, B217, AND ONE OFFICE SPECIALIST, B115, TO THE COURT TRUSTEE STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Julie Harbour, HR Director, Office of the Court Trustee, Eighteenth Judicial District, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to request the deletion of one office assistant position, B112 from and the addition of one civil process server, B217 and one office specialist, B115 to the Court Trustee's staffing table. Recommended action here is to approve the deletion and the additions to the staffing table.

What this will do is allow the Court Trustee to provide a necessary service to the public for child support enforcement services."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Commissioners, any comments or questions? Yes, Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "This . . . I mean, there's funds available for this change."

Ms. Harbour said, "Yes. Court Trustee has 4D funds available for this change."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay, very good. Well, I can be supportive of that."

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Chairman Sciortino said, “If there’s no further comments, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the deletion from, and additions to, the Court Trustee Staffing Table.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Next item.”

DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS- PROJECT SERVICES

L. AMENDMENTS TO LEASE AGREEMENTS (TWO) WITH S&B REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC FOR SPACE USED BY THE HOUSING AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENTS AT 604 NORTH MAIN.

Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Housing Department has been at this location in ECCO Plaza since 1999 and the Purchasing Department since the year

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2000. These amendments each have the same purpose and that's to formalize and recognize a change in owner of this building.

Other than changing notification addresses and the name of the parties involved. The terms of the existing lease agreements are in place. Request your approval and am available for questions.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you. Any questions or comments of Stephanie on this item, commissioners? I see none. What is the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

M. DIVISION OF FINANCE – BUDGET DEPARTMENT.

- 1. AMENDMENT TO THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE B-423, BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON 247TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 67TH AND 77TH STREETS NORTH.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

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Mr. Pete Giroux, Senior Management Analyst, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have two CIP amendment requests this morning. The first is a bridge in western Sedgwick County that’s just north of Andale. It’s a bridge replacement. This bridge has a fairly interesting history. It was originally part of the approved 2002 CIP and the contract had been let, but the Andale Watershed District asked that the project be deferred while additional drainage studies were being completed.

And the commission at the time concurred with that and we shifted both the design and the funding to a bridge that had experienced a deck failure just to the east of the United Warehouse, so it was a bit fortuitous. The neighbors in this area are now requesting that the project be accomplished. The bridge is needed to replace existing structure and deal with road overflow, or minimize or preclude road overflow during heavy rains.

Cost is estimated at \$350,000 and the fund source is the available balance in the road and bridge fund and that’s available at this time and able to support this request. Both the CIP committee and staff recommend approval. Do you have any questions?”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I see that there is one. Commissioner Unruh.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “Thank you, Mr. Chair. Pete, the questions from the Andale Water Shed District then has been answered, resolved, everyone is satisfied with that discussion?”

Mr. Giroux said, “That’s my understanding. That’s what I’ve been told.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “All right, thank you. That’s all I had.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay and I see that there’s no further questions or comments. Commissioners, what’s your will?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the CIP Amendment.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

- 2. AMENDMENT TO THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) TO INCLUDE REMODELING OF THE COUNTY COUNSELOR'S OFFICE.**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Giroux said, "The second request is to remodel the County Counselor's Office and was a result of . . . when the call center was established, two staff members were shifted to another location and the county counselor and his staff, together with county staff began studying how they could be utilize that available space and use it to address other issues. The project will enlarge two very small offices to be able to accommodate attorneys and give them private meeting space, as well as give them a little space for reference materials.

It improves availability of the conference room, which had to be used for lunch breaks, which was not ideal. It also reconfigures the office and relocates the computer and minimizes noise and generally improves the productivity in the office.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$69,888 and the County Counselor made it fairly easy because he saved that amount of money, perhaps a little bit more, in his 2005 budget. Staff and the CIP Committee both recommend approval on this request."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Thank you. We do have a question or a comment. Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "It's actually a comment. When I first took my tours of the county, when I came onboard, I was very surprised at how cramped that office was, so I think this is a long time coming and I think it's a very good project to get done. Just wanted to make that comment."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Okay. Any further comments or questions? Seeing none, what's the

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will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the CIP Amendment.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you, Pete. Next item please.”

N. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS’ REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2006.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The meeting of February 23rd results in six items for consideration today.

**1) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

The first item is bridge improvements for Public Works. Recommend the bid of Dondlinger and Sons in the amount of \$1,089,960.30.

**2) RECRUITING SERVICES- HUMAN RESOURCES
FUNDING: HUMAN RESOURCES**

Item two, recruiting services for Human Resources. Recommend the low proposal meeting requirements from Slavin Management Consultants for a not to exceed cost of \$20,303.

**3) HEAVY DUTY ¾ TON CREW CAB TRUCKS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

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Item three, heavy duty ¾ ton crew cab trucks for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid from Davis Moore Chevrolet in the amount of \$41,616.

4) POLICE SEDANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION

Item four, police sedans for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid meeting specifications from Rusty Eck Ford in the amount of \$42,558.50.

5) 15 SEAT PASSENGER VANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: VEHICLE ACQUISITION

Item five, 15-seat passenger vans for Fleet Management. Recommend the low bid from Don Hattan Chevrolet in the amount of \$86,306.

**6) HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL & TRANSPORTATION SERVICES-
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY**
FUNDING: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

And item six, hazardous waste disposal and transportation services for the Household Hazardous Waste. Recommendation is the low proposal per vendor of Univar for items 2, 3, 11b and 18 for an estimated annual total of \$2,505; MSE for items 9, 10, 13, 15, 24, 25, 26 and 28 for an estimated annual cost of \$19,180; Rineco for items 1, 4, 12, 17, 19, 20, 21 and 23 for an estimated annual cost of \$48,712; Pema-Fix for items 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 16 and 22 for an estimated annual cost of \$24,600; Clean Harbors item 29 for an estimated annual cost of \$2,362.50 and this will establish contract pricing for one year, with two one-year options to renew. Be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I assume Joe Brunk had something to do with . . . I can’t even read all these items on these line items. I guess Joe was involved in that one. Commissioners, any comments or questions? What’s the will of the board on this item? Yes, Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Just a question. On item two, Slavin Management Consultants, did they help us with some other consulting at some point?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “We have used them a couple of times in the past and are pretty familiar with

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them, yes.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Yeah, okay. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “I don’t see any other comments except I have one. Just again on item one, for something in the amount of over a million dollars, only one person submitted a bid? I see we sent it out to four vendors. To me, that’s a pretty meaningful project. I would have hoped that more than one person would have bid on it.”

Ms. Baker said, “We did send it out to four bidders. Three picked up plans. We notified the other two who did not pick up plans, and asked comments as to why they didn’t bid and they both said they did not have the time right now to do the project.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “So, there’s a lot of work out there and I guess that’s good for the economy, since there’s a lot of work but it’s too bad that we couldn’t have gotten more people hungry for a project to bid on. So okay, commissioners, what’s your will on the report that we just received?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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- 1. CUP2001-00044 and ZON2001-00071 – Extension of time to complete platting required for DP-257 Albert Farm Commercial Community Unit Plan and a zone change from “SF-20” Single Family Residential to “LC” Limited Commercial, “NR” Neighborhood Retail, “NO” Neighborhood Office, and “SF-5” Single Family Residential, generally located on the southeast corner of Central and 151st Street West. District #3.**
- 2. Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 588-25, 26, recondition roadbed plus “6” bituminous surfacing and replace bridge 588-26-574 on 125th Street North between Meridian and Broadway. CIP# R-255. District #4.**
- 3. Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project 821-AA, Cowskin Creek Drainage. District #2.**
- 4. Agreement with City of Topeka for membership in HRePartners.**
- 5. Qualified Service Organization Agreement for 2003 Senate Bill 123.**
- 6. Order dated February 21, 2006 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 7. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of February 22-28, 2006.**
- 8. Payroll Check Register of February 24, 2006.**
- 9. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V06017	\$447.00	5	Springcreek Apts. Phase II
V06018	\$191.00	4	Valleyview Apts. LLC

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- 10. 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>
V03013	\$243.00	\$237.00
V020021	\$298.00	\$296.00
V03018	\$254.00	\$251.00
V04026	\$174.00	\$174.00
V03014	\$271.00	\$267.00
V03024	\$237.00	\$225.00
V05012	\$355.00	\$355.00
V1048	\$368.00	\$359.00
V04021	\$394.00	\$389.00
V04017	\$241.00	\$291.00
V03019	\$259.00	\$262.00
V03020	\$305.00	\$299.00
V03021	\$293.00	\$287.00
V01042	\$329.00	\$321.00
V020026	\$265.00	\$256.00
V03025	\$257.00	\$322.00
V03022	\$234.00	\$264.00
V99029	\$310.00	\$301.00
V04016	\$242.00	\$263.00
V04026	\$300.00	\$171.00
V05031	\$239.00	\$245.00
V05008	\$116.00	\$78.00
V04067	\$454.00	\$355.00

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

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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Chairman Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Sciortino said, “Thank you very much. Commissioners, we’re at that point that’s considered ‘other’. Anybody doing anything or have done anything that was exciting. Oh, a lot of people are doing things. Commissioner Unruh.”

P. OTHER

Commissioner Unruh said, “Well, I would just like to remind everyone that the ribbon cutting at the Cargill Learning Center out at Sedgwick County Zoo, at 10:00. It is an outstanding addition to the facilities at Sedgwick County Zoo and I think we’ll be able to use it in a lot of different ways to benefit not only the zoo proper, but also different community groups as they go through educational processes out at the zoo. So it’s really an outstanding building and we’re all proud of it.

Also just mention that last Friday night, several of us were at the Wichita Art Museum for the opening of the ‘Successions’ exhibit, which is an exhibit of African American art and very interesting and appealing, satisfying type of art exhibit and encourage everyone to go and just make the remark that Sedgwick County helped provide for that exhibit.

And the other thing I’d say is last night I had the opportunity to visit with a few constituents out at Station 38, on 143rd Street East and we talked about the soon beginning of the 13th Street widening project, from K-96 to the county line and I was able to answer all their questions, because Mr. David Spears got me all prepped up and ready for that meeting with the right information. But folks are looking forward to that improvement and for signalization at those intersections that are somewhat hazardous right now.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “When does that project start?”

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Commissioner Unruh said, “We hope to let the contract, I believe, April 18th, with an early start date of June. Estimate about 300 working days.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “So about a year.”

Commissioner Unruh said, “It’s a little over a year. That’s all I had.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Commissioner Norton.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, yesterday we had the opportunity to have lunch and visit with the folks at the Farm Bureau and we’ve done that for several years. It is mindful that we remember that even though we’re a large, urban area, we have a very large agriculture community and a rural area that we needed to stay in-tune with and understand their issues and problems, as urban growth moves out and as they have to try to earn a living and then live a rural life, so I think it was interesting to meet with our compatriots of the Farm Bureau, understand their business and their concerns and keep that relationship going, which we’ve had for several, several years.

The other thing I had is that it ain’t exactly football, but congratulations to W.S.U. Basketball for winning the Valley this last Saturday and to Paul Miller for being the Player of the Year and I think those are great honors for this area and it’s been a long time coming. I think since 1983, maybe, since they’ve won a Missouri Valley championship, so congratulations to W.S.U. and to those fine students that have represented Wichita and this area very well. That’s all I have.”

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

Commissioner Burtnett said, “I just want to remind all of our viewers that there will not be a county commission meeting next week, because two of the county commissioners will be in Washington, D.C. for the National Association of Counties meeting, so next week we will not have a meeting but we will report back at the next meeting what we learned.”

Chairman Sciortino said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Norton, again.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I forgot also that we met with the township officials this last week and it was a yearly thing that we’re actually required to do, but I think probably if we weren’t required to do it, we would do it anyway, because it is a time of fellowship and coming together with those other elected officials that serve the townships and the rural areas, as far as keeping their roads up to date, keep the drainage and a lot of other issues taken care of out in the rural areas and we had a great turnout. I think we had a pretty full auditorium out at the zoo and day-long . . . not

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day-long, half-day activities but a time to understand what the township officials have to deal with and make sure that we're linked with them at all times."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Well, you know one thing you were talking about, the meeting that we had with the Farm Bureau, 70% of all the land in Sedgwick County is agricultural. I didn't realize that. I mean, that's a large percentage of the land mass is still agricultural.

One thing, commissioners, even though I had been scheduled to give the little speech out at the zoo tomorrow at 10, I have a doctor's appointment at 9 and I'm afraid I am not going to be able to get done and get out to the zoo by 10. I've asked the vice-chair if she would speak in my stead, so I appreciate that.

I just got back from a vacation, first time in eight years. Mary and I took a little trip down in California, around the Palm Springs area and it's kind of different out there. First of all, my sinuses appreciated that hot, dry desert air, but you go out on the patio and you reach out and you pick a tangerine, you have that with your coffee, oh here's a lemon tree. I didn't even know pepper grew on trees, but as the peppercorns ripen, you just sort of strip them off of the . . . and then put them in your grinder and grind them up.

There's a lot of good things to say about it, but I've got to tell you, I'm glad I'm back home. People out there . . . land is at such demand, I mean, here's a very nice, expensive house but then two feet from your house is another house and the lawns are about that long in the back and about that long in the front. I mean, you can't afford lawns and I don't know, you just . . . not the breathing room that we have here. But it was nice, it was an enjoyable trip, Mary saved me about \$800, because we went to this street fair and everything she bought was on sale and she added up what it would be if it wasn't on sale, and she saved me about \$800 is what she said, and I didn't argue with her logic.

Last night, I've got to tell you something, I had an experience last night. I was at the home of Ivan and Vedrana Barbir. They're Croatian people and they're friends of this doctor friend of mine, Jimmy Pilano that is leaving now and they were throwing him a little going away party and I thought, 'Okay, well we're going to go over to their . . .', I didn't know the folks, 'We're going over to the house, we'll probably have a little finger food, a little glass of wine or something and talk for a few . . .' Uh,uh. We walked in there and they've got rack of lamb, they've got sirloin steak they've got this Italian polenta, which is kind of a . . . I don't know what you call it, but everything was in there from shrimp to scallops to everything else. They had this kind of pork feet chopped up in some kind of jelly. Four hours we're having this sit-down, gourmet meal.

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Turns out they're professional caterers, Mimosa is the name of the . . . and they're feeding us all this food I never hear of and then I find . . . and by the way, if you think Croatians are passive, forget it. They're the most passionate people I've ever . . . we talked everywhere from politics, they want to know about the 13th bridge project and the lady, she's using her hands like she's an Italian and it was a fantastic dinner and I found out that baklava was invented in Croatia. It wasn't invented in Lebanon, according to them. I don't want to get into a war with the Lebanese. But it was a delightful meal.

They have a nice little, small miniature dog that I was able to look right in the eye when I was standing up, some big German Shepard thing and even they were friendly. Anyway, it was a beautiful meal, and I've never experienced a meal like that in Wichita or anywhere in the world. It was a great meal and folks, we really thank you for that. My stomach is now . . . I'm going to have to ride 123 miles, I figured out, on my bike this afternoon to make up for the calories I ingested. Great meal, Jimmy, I hope you made it safely to Rome. That's where he was going, So that's it. There's nothing else to come before the commission."

Commissioner Norton said, "Other than we're glad you're back, Ben."

Chairman Sciortino said, "Meeting is closed, thank you."

Q. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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