

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 18, 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; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Director, Bureau of Finance; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Mary Ann Mamoth, Personnel Director, Bureau of Human Resources; Ms. Cindy Roeder, Accounting Payroll Department, Bureau of Finance; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Bureau of Community Development; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE; Ms. Cecile Gough, Administrator, Department of Corrections; 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

Ms. Coleen Atherton-Prichard, 412 South Main, Wichita, Kansas

Mr. Paul Johnston, Construction Maintenance Supervisor, Bureau of Public Services

Mr. Charles McJimsey, Fire Captain, Sedgwick County Fire Department

Mr. Bryan Jaax, Solid Waste Management Committee

Mr. Richard Harris, 700 N. Beech #59, Wichita, Kansas

INVOCATION

A moment of silence was observed.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, August 28, 1996.**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 28, 1996.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review the Minutes, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of August 28, 1996, as presented.

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."

CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Becky, I see no questions. Thank you very much. Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

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A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 1996 AS "LITERACY MONTH."

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of September, 1996, has been identified as Kansas Literacy Month, a time of local and national awareness, by Governor Graves and Literacy Resources of the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, 44% of the adult population in the United States is deemed to have reading and writing problems; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to be the most productive citizens as possible is denied a high percentage of our electorate; Sedgwick County residents are encouraged to support all education and literacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, educators, volunteers, business leaders, public and private organizations and others collaborate to eliminate the problems of functional illiteracy through the efforts of Literacy Resources of the Metropolitan Area; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September, 1996, as

"LITERACY MONTH"

in Sedgwick County as a time of special concentration for a more literate citizenry.

"Dated September 18, 1996.

"Commissioners, that's the Proclamation, what's your desire?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. I guess as I was reading that I was thinking of how proficient I am in reading, as I was reading through that. I don't know if I'm in the 44% or not, sometimes I think I am, but today we have Coleen Atherton-Prichard, the Executive Director of Literacy Resources. Coleen, if you'd please come forward and accept the Proclamation. If you'd like to say a few words about your program and special projects, we'd certainly like to hear from you."

Ms. Coleen Atherton-Prichard, Executive Director of Literacy Resources, said, "Okay, thank you very much. I have Serota Coleman and John Willis here with me and they'd like to hand out some things to the Commissioners if you don't mind. I feel like I am here representing those 70,000 people in Sedgwick County who probably have significant problems with reading and writing abilities. That's how many we face here in Sedgwick County and we realize that we are barely touching the tip of that when we are serving about 600 adult students right now with over 600 tutors in our program. We also have a program in the Sedgwick County jail, as you know. We have three tutors that meet there every week and tutor the inmates. Since we have been tutoring in the Sedgwick County jail the last four years, the degree of GED graduates has risen 50%. I also feel like I should be saying I'm here representing Miss America because she also had literacy as her cause for her year as Miss America and since she represents Kansas, I hope that she will not forget Kansas as she travels across the United States and talks about the cause of literacy. Thank you."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you for being here. We certainly appreciate community resources such as yours, who do serve such a vital need. It is certainly important as people try to get the best out of their lives, their careers, that they possibly can. So thank you and your group for all the work you do. Next item please."

**2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 16-20, 1996, AS
"NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK."**

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, I have a second Proclamation I'd like to read.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are more than 124 million people in the American workforce who expect that their compensation is accurate and on time; and

WHEREAS, payroll has evolved into a highly complex and critical field with its own professional standards and designation with more than 4,100 Certified Payroll Professionals nationwide; and

WHEREAS, as of August, 1995, 124 million Americans collected paychecks during the year, totaling more than 879.1 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, in Sedgwick County, approximately 60 people help process payroll for over 2,300 employees; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Personnel accounted for 48 percent of the total Sedgwick County budget; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County Payroll will sponsor an information fair for employees the week of September 16-20, and will have vendors to answer employee questions regarding payroll deductions for health and accidental insurance, savings bonds, deferred compensation, direct deposit and other payroll benefits available to Sedgwick County Employees;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 16 - 20, 1996, as

“NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK”

in Sedgwick County. Commissioners?”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock 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 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 to accept the Proclamation is Mary Ann Mammoth from Personnel and Cindy Roeder from the Accounting Payroll Department. If you’d come forward and accept this and say a few words please.”

Ms. Cindy Roeder, Accounting Payroll Department, said, “Thanks for this opportunity. Just wanted to say that payroll is an ever changing world out there and it is a challenging world and to invite all Sedgwick County employees to stop by the Courthouse lobby this week and visit and meet us and get to know more about your paycheck.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Mary Ann.”

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Ms. Mary Ann Mamoth, Personnel Director, said, "I'd like to say that only Personnel and Payroll knows how close we come to not getting you a check on time. We have a really good record though in Sedgwick County and we appreciate your support. Thank you."

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

RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS

B. RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS.

1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO PAUL JOHNSTON, CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

Ms. Mamoth, said, "Good morning Commissioners. It is my honor this morning, on behalf of the Board, to present retirement certificates to two special people. The first one is Paul Johnston. He is a Construction Maintenance Supervisor with the Bureau of Public Services and he will retire October 1, 1996, after 28 years of service. Paul was hired on June 5, 1968, as an Equipment Operator I. He was promoted to Equipment Operator II in 1975, a Heavy Equipment Operator in 1977, and was promoted to Senior Foreman on January 21, 1983, and leaves us currently as a Construction Maintenance Supervisor as of January 1, 1984.

"Paul plans on spending time with his wife Betty Jo, son Rusty, who is medically retired from the City Fire Department, who coaches girls and coed softball games. Paul will now get to go to more of those games. Another son, Eric, who is an English teacher at West High School, and also Assistant Football Coach. Paul will give him lots of advice on football. Also with his daughter Jamie, who is a Superintendent of the Teenage Girl's Department at the Wichita Children's Home.

"Paul plans to travel some to see his family and also river boats and playing cards. He will be able to devote more time at 3251 Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he has been a member for about 30 years. Also, he will do some Masonic work.

"Paul has always worked in the Bureau of Public Services. We certainly want to wish him well and he has done us well I know. Paul, here's your certificate."

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Chairman Winters said, "Paul, on behalf of the Sedgwick County Commissioners, we want to present you with this retirement clock. We know that as you've been the supervisor at the north yard for the past few years, we know that a lot of citizens have seen the results of your work. Sometimes we all don't really stop and think about that, but a lot of people got to work because the snow was plowed or a lot of people know that in Sedgwick County we think we've got a pretty good road system. It is because Commissioners in the past have funded and people like you have gone out and seen that it has gotten built and maintained. We appreciate the work that you've done."

Mr. Paul Johnston said, "I saw a lot of changes since I've been here, some good and some not so good. My whole family had to come up here, they didn't think I knew where this place was, so they escorted me. That's all I've got to say."

2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO CHARLES MCJIMSEY, FIRE CAPTAIN, FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Mamoth said, "Charles McJimsey is a Fire Captain with our Sedgwick County Fire Department. He will retire October 1, 1996, after 27 ½ years of service. Charles was hired on December 16, 1968, as a Firefighter. He was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on October 20, 1975, and promoted again to Fire Captain on January 1, 1979.

"Charles plans to spend a lot of quality time with his seven grandchildren and will devote his time to doing a lot of fishing, planting a big garden, and doing some traveling. His entire career has been with the Fire District. Charles says, 'I have loved every minute. I get up each morning looking forward to coming to work. My wife and family should also share in any accolades. Their support and sacrifice made life easier. They adjusted to holidays and birthdays and anniversaries to the Department's funky schedule and did so without complaint. We want to wish Charles well in his retirement. Congratulations.'"

Chairman Winters said, "Charles, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and all the citizens of Sedgwick County, we'd like to present this retirement clock to you. Probably the most important aspect that local government provides their citizens, is public safety. We certainly are proud of our Sedgwick County Fire Department. It is a fine quality unit and that's because we have long term employees such as yourself that are dedicated to it. We wish you the best in your retirement. We want you to know that the Commissioners and the citizens have appreciated your work."

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Mr. Charles McJimsey, Fire Captain, Sedgwick County Fire Department, said, "I'd like to say thank you and to elaborate just a little bit on what Ms. Mammoth said about the sacrifices your family makes. You can't live a job the way we do without that support and the job wouldn't be there without your support and your predecessors. Have some personal contact. Mr. Hancock remembers a long time ago on a very hot day in July I think it was, a few of the boys in blue worked ourselves green. Probably one of maybe a dwindling few County employees, now ex, who remember Mr. Schroeder's dad's service to the County. Commissioner Gwin, it always seemed like any time we had the ladder truck up, she could see it when she was out driving in her district so we became acquainted somewhat other than on a highly professional basis. You know, she stops by the fire station, nothing bad intended, she's just one of the guys. Just to conclude, continue to support the Fire Department. They're a great bunch of people and all of us working together will maintain the level that you're used to seeing."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thanks."

Commissioner Miller said, "Madam Clerk, would you call the next item please."

CITIZEN INQUIRY

C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING ALLEGED CONTINUED NEGLECT AND ABUSE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY CHILDREN BY THE STATE.

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Is Mr. Harris here this morning? Mr. Richard Harris? Mr. Harris canceled last week and wanted to be deferred until this week and perhaps he has changed his mind. I would remind the public at this time that we do have a portion on your agenda for public inquiry. If you would like to address the Board of County Commissioners, you can do that by making a request to the County Manager's Office at least a week before our meeting. Your comments are limited to five minutes. Madam Clerk, concluding this business, move on to the next item please. Excuse me, before we do that, let's take an off agenda item. Commissioners, we have a resignation and an appointment to make."

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MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to take an off-agenda item

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Mr. Euson."

Mr. Rich Euson, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to ask that you accept the resignation of Lloyd Frazier from the Solid Waste Management Committee."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to accept the resignation.

Chairman Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul 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."

Mr. Euson said, "The next item Commissioners, is to ask you to approve a Resolution that would appoint Bryan Jaax to fill that vacancy which would expire on June 30, 1997."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Mr. Jaax is here. Mr. Jaax, if you would come to the podium, our Clerk, Susan Crockett-Spoon, will swear you in."

Ms. Susan Crockett-Spoon, County Clerk, said, "Bryan, if you would please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

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 Wichita Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Committee, so help me God."

Mr. Bryan Jaax repeated the oath.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Gwin."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Mr. Chairman, thank you. Bryan, a moment to thank you for agreeing to take on this very time consuming task. As I have noticed the woman by whom you are sitting, Susan Erlenwein, will be a real source of information. I'm confident that you will be able to get up to speed and be an active and important part of the committee. I appreciate your volunteerism."

Mr. Jaax said, "Thank you. I thank you for the opportunity to take on this project and be part of it."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much Mr. Jaax. Commissioners, I believe Mr. Harris has entered the room. We're past the agenda item, but if you would come forward please to the podium, we will back up and we will take the citizen inquiry part of our meeting. Mr. Harris, welcome, please begin by giving your name and address and remember that you're limited to five minutes."

Mr. Richard Harris said, "Thank you very much for receiving me. My name is Richard Harris and I live at 700 N. Beech, #59, Wichita, Kansas. I am contacting you in concern over the plight of the most vulnerable and often the most victimized members of our community. In our community, there are over 700 children who have been placed in custody of the State in one sense or another. These children are very often our dirty little secret. We simply don't admit to ourselves that there are so many grave social problems in our society and so many poor homes for so many of our children that we would have so many hundreds of Sedgwick County's children taken away from their homes and families for their own safety.

"The reality is that it happens and it happens every week, sometimes every day in a week, that something like that will happen. The State has long been criticized for its inability to provide adequate care and protection for these children and has been cited regularly by a variety of authorities, including most particularly the Legislative Audit Committee, for its failure to meet basic standards of care and protection necessary for the well being and safety of those kids. Also, the State has not been very effective at providing preventive services necessary to prevent children from winding up in neglect and abuse situations in homes that are at risk. To a large extent, this is simply because of the desire to try to do everything we can to keep taxes low and the electorate happy. But the fact of the matter is that taking care of the kids in our community who need that care is expensive, but it is also a necessary investment. It keeps us from having to make much more expensive and much less pleasant investments on down the road in law enforcement and public assistance.

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“To be able to break that cycle of family problems requires some active government intervention. The State has been sued successfully, apparently, by the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) for its very poor care and in only the second such case in the nation, the entire State child welfare system was placed under court control or direction. Through a settlement that was reached between SRS (Social and Rehabilitative Services) and the parties involved, the Legislative Audit Committee has been auditing the compliance with that settlement and has found again, this year, as in many years past, the SRS is not in compliance. This year’s report came out in July of 1996, there is yet another one to come out in October of ‘96 which will have more details. I think it is necessary for the County to start stepping up to the plate for the kids in this County and making its position known about the needs for the kids in this County and making it clear to the State, not just simply to SRS, but to the Legislature and the Governor’s Office, that we expect more deliberate attention to the needs of the kids in this community, as a matter of our own long term best interest and as a matter of simple human civility.

“This is a matter that the State is not going to address directly. Instead, they’ve tried to duck the issue by privatizing it so the State is no longer directly and solely accountable for the mismanagement of these children. That is not in their best interest and it is not in ours. I think that the Legislature needs to be advised and the Governor needs to be very clearly advised, this County very much cares about, cherishes, and values its children and expects the State to do better by them. By the same token, I think the County needs to spend money to try to prevent these kinds of problems from occurring and take more direct interest and supplying the necessary resources to local private and public service agencies to be able to meet those needs. The need is greatest here in Sedgwick County, of all the area offices the SRS has, there is none that comes close to the Wichita area in having to deal with cases of child abuse and neglect. They’re our children, they’re our responsibility and we need to step up to bat and take interest and action.

“I have a report that I’ve prepared for you which I hope will be of some interest. I would caution you that my background is limited in these matters. I have done a lot of research, but I’m not a recognized authority by any means in these matters. Nevertheless, the information that I’ve gotten has largely come from people inside the system, including official documents provided by them. If I could provide you this material.”

Chairman Winters said, “Do you have five copies there? We’ll just pass them down.”

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Mr. Harris said, "I would add, just as a side line, I was told recently that the District Attorney's Office has a shortage of personnel very often as a simple result of the fact that it is a horrible job to have to deal with some of the hideous cases of child abuse and neglect that come before them. That miserable job is compounded by a lack of status in the trade and a lack of compensation. That, as I understand, is largely regulated by you folks. I would hope you would weigh that in as well. I do want to compliment you for the work done by the County Health Department and its work with SRS, but again, I think more resources are needed there very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Gwin has a comment."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just quickly Mr. Harris. If you want to stay, I don't know what your schedule is, on Item H today, you talked about privatization although I know you have concerns about that, Sedgwick County COMCARE Department is submitting a proposal to SRS for them to consider a coalition of COMCARE, which used to be the Mental Health Department but now is Community Care. Family Consultation Services, the Kansas Children's Service League, Wichita Child Guidance Center and Wichita Children's Home, for that coalition to be the provider of those services. Whether or not that's something you may or may not agree with, but we're going to consider later in our agenda submitting that to SRS at their request for that entity to be the provider of foster care privatization in Sedgwick County."

Mr. Harris said, "The notion that there would be governmental involvement and governmental assumption of responsibility is very comforting to me. As for private service agencies, I will admit that I'm aware that the agencies you mentioned have excellent reputations and that is a comforting thought."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you for being here."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Miller has a comment."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Harris, is it appropriate, may I ask your occupation?"

Mr. Harris said, "I'm an Office Manager, an Office Coordinator."

Commissioner Miller said, "So you are not associated with the . . ."

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Mr. Harris said, "I don't have any financial interest in these issues."

Commissioner Miller said, "Well no, that's not what . . ."

Mr. Harris said, "And as far as I know, my employer doesn't have."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay, what I was leaning toward, you said that you have already basically laid the ground work that you're not an expert in this field but you have an interest in the welfare . . ."

Mr. Harris said, "I'm a Business and Public Administration student at Wichita State and I have a strong interest in those public issues that most effect the most vulnerable among us."

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Mr. Harris. We appreciate you being here today. All right, Madam Clerk, we'll get back to Item D-1 I believe."

NEW BUSINESS

D. AGREEMENTS (2) ALLOWING SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TO PROVIDE FIELD INTERNSHIPS FOR TRAINING PROGRAM STUDENTS.

- **22ND AIR REFUELING WING**
- **COFFEYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you are two agreements. One is with the Coffeyville Community College and that is an annual agreement that we've had with them and this will be a continuation for thirteen students over the 1997 year and remainder of '96. The second is a new agreement with the United States Air Force and McConnell Air Force Base for forty participants to come and ride with our service and learn and to improve the care and level of community services to the base as well as surrounding areas. Both of these are excellent opportunities to extend our partnerships and our responsibility to increase the level of care in our community. I would recommend your acceptance and signature by the Chair."

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul 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 Tom. Next item."

E. REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9620 SOUTHWEST BOULEVARD, RELATED TO THE TYLER ROAD RELOCATION PROJECT.

Mr. Euson said, "This contract represents the third in a series of contracts relating to houses along state highway K-42 that will be adversely affected by the relocation of Tyler Road. I'll be happy to answer any questions you have. Susan Erlenwein has been out and looked at this property and inspected it. The sellers have returned to us a signed contract and everything is in order and we're ready to close on it if you'd like to take the recommended action."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioners, you've heard the report, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING FUNDS.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Bureau of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Kansas Department of Health and Environment makes these funds available to counties to assist in the development of a local solid waste management plan. Funds can be used and will be used for technical and other associated costs needed in developing an appropriate plan. The total project is \$120,000. We would be requesting \$72,000 in state funds to be matched locally by \$48,000 in kind match, salaries and other already budgeted expenses. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have at this time."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just quickly. When do we expect to submit it and when would we expect to hear back?"

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Ms. Hart said, "The deadline is this Friday and I don't know how long it takes them to make up their minds. We were invited to apply for those so I don't think it will take very long."

Commissioner Gwin said, "All right, great. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. I might suggest Irene that you do follow-up with a phone call after today's meeting to let them know it's on the way because in my conversation with the secretary and others they certainly are expecting it and hopefully they can act on it rather quickly."

Ms. Hart said, "Yes sir."

Chairman Winters said, "Any other discussion?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul 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."

G. MODIFICATION TO THE CONTRACT WITH EVEN-TEMP OF WICHITA, INC. FOR THE JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT (PB-302).

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Ms. Cecile Gough, Operations Division Administrator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are requesting approval of change order number two with Even-Temp of Wichita which is installing the air conditioning at Judge Riddel Boys Ranch. There are two parts to this change order. One is correcting the contract total amount which was showing change order number one on August 14, which had erroneously shown the contract total as the project total, so we’re wanting to make that correction. The second part of this change order would modify the installation of the duct work to allow it to be installed on the surface of the ceiling on the hallway rather than suspend it which we feel would cause unnecessary risk of youth reach up and grabbing it and perhaps pulling it down causing injury to themselves and property.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, thank you Cecile. Commissioners, you’ve heard the report, any questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the modification to the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Cecile. Next item.”

H. AUTHORIZATION FOR COMCARE TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) TO PROVIDE FOSTER CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADJUDICATED CHILD IN NEED OF CARE (CINC).

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Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As there was some discussion earlier, we're all aware that the State had issued a request for proposal for foster care. The State had also divided the State into five different regions. Unfortunately for us, Sedgwick County is a region in of itself. So we have taken a lot of time and effort and explored this and felt that it made sense to respond to this proposal. Foster care involves a lot of different things, it does not just involve recruiting and having a foster family. It also involves, if you are doing this work appropriately, working very intensely with the natural family and working with the foster family to get the child returned to the home as soon as possible. That can involve a lot of innovative ways of doing business which we have done time and time again in our children's program in terms of returning children from the State hospital.

"The coalition that has been developed are all community providers and they include the Kansas Children's Service League, the Wichita Child Guidance Center, Family Consultation Services, and the Wichita Children's Home. We also discovered as we were working on this that it represents over 400 years of service to children and families in Sedgwick County with the combined coalition. We are looking at the Sedgwick County piece, the work that we will be doing, although we will be providing services that we know best is that we will also be managing this project, feeling that this type of oversight that we truly are going to be in the position to succeed and do business in a better way for families and children and get children home quicker than they have in the past. As you are all aware, and I noted in the editorial in the paper today, for a child a day and a month and a year are extremely long. I've noticed that as I've gotten older they seem to go very quickly, but I can still remember back then and it is so critical that those children are put in some kind of permanency situation as quickly as possible. We truly believe this is an opportunity to help our community and improve services and support families and children. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Miller has a question."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. It is probably most of a comment and then some follow-up questions Debbie. When you think about the task, and it is a daunting task as far as I'm concerned personally as a Board of County Commissioners I think we are aware that this is a task that is going to involve not only expertise but involve some stick-to-it-ness from particularly the case manager's perspective. We're delving into a realm that is a, I guess I can say it, it's a messy situation right now. I believe we heard some allegations and some leaning to from Mr. Harris, but coming from a social background, I know that it is an area that is definitely in need of this type of attention.

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“When you first brought to us, and to me personally, that COMCARE was interested, felt that we could do this job, I was elated. The reason why is because I know that it is going to bring not only a professional approach, and I’m not saying anything about what’s been done in the past, but obviously it hasn’t worked in the long term. But I was elated because I know that how it is that COMCARE does business will be a decisive factor in actually making this venture work. So I am very, very supportive. I’m very, very hopeful in terms of our proposal being accepted as the proposal and I am aware that it is not only Sedgwick County that is going to step into this realm, but that it is a coalition, that it is a partnership. When you say 400 years of experience in working in this area, that says a lot. When it comes to the time line of actually submitted the proposal, could you let the public know when it needs to be submitted and how quickly we’ll know whether or not Sedgwick County will have an opportunity to make a difference in our community?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “The proposal has to be submitted by this Friday at 2:00 and they do have a big clock, they really mean 2:00. At that point, there will be reviews. We have not heard a definite date. We’re anticipating some time probably around November 1, at least we would hope something in that range, because they’re trying to give several months start up time to the successful bidder.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Are there any risks involved?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Miller said, “And I’m not talking about monetary risks, but what are we risking or what could happen here?”

Ms. Donaldson said, “In any situation that is this difficult and emotional and involves a situation where a child is actually removed from the home because of circumstances that has resulted in that needing to happen, of course there is always risk. We appreciate that and we’re very cognizant of it but quite frankly, we’ve done a lot of this kind of work for years so our staff are trained. They know the folks that we’ve worked with. They know how to handle these things and so I’m very confident that even though there is risk, that it can be handled and is probably in many ways not any riskier than what we do every day.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Commissioner Miller. Any other questions or discussion? I guess the time frame is we're not sure exactly when the State is going to make their decision about how they plan on changing the system?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Right."

Chairman Winters said, "Will we expect that before the end of the year or is there like a January 1 start up, July 1 anticipated start ups for whoever is successful?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "We do know that they are anticipating and hoping to have a start up date of March 1 and then you have three months where certain of the population will start March 1 and then more on April 1 and then you'll have the entire population by May 1 is my understanding in terms of start up. So our hope is that if nothing else, they will certainly have something by November 1 to allow the three months that they said they would like to have the successful bidder have to prepare. There will be a lot of work. If we are the successful bidder, we will be putting in tremendous amounts of time to prepare and be ready."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you very much. Any other questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize COMCARE to respond to the RFP.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul 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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I. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "August was a very good month again for us. We had a total of nine events, resulting in eleven performances and about 40,000 people in total attendance for the month. As a result, our net income increased 25% over the same period as last year. Highlights for the month of course, were the Ringling Brothers Circus, a Smashing Pumpkins concert, and we did a first time event, the Mustang and Ford Powered Car Show. The organizers of that show, and it was help in the Fulco Pavilion, they were really so pleased with it that they've already booked dates again for next year. Hopefully, we can work this into one of our annual events.

"The circus really stood out because of the increase in revenues and attendance. It was up 20% all the way around, which was a really good turnout. I was real pleased with the marketing effort by the show and it really worked out very well there. Our group sales efforts paid off. Last year, total group sales were around \$3,000. We exceeded \$10,000 this year in a first time effort, which we, of course, got a commission on it from the show which will become a part of our normal agreements with the family type shows where we do group sales. Again, we are doing it again in October with the Ice Capades and we've already started to see some pay offs.

"One of the things we did do with the circus, one of the concerns I heard from the Commission a few months ago was working on the traffic patterns and trying to shorten up the time that people have to wait. As you know, the circus is one of the few events where we collect a parking fee at the gate. So what we did was add some personnel and work with Mr. Spears who very graciously let us borrow some of his traffic cones. We set up three ingress islands on each entrance. We had twelve points of entry, each point also had a point of exit if we needed to do that. We got the people in a lot quicker than it ever happened before and it was a lot more efficient. The end result was certainly worth it. We have some further plans to toy with this little system that we're coming up with. It is going to require some asphalt work we may do next summer instead of resurfacing one of the parking lots. We're going to use the Weideman Park entrance to give us another point of entry. I think that for all events, what that's going to do is get that traffic up off the highway which we're all concerned about, and it is also quicker for our customers to make it easier for them to get into the facility.

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“Of course lately we’ve also put some other shows on sale. George Strait sold out quite well. We do have a few tickets available. We did 8,000 tickets Monday, which is pretty good. It’s one of the biggest sales we’ve had in a long time. Neil Diamond goes on sale next Saturday. Moving right along, I’d certainly answer any questions if anybody has any.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, thank you very much John. Again, you continue, we continue to have a very diversified spectrum of events at the Coliseum, it looks good. All the way from Smashing Pumpkins to George Strait. It’s a long way. Commissioners, any other questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much John. Next item.”

J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' SEPTEMBER 12, 1996 REGULAR MEETING.

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you the minutes of the September 12 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are seven items for consideration this morning.

(1) STORM WATER SEWER FOR ADULT DETENTION FACILITY FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

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“Item one, storm water sewer for the Adult Detention Facility funded by Capital Projects. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Nowak Construction Company in the amount of \$196,112.

(2) CASE BINDERS - DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING: DISTRICT COURT

“Item two, case binders for the District Court. It was recommended to accept the sole source bid of Records Retrieval, in the amount of \$19,587, to match existing supplies.

(3) DISPOSITION OF CRANE - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL

“Item three is the disposition of a crane for the Central Motor Pool. It was recommended to declare this item surplus and accept the high responsible bid of Victor B. Eisenring for \$835.

(4) PERSONAL COMPUTERS & SOFTWARE - DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FUNDING: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

“Item four, personal computers and software for the District Attorney. It was recommended to accept the individual low bids of Business Computer Center for the computers, software and peripherals that you see for a total of \$29,775,03, and PC Connection, Incorporated for same for \$4,109. The following page is a complete tabulation of that solicitation.

(5) ROLL GOODS - BUREAU/PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: BUREAU/PUBLIC SERVICES

“Item five, roll goods for the Bureau of Public Services. You will note that you have seen this item before on August 28. After that time, it was determined that the tabulation was not extended correctly and we need to make an adjustment to that and accept the low total bid of 3M in the amount of \$14,095.74.

(6) ADDITION OF SECURITY OFFICE - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECT

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“Item six, addition of a security office for Capital Projects. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Caro Construction for a new grand total of \$74,340. This includes an addition \$2,450 for some additional concrete work.

**(7) REMODEL OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICES - ANIMAL CONTROL
FUNDING: ANIMAL CONTROL**

“Item seven, remodel of Animal Control offices for Animal Control, Capital Projects. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Caro Construction in the amount of \$10,550.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

**(8) STREET IMPROVEMENTS - BUREAU/PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: BUREAU/PUBLIC SERVICES**

**(9) BANKING/FINANCIAL SERVICES - BUREAU/FINANCE
FUNDING: BUREAU/FINANCE**

“There are two items that do not require action at this time. Those are street improvements for the Woodland Place Addition for the Bureau of Public services. It was moved to table that item for review. Also banking and financial services for the Bureau of Finance. It was moved to table that item and remand it to a review committee who will present a recommendation directly to the Board of County Commissioners. If there are no questions, I would recommend you approve the recommendations as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

MOTION

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

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 Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Order dated September 11, 1996 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 2. Consideration of the Check Register of September 13, 1996.**
- 3. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
960566	Coroner Finance General	Transfer
960567	Public Services (Highway)	Transfer
960568	Detention Facility Expansion	Transfer
960569	Aging	Supplemental Appropriation
960570	Aging	Supplemental Appropriation
960571	Road and Bridge Sales Tax	Transfer
960572	Detention Facility Expansion	Supplemental Appropriation
960573	Register of Deeds Finance General	Transfer

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
960574	Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
960575	Corrections	Transfer
960576	Corrections	Supplemental Appropriation
960577	Various Streets	Supplemental Appropriation

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, said, "You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. It is my understanding that we do not need an Executive Session and there is no Sewer or Fire District meeting today. Is there any other business to come before this Board? Seeing none, the meeting is adjourned."

L. OTHER

M. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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