

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 15, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, May 15, 1996, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Melody C. Miller; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Paul W. Hancock; Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder; Ms. Nola Foulston, District Attorney; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Stephen B. Plummer, County Counselor; Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Director, Bureau of Finance; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant to the County Manager, County Manager's Office; Ms. Mary Ann Mamoth, Personnel Director, Bureau of Human Resources; Dr. Corrie L. May, Coroner-Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Susan E. Crockett-Spoon, County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Rick Wayland, President, Board of Community Housing Services of Wichita/Sedgwick County

Ms. Kathy Huser, Student, Kapaun Mt. Carmel

Ms. Dominique Pierron, Student, Kapaun Mt. Carmel

Ms. Stacy Farmer, Student, Kapaun Mt. Carmel

Ms. Margy Dandurand, Student, Kapaun Mt. Carmel

Mr. Matt Caldwell, Student, Kapaun Mt. Carmel

Mr. John Van Walleggen, Student, Kapaun Mt. Carmel

Ms. Katherine Werner, Student, Kapaun Mt. Carmel

Ms. Katherine Hogan, Student, Trinity Academy

Ms. Tara Carr, Student, Trinity Academy

Mr. Darian Rawson, Student, Wichita NE Magnet

Mr. Joel Kivett, Student, Wichita NE Magnet

Ms. Betty Clarke, Volunteer, River Festival Float, Appraiser's Office

Ms. Kay Larkin, Volunteer, River Festival Float, Appraiser's Office

Ms. Jane Moralez, Volunteer, River Festival Float, Personnel

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Ms. Brenda Medlam, Volunteer, River Festival Float, Bureau of Finance
Mr. Jon Medlam, Volunteer, River Festival Float, Bureau of Public Services
Ms. Cindy Roeder, Volunteer, River Festival Float, Bureau of Finance
Ms. Ava Morrison, Volunteer, River Festival Float, Bureau of Public Services
Ms. Linda Bowlin, Volunteer, River Festival Float, Bureau of Public Services
Mr. Truman Ware, Volunteer, River Festival Float, Bureau of Public Services

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Chuck McCoy of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, April 17, 1996.

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners, except Commissioner Miller, were present at the Regular Meeting, April 17, 1996.

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, Thank you very much. Commissioners, you have had an opportunity to review those minutes, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Minutes of April 17, 1996 as presented.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Abstain
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Ms. Becky Allen Bouska, Finance Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You've previously received the certification of funds for the expenditures on today's regular and sewer district agendas. I am available for questions if there are any."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Becky, there appears to be no questions. Thank you very much. Next item please."

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 19-25, 1996 AS "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, I have a Proclamation that I'd like to read into the record."

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, and solid waste collection; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19-25, 1996, as

"NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"

in Sedgwick County, and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life. Dated May 15, 1996.

"Commissioners, you've heard the Proclamation, what is the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Here today to accept this Proclamation is David Spears, the Director of Sedgwick County's Public Works Department."

Mr. David Spears, Director of Public Services, said, "Thank you for the Proclamation. In 1960, John F. Kennedy proclaimed National Public Works Week as an annual reminder of the many ways public works contributes to the quality of our life. For many years, public works professionals across North America have applauded and shared the accomplishments of those in their profession. During this week long celebration, professionals take part in events and activities that increase public awareness of and appreciation for public works professionals. This year, National Public Works Week, will be celebrated on May 19-25. The theme of Working in the Public Interest should help focus attention on how the work of our organizations help improve the quality of life in both rural and urban communities. Thank you very much for the Proclamation."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you David. We appreciate your being here and as I think I can speak for all the Commissioners, we feel what we do in public works is one of the most important aspects of what County government is all about and we think we have an excellent Public Works Department from you right on down through the staff, so we want to commend you and all those who work in your department for the good job they do."

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Mr. Spears said, "Thank you very much. I really appreciate the support of all of the Commissioners. Thank you."

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

APPOINTMENT

B. APPOINTMENT.

1. RESIGNATION OF TIM SHIGLEY AS CLERK OF GYPSUM TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Stephen Plummer, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have in front of you a letter of resignation from Tom Shigley as Clerk of Gypsum Township. I recommend you accept his resignation."

MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Next item please."

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2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING BILL BAUCK (COMMISSIONER SCHROEDER'S APPOINTMENT) AS CLERK OF GYPSUM TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Plummer said, "This is a Resolution appointing Bill Bauck to the vacant Clerk position of Gypsum Township. I recommend you adopt that Resolution and make that appointment."

MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Bill's here to be sworn in."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Bill, if you would please come forward. If you will stand by the podium, the Clerk will issue the oath for your office."

Ms. Susan Crockett-Spoon, County Clerk, said, "Please raise your right hand, Bill, and repeat after me."

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"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Gypsum Township Clerk, so help me God."

Mr. Bill Bauck repeated the oath of office.

Audience applauded.

Ms. Crockett-Spoon said, "Thank you. If you'll come back here I'll get your signature and here is a plaque from the County for you and we sure appreciate your service sir. Thank you very much."

Mr. Bauck said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much Bill. We appreciate it very much when citizens step forward to take on some responsibilities such as Township officials and we appreciate your work. Thank you. Next item please."

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

C. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO FRED WOODS, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES.

Ms. Mary Ann Mamoth, Personnel Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of the Board this morning, it is my pleasure to present to Fred Woods a retirement clock and a certificate. Fred is not here today to receive this. Fred is the Maintenance Supervisor from the Bureau of Central Services and he will retire June 1, after 12½ years of service.

"I am sure the Commission is well aware of Fred and he runs the crew that keeps our hallowed halls clean and that kind of thing and we certainly want to wish Fred well in his retirement. Thank you. We'll see that he gets this clock and his certificate."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Mary Ann. Next item."

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AWARD PRESENTATIONS

D. PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. Rick Wayland, President, Board of Community Housing Services of Wichita/Sedgwick County, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here to present you a plaque for your presentation and thanks for your vision. Frankly, I'm saying what this organization can do for revitalizing neighborhoods within this community starting with Oaklawn and many things are happening there already. So we want to thank you for your participation and your support in this process. I would like to present this plaque to you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. On behalf of the Commissioners, we certainly accept this. We believe this is a very important project that you're about and we've had two Commissioners, one has previously served on your Board. Commissioner Miller had been on the first Board and had a very deep concern about what your project is about and now Commissioner Mark Schroeder also shares that concern and is currently on your Board."

Mr. Wayland said, "Thank you for mentioning those. They have been very active in the process and we appreciate them."

Chairman Winters said, "Well we appreciate the recognition and good luck."

Mr. Wayland said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Madam Clerk, if you'd call the next item please."

E. PRESENTATION OF SAVINGS BONDS AND CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO STUDENT WINNERS OF THE 1997 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS COVER/INSIDE DIVIDER PAGES CONTEST.

Ms. Bouska, said, "Today, although I can't be as eloquent as Fred is when he describes the talented students we have in the room today, I would like to thank them for their effort, participating in the process. We had 32 applicants this year from many different schools. Today, we have representatives representing Kapaun, Trinity, and Wichita NE Magnet."

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“As Fred is getting ready for the slides, I would like to ask Chairman Winters to come out here and we'll start this process with Kathy Huser. This first slide is our Budget cover award winner. Kathy could you step forward please?”

Chairman Winters said, "Thanks very much Kathy. It's a great art piece and we appreciate very much your winning first place and we hope you can save and hang onto that money and put it to good use. Thank you."

Ms. Bouska, said, "Kathy received a \$500 Savings Bond. The next individuals received \$50 Savings Bonds for the divider pages through the budget document. Dominique Pierron."

Chairman Winters said, "Thanks very much Dominique. We appreciate your participation in this process."

Ms. Bouska, said, "Stacy Farmer."

Chairman Winters said, "Stacy, thank you very much. We really appreciate your participating in this process. All of these are going to be used someplace, right?"

Ms. Bouska, said, "All within the financial documents of the County."

Chairman Winters said, "Inside the documents. Thank you very much."

Ms. Bouska, said, "Margy Dandurand."

Chairman Winters said, "Margy, thank you very much for participating."

Ms. Bouska, said, "Matt Caldwell."

Chairman Winters said, "Matt, thanks for participating, we appreciate it."

Ms. Bouska, said, "John Van Walleghe."

Chairman Winters said, "John, thanks very much for participating."

Ms. Bouska, said, "Katherine Werner."

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Chairman Winters said, "Hi Katherine. Thanks very much for participating."

Ms. Bouska, said, "Katherine Hogan."

Chairman Winters said, "Katherine, thanks very much for participating."

Ms. Bouska, said, "Tara Carr."

Chairman Winters said, "Tara, thanks very much for participating."

Ms. Bouska, said, "The next slide is from Andy Hoppe who was not able to attend. Darian Rawson."

Chairman Winters said, "Darian, thanks very much, we appreciate it."

Ms. Bouska, said, "And the final, Joel Kivett."

Chairman Winters said, "Joel, thanks very much for participating."

Ms. Allen Bouska, said, "Thank you so much Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Becky. We appreciate your Budget Department's work on this project and one of the young students who was here, is the daughter of Representative Mike Farmer. I see that Representative Farmer is in the audience today and we certainly want to recognize when elected officials are here. So Representative Farmer and Mrs. Farmer, we're certainly glad that you're here today and your daughter's work was very good along with all of them we received. It was a tough contest to judge because much of what we saw was very good work. Again, Budget Department, thank you very much for your work on this. I don't think we need any other formal action. Alright, thank you. Would you call the next item please, or is the next item going to be an off agenda. I have an off agenda item concerning the County's participation in the River Festival Parade and the float."

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MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to take an off agenda item.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. At this time, I need to turn it over to Kathy Sexton."

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Assistant to County Manager, County Manager's Office, said, "I would like to introduce the whole group of employees, if you all would come up here. Many of the people who helped to put together the float. Come up here. This is a part of the group anyway, those who could be here today and I'd like to have them each introduce themselves and where they work and we'll have some comments by Linda Bowlin from the Bureau of Public Services and a presentation by Truman Ware."

Ms. Betty Clarke, said, "I work in the Appraiser's Office."

Ms. Kay Larkin said, "I work in the Appraiser's Office."

Ms. Jane Moralez said, "Personnel."

Ms. Brenda Medlam said, "Bureau of Finance."

Mr. Jon Medlam said, "Bureau of Public Services."

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Ms. Cindy Roeder said, "Bureau of Finance."

Ms. Ava Morrison said, "Bureau of Public Services."

Ms. Linda Bowlin said, "Bureau of Public Services."

Mr. Truman Ware said, "Bureau of Public Services."

Ms. Linda Bowlin, Bureau of Public Services, said, "First of all, it is with great pleasure and sincere thanks that we get to present an award to the Board of County Commissioners again this year. It is a third place award for our entry of a float in the Wichita River Festival Sundowner's Parade. Your support and enthusiasm is what makes this possible and without the support of the Board of County Commissioners, we would not have been able to make the float and to participate in various community events. We do thank you very much. We do have one special rider this year, Commissioner Hancock with his County hat and his waving arm and his smile, rode on our float and we were very honored and pleased to have you on board our float, it meant a lot and we do appreciate everything that you allow us to do."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Linda, I've got a question. We had a float in last year's parade right?"

Ms. Bowlin said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And what place did that take?"

Ms. Bowlin said, "It got first place."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And was Commissioner Hancock on that float?"

Commissioner Schroeder said, "No he wasn't, no he was not. Good point, I'm glad you brought that up."

Ms. Bowlin said, "It was just coincidence, I'm sure. We thought next year we'd go for second and then you'd have a complete set."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. I'm sorry. Coincidence, I'm sure. I'm sorry."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "You're in deep trouble."

Chairman Winters said, "Thanks Truman and Linda and all the rest of you who participated. I think it really is a significant event. Putting together a float is hard work. I'm sure you all know that putting together an event in a parade is hard work. It is not easy, but I think it really demonstrates the attitudes of some of the people who work for Sedgwick County are very dedicated. They know that they have pride in Sedgwick County and they want to share that with the public and I think that float is a great way to do that. I will say that when Commissioner Hancock came in Monday morning, he was telling all of us that we needed to be on the float last year because he indicated that he had a great time. We're not sure what you all did on the float that made him think it was such a great time, but he was enthusiastic about our participation in the parade. So thank you to you folks and everyone else who participated in that event on behalf of Sedgwick County. Thank you. Madam Clerk, you can call the next item."

PUBLIC HEARING

F. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AMENDMENT OF THE 1996 CENTRAL MOTOR POOL BUDGET.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're here today to conduct a public hearing regarding amending the budget for the Motor Pool. The purpose of amending it is to increase that budget so we can build a parking garage. The increased dollars into the Motor Pool will come from the Motor Pool reserves. Before we get to that, let's just talk a little bit about this project one more time."

SLIDE PRESENTATION

"Commissioners, you see what we've done with the jail expansion and that this new construction will take parking spaces that are currently used for parking for construction of the new jail. We currently have 170 spaces here. We have 150 spaces and this is pretty much the area that will be encompassed by the new jail. There are 115 spaces here and we're proposing to add the addition for another 450 spaces. The proposed expansion will encompass that area."

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"Here is the existing garage. Here is the National Black Historical Museum, Elm and Water Streets and the proposed addition.

"The costs to do this project. We're expecting \$260,000 in engineering, architectural costs and start-up costs, design construction contingency is about a half a million dollars. The construction costs preliminary systems were \$3,600,000.00 for a total project cost of \$4,400,000.00. Some of those estimates are still preliminary and that's where we are at this point. So what we're asking from you today is to authorize a transfer of that \$4,405,000.00 of the reserve fund to the operating fund of the Motor Pool to construct the garage. That's the purpose of the public hearing is to hear comment from the public regarding that."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, very good. At this time, I will open up the public hearing. The public hearing is now in process. If there is anyone here in the audience who would like to speak to this issue this is the time to come forward. If there is anyone here who would like to speak to the item regarding the amendment of the 1996 Central Motor Pool budget. I see no one in the audience. At this time we will close the public meeting. Mr. Manager, anything else?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No. Commissioners, the action line speaks for itself and that is the recommended action."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Schroeder."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "If you please Mr. Chairman. I've talked to staff about this and I think most of the Commissioners may be aware that some of them feel that the project can be done for less than what we are suggesting today and that figure that has been given to me is \$3,900,000.00 and I would like us to amend that amount to \$3,900,000.00."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright. Mr. Manager do you have any comments about that? I see that this design construction contingency seems to be a rather large number on this size of a project. If the Commissioners would decide to do this for \$3,900,000.00, do you think the project can be constructed for that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "You tell me the number and we'll make it work."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Oh, that's that I like to hear."

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Commissioner Hancock said, "\$250,000."

Commissioner Schroeder said, he said, "\$250,000.00, do you think you can do that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Well, we'll have to go to three shifts of parking."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "I would just like to echo what Commissioner Schroeder has basically stated. If I recall at least two meetings ago when we discussed this and we were talking about the \$3,900,000.00 figure at that time and it seemed as though it was a reasonable figure and I simply wanted to express my support for bonding \$3,900,000.00 rather than \$4,500,000.00."

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Hancock has a question, did you have something?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioner Miller said bonding and I wanted to make sure that we understand that we're not doing that, we're transferring reserves."

Commissioner Miller said, "I guess I didn't mean it."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I knew that, we knew that, but we wanted to make sure that everybody knew that."

Commissioner Miller said, "I didn't mean that. It's \$3,900,000.00, cash. I'm glad you said that though."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Hancock."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Just a question. If we approve the \$4,400,000.00 figure today and we didn't use it all, can we put it back in?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Sure."

Commissioner Hancock said, "So wouldn't that be a good idea to put it back in?"

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Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I guess the question is, is that our intention to do that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "The intention, I don't think we thought that through, but that's a logical conclusion of the action that you're taking, that if we remove money from the reserve fund to do the project and there were monies left over that were not needed, you would transfer that back into the reserve fund. Yes."

Commissioner Hancock said, "The other question is, can we use it to buy down the bonds for the eventual completion of the jail?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "It could be used for that. After the project has been complete, if there are dollars left over, those dollars, since we didn't borrow the money, could be used for anything the Board of County Commissioners was legally allowed to spend money on."

Commissioner Hancock said, "The reason I'm asking that is that I know that bonding jails and public building commissions and, in fact, that's connected with the Courthouse on statutory requirement rules are sometimes a little bit funny about those sorts of things. Okay, thank you."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Right."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Schroeder."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Mr. Chairman, if you please. I just made the offer because in my experience, if it's there, we have a tendency to want to spend it and my thought is, why put it out there and make it available if my staff says they can do it for \$3,900,000.00 and that still gives us about a \$40,000.00 contingency, which is not a lot, but if it is needed, it's there. I've been reassured and they've told me they can make it work for \$3,900,000.00. I appreciate the comments."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just a question. On a \$4,000,000.00 project, is it typical that we would only have a 1% contingency? I mean, that seems a little light."

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Mr. Buchanan said, "The standard practice, Commissioner Gwin, has been about 10%. Some projects, remodeling projects, they'll want a little more. New construction, perhaps a little less. In this case, it is an image supposedly of a garage that's already there, designed by the same architects. There are no new inventions."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I appreciate that. I'm kind of thinking about what Commissioner Hancock said, that we know that in the jail parking garage complex if you will, there are numerous financial requirements to complete both of those facilities and although I know that this might be very difficult for Motor Pool to say goodbye to, I may be of a mind to approve the transfer that we're talking about today with the idea that we can build a parking garage for under \$4,000,000.00. That would still give us a little extra to apply to the jail project which isn't getting any cheaper. Every time I hear about it, it keeps getting more expensive. So I'm wondering if we couldn't be very specific about exactly how much we want spent on the parking garage and in the same manner kind of earmark some of this additional money to the jail project."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Gwin and Hancock, I appreciate both of your comments and thoughts and probably I could be persuaded that that could be the best thing to do, but I go back to one of the projects that I was involved in early on, which was the Forensic Science Center and after much work on a committee that I sat on and talking about how that building was going to be designed, a number came back that was considerably higher than we thought and finally we sat down as a committee and then as a Commission said that this project is going to be built for under \$3,000,000.00 and so then the architects, the planners of the Forensic Science Center then came back with a plan of a facility that was under \$3,000,000.00 and that was certainly not the plan that they started with. I'm not sure, really, how technical the work is going to be on this parking garage. I think it really should be a pretty simple kind of construction process and so again, if you really think it is important that we get this cash in a place where we could use it some place else in the project, you could convince me and I would agree with you. But I'm real comfortable with tightening down numbers on projects and letting that number be a lid. Then if for some reason the project runs into trouble, we're always here. We meet every Wednesday and if somebody needs to come back and say we've run into a problem then they can come and make the case and that's what is now happening with the Forensic Science Center. As they see things that they need, they come back and they talk to us about them and they explain their worth and we make a decision on whether we want to proceed on with that part of the Forensic Center and we're involved in that loop."

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"If we set the number too high, then I think sometimes we get a little ambitious and perhaps don't really tighten that budget. So, I would say to Commissioner Gwin or Commissioner Hancock, if you want to make your case to me one more time, you could probably convince me and I would support what you're doing, but right now, I'm pretty comfortable with saying \$3,900,000.00 is a number and if we run into a problem, come back and see us."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Okay, I agree with that. I'll go with that. I'm just thinking about the future of the jail and possibly using that but we can always do that later if we decide to do that. So I think you made a better case than I did I think."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yes."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Schroeder, you're the one that brought this up. Do you want to make a Motion then, unless there are any other questions? Are there any other questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to amend the request to \$3,900,000.00 and authorize the County Manager to increase the Central Motor Pool budget by \$3,900,000.00.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Thank you Bill."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Next item please."

DEFERRED ITEM

G. RECOMMENDED COMPENSATION PLAN.

Mr. Buchanan said, "You have heard the presentation last week of the compensation plan proposal. Since that time, we've had two meetings with the employee committee. One, if you recall, about a year ago we instituted the committee to examine and help us through some of the issues of the proposed pay plan. Subsequently, they investigated pay plans from around the country, they came to us and came to you with a suggestion and then we went about the task of working with a consultant to find out what were the pieces that were missing and some of the other issues and the consultant presented their report.

"I made the recommendation to you at the last meeting to examine that report and we worked with the pay plan committee in the last two weeks to discover what were our differences and what our common ground were. We went about that in a way that was real helpful to us because the first meeting, there was some suggestions made regarding the consultant's pay plan that were certainly a lot clearer to me after having those discussions with our employees. Those issues revolved around and you received a letter from Mark Borst, Chairman of the pay plan committee, revolved around several issues. One was that it took two years above market to get from step was too long, that was not going to be acceptable. The message we were sending employees was a different message than we intended. The message was that those people who have been around for a while were not as valued and not as honored as the people who just started and that was not our intent. As a matter of fact, our intent was completely opposite. That was the message received.

"The other issue that the pay plan committee disagreed with was that besides the two years that there was a difference in pay for those above step, that there was some sense that it should all be the same and there was some sense that those numbers should be the same and that it should continue, whatever percentage that would be, continue from beginning to end.

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“And if there was to be a variation on that, that certainly one could limit above market to 18 months rather than one year, as long as those step increases averaged about 2% a year. Their thinking was that at least 2% a year gets, and you received that letter, but at least 2% a year was one that made sense to the pay plan committee.

"There is a proposal before you that is 3% above market at 18 months, that meets that qualification. Let me remind the Commissioners too, why we're in this process, because I've received a lot of calls, as you have, and we've received a lot of information regarding why we would intentionally stick our hand in boiling water. Why we would intentionally raise issues that were difficult and cumbersome.

"I wanted to remind the Commission, because this is the piece of information that we gave to the pay plan committee some time ago, a year ago, that we started here. We could have started some other places and the line would be separate but we started in 1991 and this chart shows that in 1992, we did adjust the pay plan in that year and because of an adjustment and some other things occurred, in fact our cost of employment went down and then the following years, because so many people got a big jump that first year in the implementation process and then the growth has been steady. You can see that growth is right there. We're talking about growth in terms of percentages. We're not talking dollar value, we're not talking the value between the two, we're talking about the percentage of growth and we know that assessed valuation, which is our main source of income, which is a main measurement of how we're doing, we know that assessed valuation that the property tax is based on that. We also know that sales tax is a big chunk of our revenue, how goes assessed valuation, how also goes the sales tax, because if the economy is not growing, if people aren't buying properties, then people aren't increasing the value or worth of this community through development, the sales tax won't grow as steadily or rapidly either.

"We see that growth has been at those percentages. We see that the average has been 2.5% and then grew to 5% and then a little more than 5% here and it was 5.9% there and you can see the continuation of that growth. You see the average compensation growth over that same period. It is almost 14% higher than our growth. I'm not suggesting that's the only way that you measure employee compensation. What this suggests in a straight financial trend, when we are looking at our future, when we're looking at where we're at, we need to get our hands around that cost. Now that can be done a number of ways. Reduce the number of employees would certainly be one way and that would help significantly and we need to start thinking in those terms.

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"This plan, the plan that is proposed, the one that the pay plan committee, item G, that the pay plan committee said would be acceptable but their plan is not, certainly puts that growth right in line with the assessed valuation. It closes the gap significantly.

"This does not mean in these proposals that you are going to review today, does not mean that the likelihood that this is going to fix the problem forever. Pay plans, and what we're discovering around the country is, as with everything else, pay plans are continuing to be changed. It is becoming a fact of life. The State has changed its plan recently, in the last four or five years. The City of Wichita has significantly changed some of their plans, negotiated that through a labor contract and continue to do that for other employees. It is a fact of doing business these days. When we come back in four or five years and say, it's time to take a look or readjust that, we warned you.

"Before you are some alternatives that you asked us to look at. At our last meeting, there were some suggestions that were made to us from the bench that we take a look at. Let me just start here. The Jeanneret plan is the one that was recommended. It takes thirteen years, total steps, the length of steps after market are two years. Years to maximum are twenty. Steps to the market are four steps at 4.5% and then after that, 2.25% and a maximum increase is 42.8%.

"This is the employee plan. It is one step less than Jeanneret's. It is one year length after steps, it would peak at eleven years rather than twenty. There are five steps at 3.25% and then everything after that is a percent increase of 3.25% after that and it is 42.2%.

"This is the system under which we used to live. It is nine steps, there were twelve and then eighteen months length of step after market. It was a mixture. It was 8 ½ years to maximum. It was four steps of 4.5% increase of steps after market was 4.5% and 42% maximum increase.

"The variations you asked us to take a look at, this is a variation, it's eighteen months after market. It is still four years at 4.5% and then 3% after market so there is a difference between the percentage before and after markets. The modification of employees plan, they suggest and we just reviewed that, the only modification is changing the length of steps after market were eighteen months and this plan would then be at 3.25% after market.

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"Item E, the difference in the plan is that this is eighteen months and again it is 3.25% and 2.5%. There is a different percentage before and after market. The same with these two. This one is 4% and 2.25%. So they are variations that you asked for.

"Item G is one that when we took a look at it and after we talked to the employee plan, developed, it is six steps at 3% and then 3% after that so those are equal. There is eighteen months after market and eighteen months would be after the seventh year.

The total steps would be thirteen and it would be fifteen years to the total. This meets the minimum qualifications that the plan committee recommended and if you recall, they suggested to you if you didn't like their plan, this is the next one that is most acceptable to them.

"That's the presentation at this point and Mr. Chairman, if you'd like me to leave that graph there or turn the lights on."

Chairman Winters said, "I think we've all got a copy of it, why don't we turn the lights back on. Is that alright Commissioners? Thank you. That's all you have at this time Mr. Buchanan? Thank you. Commissioner Schroeder."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Mr. Chairman, if you please. There's been a lot of conversation about this in the last couple of weeks. The Commissioners have toiled over this as to what exactly to do and I've had, just like you folks, a lot of calls and inquiries about what we're going to do, why we're doing it and why the specifics in the plan, what other people prefer, what they don't prefer, what does the future look like, what am I going to do, what are they going to do. There are just all kinds of questions, comments, and concerns, and I think we've all looked at this and looked at this for the past two weeks. I simply want to say that I know there is not enough support to go back to the original plan, the 4.5% and I'm reasonably sure there is not enough support for even A, Jeanneret's plan of 2.25% and 4.5% for new employees and it takes me to C, the employees plan of 3.25% across the board. There's so many you can almost create your own, it's easy to do because we have such a wide range from 2.5% to 4.5%, so there is a lot you can do. I am just going to make a recommendation to you all and see if there is any support for it and I know Mr. Hancock has something he wants to discuss.

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"Before he does that, I just want to throw this out that we look seriously at G in this pay plan chart, which is a total of 13 steps, 18 month length of steps after market, 15 years to maximum, steps to market six and those are at 3%. Percentage increase steps after market 3%. Maximum increase over base 42.6%. So the increases for new employees and existing employees would be the same at 3%. Length of step 18 months, total steps 13 years, years to maximum 15. I would like us to really consider that one because I'm concerned that I don't think we're going to get much higher than that from what we've been hearing, but I'm putting it out there for discussion. I'm not making that a Motion yet."

Chairman Winters said, "We didn't interpret it as a Motion. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think I have probably gotten more mail, E-mail and whatever in the last two weeks than maybe anyone else. First, let me start by saying that the phrase I used, really riled a lot of employees and I want to apologize for it. I indicated that I thought this process, or that a plan that we were considering was "fair to employees" and I want you to know that a number of employees disagreed with me and made it perfectly clear that they did. In my response to a number of them on E-mail, I told them I apologized, I took that back. That probably was not the right phrase. I appreciated them being so frank in pointing it out to me."

"As Mr. Buchanan said, several years ago when we had the Slavin/Nevins report, the purpose of that report was to create equity on our pay plan both internally and externally and also to be competitive with the outside world so that we could hire people, compete, wouldn't lose them to a big corporation or for that matter, the small corporation, and quite frankly I think what we're doing now is what I call a course correction. I think from time to time in pay plans, you must make course corrections to account for or to look at where you're going and is that the right direction. It is obvious, I think, that the Commissioners or at least I do, feel strongly that we do in fact need to get a handle on the growth of those personnel line items that drive so many departmental budgets that leave department heads less flexibility on what they can do with what's left of their budget amount. So we kind of need to get a grasp on that and that's the purpose here."

"I was challenged by some about that fast increase in those first five or six years and I am told that those represent the most dramatic learning phases in an employee's job. That doesn't mean that employee, after he or she reaches the fifth or sixth year become invaluable and there are others who interpret this plan to mean that. Absolutely untrue."

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“There is great value to an employee who knows his or her job, who has a history with this organization and who can stay then and be the role model for new employees who follow him or her. So we need to craft a plan that does in fact reward people for their learning, for getting up to speed, for learning their job well and then encourages them to stay, to continue their career with Sedgwick County and teach those who follow. The goal always has, I believe, been to create a competitive pay plan that attracts good candidates in the first place and that retains the achievers in this organization. I am very pleased with Mr. Borst's letter. It pointed out areas that were very important to the employee pay plan advisory committee and I appreciate their support of their plan, their alternative C. I also appreciate, however, that they understand, we may not be able to accept that. In lieu of that, they've given us their second choice.

"I just want to say that I appreciate hearing from all of the employees that I've heard from and I appreciate the pay plan advisory committee's letter. It is very helpful. Commissioner Schroeder, in your suggestion of G, if as Mr. Borst pointed out in behalf of the committee, if alternative C is not acceptable to us, G is a compromise with which they could live and I think we certainly need to get to that, something that is important to the employees too. So I'll listen for discussion, but can certainly support the compromise recommended by Mr. Borst and his committee. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Commissioner Gwin. Commissioners, is there other discussion? Commissioner Hancock."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you. One of the things that came out from the discussions with some of the employees that I have talked to was the fact that the 18 months between merit increases or raises was not very desirable and I think that shows up in the employees, the C line, their early recommendation was one year and then they went to a compromise of 18 months. What I'm suggesting is a compromise to the compromise. As we look over the numbers on the original sheet that we have, we can see the difference in terms of dollars of cost to us based upon 1997, 1998 through 2001 for each year and then a total at the end. I mean we can ignore that so this morning I casually mentioned to Bill Buchanan about an idea that I had that included 13 steps, 15 years to maturity, with the last three steps being a year and a half and a year and a half and two years. That is five years at a maximum based on a typical 20 year career and the first six steps are at 3% and the remainder at 3% and he magically produced some numbers and I couldn't believe it, and he handed them to me just a moment ago.

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“That seems to land us somewhere between the original employee’s position and the compromise position of G. It is slightly higher in terms of dollars. I am not sure if that needs any tweaking or not, it may, but I sure like the idea, and I think a lot of employees do, that would like to know where they're going to be every year. This would sure do it for them.”

Commissioner Gwin said, "Question, Mr. Hancock. Are you aware as to whether or not this meets the criteria that the committee suggested that step increases should be at least 2% per 12 months, does this new plan meet that?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "I think so. It is basically the same as G except the changes are, and I'm not sure but I think the pay plan crew who are up here, can figure out the numbers on the thing, but basically it is same thing as G, 13 steps, but I think the steps after market are one year, up until the tenth year. I sat down and just wrote this down and I hope I got it right. I said it wrong. It is one year through the tenth year and then the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth are steps, a year and a half, a year and a half, and two. Each one of those are 3%.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Eleven and twelve are a year and a half?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Yes. I keep reading my own stuff here wrong. Maturity is at 15 years. Each step, there are 13 steps, through the tenth step is 12 months. Eleventh, twelfth, and thirteen steps are one and a half, one and a half, and two years. Each one of them are at 3% and that accelerates us and the number is above G but below the C. But I don't know the maximum increase over base."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, Commissioner Schroeder has a comment. Bill, do you have anything else you need to say right now?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "The only thing I want to add on is that I think a lot of employees are uncomfortable with the 18 month deal and maybe we could tweak the percentage down to change that, I'm not sure. That's the whole point of my exercise was to get away from the 18 month."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Schroeder."

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Commissioner Schroeder said, "I don't have a comment, I just haven't had a chance to talk to anybody about that yet so let me ask Bill. You put these numbers together for Commissioner Hancock, I don't know if you know them inside out yet because they're fresh off the press, but tell me what you think."

Chairman Winters said, "Let me interrupt before you say that, because Commissioner Miller kind of made the same comment that we haven't really had these numbers laid out for us so we perhaps need a better clarification of visual of some how if we are going to talk about this."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Tell me more."

Mr. Buchanan said, "I want to review the inner-workings of Sedgwick County. Bill Hancock and I were getting a cup of coffee this morning and I was lobbying him to try to find out what position he was going to take and he said I have a new plan. It was four minutes before the meeting started. At that point, I tried to remember the details of what he said, had called up to the eighth floor, told them the information between the prayer and the flag salute. He went off and crunched some numbers and we'll bring back an overhead. The danger and obviously the Board of County Commissioners can do anything it chooses to do."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Is that the danger?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, the danger is that we've not had a chance to crunch the numbers and we're making those assumptions that all those actions are accurate without checking and rechecking. As soon as we have an overhead I'll be glad to go over those with you."

Chairman Winters said, "Excuse me, someone has a suggestion. We can wait here for a few moments or we could take a five minute recess and reconvene in ten minutes then. Let's take a ten minute recess."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed for ten minutes

Chairman Winters said, "Attention please. We'll call the meeting back to order and we were in the process of discussing time G and we were asked to look at some more numbers as they were being tabulated with different options. Commissioner Hancock."

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Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't want to throw a further money wrench into this deal but the thing about this plan that I was looking at was the 12 months versus the 18 months between steps. This could possibly have some tweaking here involved that we want to look at with an accelerated five year rise up to market and maybe the increase in steps after market could be rolled back to 2.75%. I don't know what those numbers would bring us. Maybe the total over the next five years is too much for us to deal with. I'm not sure how fast that puts us relative to the private side. I don't mind our salaries being comparable to the private side, but one thing we have to remember is that this is only one aspect of our total compensation package for employees. It sounds like I'm arguing against myself here because my plan would put more money into employees' hands but we do have an awfully good employee benefits plan, including the cafeteria plan and it includes the health plan, retirement, and so forth. The only point I'm trying to make about all this, it is very confusing even to me, it's hard to talk about it. I just don't like the 18 month separation between steps and I'm suggesting we might want to tweak back the percentage a little bit and then we'll end up something between what we have here is \$4,400,000.00 up to the five year cost and I'm looking at 7.7% so maybe we can get somewhere around \$5,000,000.00."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Commissioner Hancock. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I guess I was thinking in some degree to what Commissioner Hancock was discussing, particularly as it applies to Mr. Borst's letter. We also, besides talking about the pay plan, talked about flexibility in determining the cost of living or salary adjustments. This doesn't have anything to do with our cost of living adjustment Mr. Buchanan? Those are separate and apart from what we're discussing today, is that correct?"

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "And so no matter what we determine today then we can continue to look at cost of living adjustments for inflation and those other areas that affect employees paychecks?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes ma'am."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, and will we have a plan for that at some point? Right now I think we really don't."

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Chairman Winters said, "Well my comment about that is the cost of living should really be exactly that, a true cost of living increase and I think if we have a good realistic plan then we can consider that based on what the inflation rate is doing in this country and we can realistically adjust that according to whatever is happening in the economy."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I appreciate that. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Buchanan, do you have something to add to that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "When we're looking at the compensation package for employees we look at not only the pay plan and those step increases but also the cost of living increase and when we compared that, and that's what led us to this discussion, that 5.5% increases for most the people over the last several years, that was higher than what was happening every where else in the country. Now that is not necessarily a bad thing, but that's what started catching some of our attentions. The pay plans presented to you on the sheet that you have will give you more flexibility than you had before for COLAs."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Schroeder."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Mr. Chairman, if you please. There's been a couple of ideas thrown out here but I tell you what I'm going to do just to get the ball rolling. We could probably sit here all day and discuss this and into next week probably, but I want to make a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to adopt Plan G on the alternative pay plan time expense work sheet. Plan G is total steps 13; length of steps after market, 18 months; years to maximum, 15; steps to market, six at 3%; percent increase steps after market, 3%; maximum percentage increase over base of 42.6%.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a Motion and a second. Is there continued discussion? Commissioner Miller."

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Commissioner Miller said, "Yes there is Mr. Chairman and I'm going to continue to support Plan Version G and let me explain why. First of all, I originally did have a real concern with the number of years to max out and so we were able to do a compromise with the employees plan and where I originally felt would be reasonable and we came up with the 15 year number so I am very comfortable with that. In terms of being able to listen to what the employees are saying in regards to how often, that is the length of steps after market, how condensed that is, if it is 12 months, if it is 18 months, I think employees are more than likely going to respect some consistency in that and I believe that plan G does do that. With a total number of steps being 13 and the length of steps after market being 18 months consistently as opposed to possibly 12 months for the first 10 years and graduating it, I think consistency might sell fairly well in the minds of the average employee for Sedgwick County. So once again, I would be able to support the Motion that Commissioner Schroeder has placed on the table."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Is there other discussion? We have a Motion before us, this is the time for discussion. Commissioner Hancock?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Well, I respect everyone's opinion on this and I know it is difficult at best for every one here. I would like to offer a substitute Motion of total steps of 13, length of steps after market 12, years to max 15, steps to market, six at 3%, increase steps after market 2.75%. That would be the only difference between that and plan G would be the .25% increase after market versus ten to twelve months. I think it just died from a lack of second though."

Chairman Winters said, "I think it probably did too. Commissioners, we're still in the discussion portion of this Motion. Mr. Buchanan, do you have anything else? Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Hancock, I appreciate your effort to get the length between steps down to a year. I do, however, recognize that in G, there is an up-to-a-market those steps are a year and then as we all understand it goes to 18 months. I believe I'll support the Motion primarily because I can't, I've been told by hundreds of people that Jeanneret's will never work and am not prepared to support the employees C, though they continue to stand by it and I appreciate that, but I will take their second choice of alternative G as the next best step so I believe I'll support the Motion. Thank you."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Commissioner Gwin. Is there any other discussion? Any other discussion on the Motion before we call the vote? Seeing none, we'll call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	No
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Thank you Mr. Buchanan for your presentation."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you Commissioners."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Commissioners. Madam Clerk would you please call the next item."

NEW BUSINESS

H. KANSAS CRIME VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE FUND GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND INFORMATIONAL PUBLICATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE CENTER.

Ms. Nola Foulston, District Attorney, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Several years ago we were successful in obtaining a grant from the Kansas Crime Victims' Fund, that provided Sedgwick County with the opportunity to produce these publications for the population of those individuals who had become victims or witnesses in the criminal justice system and we are very thankful to be able to have that money available to us from the Attorney General's Office. Once again, we are in need of updating our brochures. We are also adding some additional brochures, including one for parents of sexual assault victims, to teach them a little bit more about the psychology of the treatment of their child afterwards and we are doing that in collaboration with the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center."

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"We have applied for the grant from the Attorney General's Office and we are required to match it with 25%. Once again, as in the last grant that I presented to you, we are able to use our asset forfeiture funds by statute that permit us to use it for legitimate law enforcement purpose. So that the money that we will be requesting in the nature of approximately \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 will come from our asset forfeiture fund. I asked that you approve this grant. I believe it is economical and it is also helpful for our constituents in this community to learn more about the criminal justice process."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, thank you very much. Commissioners, are there questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much."

Ms. Foulston said, "Thank you ladies and gentlemen."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Nola. Next item please."

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I. POLICY CONCERNING BURIAL OF UNCLAIMED BODIES.

Dr. Corrie May, Coroner-Medical Examiner, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I come before you today with a policy that we embarked upon I believe sometime late last year. It was put together with representatives from the Bureau of Finance, from the Purchasing Department, from the County Counselor's Office, with input from the Coroner's Office. We had a great deal of meetings. We also called a meeting with all of the area funeral directors and their input was invaluable into this process. The problem is, you might ask what is the Coroner's involvement in burials about? Well, the SRS used to assume the financial responsibility for this. With some cut backs in State funding, they are now assuming the financial responsibility only for SRS clients and that creates a gap in our community of people who are truly indigent and have no means of burial. The policy takes into consideration looking for whether or not the person was a veteran, whether or not the person was an SRS client, most importantly, in trying to locate their family. The financial impact for this year probably could be, we hope, as little as \$10,000. However, I wish to advise you that if the State is not assuming the responsibility for burials in the future, the total financial impact could go as high as \$150,000 annually. I would entertain any questions, if there are none, that the policy be adopted."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Schroeder."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Dr. May, in this latest version that we have here, this does exclude the funeral option, right? Before, if somebody comes in and does not claim a body they cannot also ask for a funeral at our cost, is that correct?"

Dr. May said, "If I understand your question. The policy would allow for the family to place a wreath or something of that nature, but there is a limit that the County will pay and that limit is \$1,150, which is the same amount that SRS was paying."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Anything over and above that is going to be the responsibility of the family."

Dr. May said, "That's correct. Plus it also allows that if the family had a prepaid purchased burial plot for instance in a family cemetery, that they can go ahead and use that and that would be deducted from the amount that the taxpayers would have to assume."

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Commissioner Schroeder said, "Okay, very good. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. I think I'm pretty comfortable with this. It does continue to bring up the point though that in the State government efforts to reduce their budget and to cut taxes on their level, here is a perfect case where they're not going to pay for the burial of indigent deceased and we're certainly not going to leave them unburied and you know I'm not exactly sure how much a cost savings it is going to be to the citizens of Kansas or Sedgwick County as they work with that. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Dr. May, Ms. Bouska and others should be thanked because this has not been an easy process, but I do appreciate that we have to have since this responsibility, as the Chairman said, is now at our door step, then we do in fact have to have something in writing as to how what we do with, how we address the need of these unclaimed bodies. I want to make it clear to the public as I believe you have, but reiterate it, that this is not assistance to families who have lost loved ones who, you know this isn't a grant application, this isn't a grant fund, these are for unclaimed bodies for whom we can find, I'm assuming, no family. For whom the SRS is not the umbrella agency, that there is no other source of financial assistance to bury individuals with, is that correct?"

Dr. May said, "Yes ma'am, there is a process by which the Coroner's Office has to launch an investigation to determine whether or not the person is indigent and whether or not that there are other avenues for burial, like a veteran or SRS, or anatomical donation to the KU Medical School, which we are required by law to at least offer. These people are falling into a gap so we wish to provide a mechanism for decent burial. Also, there may be some unclaimed bodies, so we require that in addition to the cemetery providing documentation where they are buried that we also keep that information in our office in the event that family should surface. But clearly, as you pointed out, the County is assuming this responsibility because the State no longer can. It is not a clear cut avenue of a grant to all of the families. This problem was being taken care of in our community by the funeral directors coming forward and other mechanisms."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you for all your help in this. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Commissioner Gwin. Commissioners, you've heard the report, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to adopt the Policy.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Thank you Dr. May."

Dr. May said, "Thank you Commissioners."

Chairman Winters said, "Call the next item please."

J. CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Ken Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The report is in your back-up on pages 49 through 58. One project I would like to highlight and I'd be happy to answer any questions, that's on 52 on the Courthouse improvements in the Historic Courthouse. We are well under way in that project, nearing completion in fact. I think our services to the public will be greatly improved by the renovation. For example, we now have all of the Aging personnel on one floor, the fifth floor. We now have all the Bureau of Human Resources personnel division, Affirmative Action and Risk management all on one floor, on the third floor. We have direct access to Personnel for new applicants straight off the elevator on that floor. They don't have to find their way around how to get into personnel like they used to have to do. We've moved some other folks around and I think this is a beneficial project and can be very helpful. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much Ken. Commissioners, are there any questions or what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

K. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. It's been brought to my attention that today is John Nath's birthday."

Commissioner Gwin said, "We don't have to sing do we?"

Chairman Winters said, "No."

Mr. John Nath, Coliseum Director, said, "Cards with checks will be accepted."

Chairman Winters said, "Well again, we continue to welcome you to Sedgwick County as one of our newest employees and happy birthday."

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Mr. Nath said, "Thank you very much, appreciate it. Along with the report presented today, I'd like to remind everybody about the figure skating champion event May 27. We're tracking again to have a completely sold out performance but however at the present time we do still have a few tickets available and to let you know that we have also successfully negotiated multi-year agreements with both the Sesame Street Live event and the Ringling Brother's Circus. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them."

Chairman Winters said, "Alright, Commissioners are there any questions of John? You've seen the report, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "I have a Motion and a second. Are there any other discussions or questions of John?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "I have a question. I see on here, the Chavez-De La Hoya fight."

Mr. Nath said, "Closed circuit TV."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And those tickets are on sale now too?"

Mr. Nath said, "They are on sale now. They went on sale Saturday."

Commissioner Gwin said, "How are they going?"

Mr. Nath said, "They're going about the way we expected. Boxing generally starts out slow because the injury potential of a fighter before a bout."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, I just think that's interesting. I mean, that's something we haven't had out there for a long time. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. We have a Motion before us to receive and file."

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

L. BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

- 1. COST PROPOSAL FOR ENCASEMENT OF MCCONNELL AFB SANITARY SEWER MAINS IN CONNECTION WITH KDOT PROJECT NO. 87C-3318-01, SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 624-30; PAWNEE RELOCATION. CIP #R-15. DISTRICT #5.**

Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services, said, "Item L-1 is an approval of a proposal from Wildcat Construction Company for the concrete encasement of McConnell Air Force Base sanitary sewer mains in connection with the Pawnee relocation project designated as R-15 in the Capital Improvement Program. The cost of this project is \$33,500. I recommend that you approve the proposal and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the proposal and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

2. FORCE ACCOUNT AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING ON KDOT PROJECT 87 C-3318-01, SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 624-30; PAWNEE RELOCATION. CIP #R-15. DISTRICT #5.

Mr. Spears said, "Item L-2 is a force account agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to reimburse Sedgwick County for construction engineering services performed by our personnel during construction of the Pawnee relocation project. This project is designated as R-15 in the Capital Improvement Program and we'll have 80% reimbursement of the maximum amount of federal funds a County can receive is \$35,070.46. I recommend you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' MAY 9, 1996
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you the minutes from the May 9 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are six items for consideration.

**(1) STREET IMPROVEMENTS - BUREAU/PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

"Item one, street improvements for the Bureau of Public Services, that is the Fairway Meadows Addition. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Ritchie Paving in the amount of \$583,869.20.

**(2) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

"Item two, various bridge improvements also by the Bureau of Public Services. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Dondlinger and Sons Construction Company for \$579,500.

**(3) HEWLETT PACKARD PRINTERS - DETENTION FACILITY
FUNDING: DETENTION FACILITY ADDITION**

"Item three, Hewlett Packard printers for the detention facility. It was recommended to accept the low responsible bid of Entex in the amount of \$10,140.

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(4) I.V. SOLUTIONS - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

"Item four, I.V. solutions for Emergency Medical Services. It was recommended to accept the low total bid of General Medical in the amount of \$30,461.21.

(5) BOND PAPER - CENTRAL SERVICES
FUNDING: CENTRAL SERVICES

"Item five, bond paper for Central Services. It was moved to accept a cooperative purchase agreement from the Unified School District #259 Warehouse Stock, in the amount not to exceed \$29,692.80, in accordance with Charter Resolution Number 50, Section 3, Number 10. You will note that we will be buying from the school district service center warehouse stock. We will continue to research paper prices to be sure we are getting the best prices available here.

(6) AIRCRAFT ENGINE REPLACEMENT - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL

"Item six, aircraft engine replacement for the Central Motor Pool. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Midwest Corporate Aviation in the amount of \$56,146.80.

"Unless there are questions, I would recommend you approve the recommendations as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Yes Mr. Chairman. Darren, on number five, you have explained that basically we are buying this bond paper that USD 259 buys."

Mr. Muci said, "It is going to be a little bit higher than that."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay, so they will up-charge us a little bit."

Mr. Muci said, "Yes, that will cover delivery from their warehouse to our shipping."

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Commissioner Miller said, "And that price is not set yet, because it says up to."

Mr. Muci said, "That price is \$20.62 per case."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay, that's all I needed to know. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Commissioner Miller. Are there other questions from Darren as we consider the report of the Board of Bids and Contracts?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

N. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Utility and Highway Permit Agreements.

- a. McConnell AFB is submitting this application requesting permission to construct a concrete channel lining from the existing box culvert soil saver to a new outfall structure on Air Force property. Riverside Township. Highway Permit No. 010-96. Road No. 626-31. District #5.
- b. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. is submitting this application requesting permission to bore under and bury cable on the east side of 151st Street West north of U.S. 54. Attica Township. Utility Permit No. 043-96. Road No. 801-Q. District #3.
- c. KG&E, A Western Resources Co. is submitting this application requesting permission to install primary across 53rd Street North west of Tyler Road. Park Township. Utility Permit No. 045-96. Road No. 606-20. District #4.
- d. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. is submitting this application requesting permission to attach conduit to the east side of the new bridge on Meridian over the Arkansas River in connection with an upcoming CIP project. Park Township. Utility Permit No. 048-96. Road No. 817-H. District #4.
- e. KG&E, A Western Resources Co. is submitting this application requesting permission to install a gas main in 119th Street West north of 21st Street North. Attica Township. Utility Permit No. 050-96. Road No. 805-M. District #3.

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2. Right-of-Way Instruments.

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 817-G through N½ J; Meridian from the north city limits of Wichita to the south city limits of Valley Center. CIP #R-169. District #4.
- b. One Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 618-839; Intersection Improvements at Central and 143rd Street East. CIP #I-70. District #1.
- c. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 632-7-789; Bridge on 55th Street South between 295th and 311th Streets West. CIP #B-252. District #3.

3. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V96028	\$58.00	5	Cottage Grove
V96026	\$344.00	5	Springcreek Apartments
V96027	\$328.00	5	Cottage Grove

4. 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>
C862018	\$175.00	\$168.00
C862008	\$211.00	\$238.00
V95050	\$155.00	\$104.00
V93059	\$190.00	\$163.00
V95063	\$215.00	\$142.00

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<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V94014	\$202.00	\$137.00
V94116	\$421.00	\$335.00
V95065	\$221.00	\$425.00

5. Plat.

Approved by the Bureau of Public Services. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 1995 and prior years are paid for the following plat:

The Sheiling at Glencoe

- 6. Agreement with City of Emporia to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
- 7. Order dated May 8, 1996 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 8. Consideration of the Check Register of May 10, 1996.**

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9. Budget Adjustment Requests.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
960267	Sheriff	Transfer
960270	Finance General	Transfer
960271	Finance General and Community Development	Transfer
960272	Election Commission	Transfer
960273	Human Resources	Transfer
960274	GIS	Transfer
960275	Comcare	Transfer
960276	District Attorney DEA Asset Forfeiture	Supplemental Appropriation
960277	Comcare-Children's	Transfer
960278	Aging-Case Management	Supplemental Appropriation
960279	Aging	Supplemental Appropriation
960280	Central Motor Pool	Supplemental Appropriation
960281	Motor Pool Replacement Fund	Supplemental Appropriation
960282	Road and Bridge Sales Tax	Transfer
960283	1996 Bridge Projects	Supplemental Appropriation

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you and there are some changes that need to be made. Budget adjustment 960280 needs to be reduced from \$4,500,000.00 to \$3,900,000.00. That is the parking garage, so that is budget adjustment 960280. The previous action reduced that number. There has been a question raised about 960271, a contribution to WI/SE that I would be glad to pull and come visit with you."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Okay."

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MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the change of budget adjustment 960280 from \$4,500,000.00 to \$3,900,000.00, and to pull item 960271.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Is there any other business to come before this meeting at this time? Seeing none, we will recess the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into the Sewer District Regular Meeting at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

O. OTHER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. At this time, I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 15. Commissioner Miller, let's talk about the amount of time we need in there."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay."

Chairman Winters said, "Would 11:30 work? Okay, go ahead then."

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MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session for approximately 40 minutes and that we will reconvene no sooner than 11:30 A.M. and we will discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "We'll be back here in about 40 minutes and not before 11:30. Thank you very much.

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed in Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. and returned at 11:40 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, "I'll call back to order the regular meeting on May 15. Commissioners, does anyone else have anything else to bring up at this time. Seeing none. Mr. Plummer? Seeing no other business, this meeting is adjourned."

P. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Susan E. Crockett-Spoon, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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