

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 30, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, March 30, 2005 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Ben Sciortino; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Lucy Burtnett; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Fire Marshal Greg Thompson, Fire District #1; Lieutenant Richard Janne, Fire District #1; Mr. Charles Mills, Security Officer, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Oneida Creed, Fiscal Assistant, Treasurer's Department; Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Human Resources Department; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department; Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore and Bell, P.C.; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Karen Sillett, Groundskeeper, Sedgwick County Zoo; Mr. Ray Vail, Director, Finance and Supportive Services, Department on Aging; Ms. Pamela Martin, Director, Clinical Services, Health Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Bethany Carpenetti, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Nicki Ellison, Senior, Northeast Magnet High School, Wichita.

Ms. Natasha Webb, Freshman, Heights High School, Wichita.

Mr. Brian Wilson, Junior, East High School, Wichita.

Ms. Vicki Burgess-MacArthur, Vice President, Preventional Community Services.

Mr. L.E. McCabe, former fire chief, Fire District #1.

Mr. Elmer Norhook, former fire chief, Fire District #1.

Blip, Biker's Against Child Abuse.

INVOCATION

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

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, March 9, 2005.

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2005.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners you've had the opportunity to review the Minutes of the March 9th Minutes. Are there any additions or corrections?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9th, 2005.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

- 1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 4 – 8, 2005 AS "NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK."**

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, I have a proclamation to read for your consideration."

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our youth should have the opportunity to play, learn and grow up in safe communities. The people of our country are concerned with the level of violence in our schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, the issue of school and community violence continues to be intimidating to all and inhibits the means for achieving academic and social success. Thirty-two percent of young people have been bullied a least once and twelve percent have been bullied five times or more in the past month; and

WHEREAS, the youth of our country are working to enhance the learning environment by helping to promote good citizenship and by making schools and communities safer and more secure; and

WHEREAS, youth all over Sedgwick County will participate in heightening awareness activities and will encourage the community to unite and support prevention efforts, to protect our most vital resources – our youth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 4-8, 2005 as

“National Youth Violence Prevention Week”

in Sedgwick County, and encourage schools and communities to unite in action to “Build Safer Communities...Peace by Peace”

Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "And we have Nicki Ellison or Brian Wilson or Natasha Webb. Would you want to say your names so we can know who is who here please."

Ms. Nicki Ellison said, "Hope Street Development, Senior at Northeast Magnet."

Mr. Brian Wilson said, "Junior at East High School."

Ms. Natasha Webb said, "Freshman at Heights High School."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well we thank you all for being here today, did you want to make a comment?"

Mr. Wilson said, "We'd just like to say thank you on behalf of Hope Street and on behalf of our community for the proclamation and allowing us to go further with this project."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you, we're pleased to participate at least at the level of a proclamation, we have some comment from the Commissioners. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I think it's just wonderful that our youth are engaged in trying to understand what violence looks like in their schools and how they relate to the other young people you only have to look at what happened in Red Lake Minnesota in the school system to understand that bullying can excel to a level where kids thrash out and take action that is irreversible and it happens everyday in our schools with the strong picking on the weak and somehow it's not going to happen by adults and parents saying that it's gotta stop, it happens by the youth stepping up and saying it's not right, and your doing that and were very proud of you, thanks."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, we have another comment, Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Hi, you guys are having a march against crime and violence this Saturday, is that right?"

Mr. Wilson said, "Yes."

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Commissioner Burtnett said, "Would you like to elaborate on that for us, like when it starts and where it's going to be at?"

Mr. Wilson said, "Were going to meet on the corner of Murdock and..."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Emporia."

Mr. Wilson said, "Yeah, Murdock and Emporia, were going to meet in the southeast field at 10:00 and the march is going to begin at 11:00 and were going to march from Murdock and Emporia to Main Street and from Main to in front of the courthouse, so up here is where we'll finish we'll do a dramatization and things like that and then we'll have a speaker wrap it all up."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Great."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, well very good well thank you for being with us here today and hope you have good weather for your walk but most of all we appreciate your efforts in trying to make schools safer and more civil for all the students. Thank for being here."

Mr. Wilson said "Thank you."

Ms. Webb said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2005 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners I have another proclamation here for your consideration."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, approximately 8,537 children are reported abused and neglected in Sedgwick County each year; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed

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by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2005 as

“Child Abuse Prevention Month”

in Sedgwick County, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Commissioners, what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to adopt the proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you, and accepting this proclamation is Vicki Burgess-MacArthur,

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is that right?"

Ms. Burgess-MacArthur said, "That's correct."

Chairman Unruh said, "Vice President of the Preventional Community Services."

Ms. Vicki Burgess-MacArthur, Kansas General Service League, greeted the Commissioners and said, "At Kansas General Service League, yes thank you. The Wichita community has embraced this community difficulty and problem and have several agencies and faith based organizations that have worked together to make April a standout for us to recognize the abuse that continues in all the communities of child abuse. Although the amount of children being substantiated, being abused and it being substantiated is going down, it still becomes such a problem when the children grow up in our communities and with the earlier proclamation with the violence that goes on in the schools, this is all encompassed with that."

Tomorrow at the Topeka Capitol, we will be doing a kickoff, so if you're in the Topeka area it would be great for you attend it's from noon to one. Back here in Wichita tomorrow evening at 6:30 at the Botanica we will also have a kickoff and at 7:30 if your unable to come to the Botanica we'd certainly love for you to turn the lights on for the children at 7:30 tomorrow evening."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay well thank you, and we have comment here from Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well I'm going to be very supportive of the proclamation, the first board I sat on in 1980 when I came to Wichita with Target was the Child Abuse Prevention Council with Judge Burgess and Harry Bridenbach and that later folded into the Kansas Children's Service League at some point, it got to be an issue that was bigger than our small little group so that we passed it on but they do wonderful work. I just saw an assessment of our state it showed that numbers are going down a little bit but the important thing is that the numbers are still too high even though they've gone down as long as we have one child that continues to be abused or neglected in the home we have one too many, they are the future of our Country, they are the future of our community and they deserve better than that so I applaud your organization to try to find those abuses, find good care homes for them and make sure that our community's safe for every child to grow up and have the best future thanks."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just want to echo what Commissioner Norton has said and would have said the same thing, we appreciate all the work that your group does and you know hopefully

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someday this will be something that will be a thing of the past, I don't know if we can get there but we certainly appreciate your efforts. Are there others that came with you today in support of this proclamation, and would you introduce all of those that came."

Ms. Burgess-MacArthur said, "Yes."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, good."

Commissioner Winters said, "Very good, very very good, well we appreciate all of your work and attention and work on projects like this and we appreciate your attendance today."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you very much."

Ms. Burgess-MacArthur said, "It's been a community effort."

Commissioner Winters said, "We have some more comment."

Chairman Unruh said, "We have some more comments here. Commissioner Burnett."

Commissioner Burnett said, "I just wanted to compliment you also on this little flier these have some very simple but meaningful things you can do to help and things like this are what will really help people get the word out it's great."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I met these bikers in Oaklawn and they have a heck of a story, could you elaborate on what this group is trying to do."

Ms. Burgess-MacArthur said, "I'd like for one of them to come up and elaborate."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Oh wait a minute, don't tell me timid bikers."

Ms. Burgess-MacArthur said, "'Cause I certainly couldn't tell their story as well."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I didn't mean to embarrass you, I couldn't remember exactly, alright here we go, I like this guy. If you'd just tell us who you are and who your group is and what you're trying to do in this area."

Mr. Blip, Bikers Against Child Abuse, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are a body of bikers who are here to empower children not to be afraid of the world in which they live in."

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Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, well thank you very much. We appreciate your involvement in this effort and as Commissioner Winters said, hopefully someday it will all be over and we won't have to have this effort anymore, but appreciate your being here and Vicki, thank you for being here also."

Ms. Burgess-MacArthur said, "Attached to the cards was a blue ribbon I hope that you will wear that through out the month of April there are blue ribbons all over town, so please take an effort and put it on every day and make this a good month thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright, thank you for being here."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you all."

Chairman Unruh said, "Madam clerk call the next item."

3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2005 AS "SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners I have another proclamation for your consideration."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in Sedgwick County in the early 1940s fire protection, outside of the City of Wichita was practically non-existent; and

WHEREAS, originally all of the firefighting in Sedgwick County was conducted through the County Highway Department and was used mainly to protect bridges. However, citizens learned they could call the County Highway Department for fire fighting service and they became dependent upon this service which led to a volunteer fire department in 1948; and

WHEREAS, it was decided in 1952 to request Kansas Legislature to authorize the creation of a County Fire Department, and in 1954, the Sedgwick County Commissioners authorized a full paid fire department, which as the first of its kind in the State of Kansas. In 1955, the Sedgwick County Fire Department was opened as a full paid department; and

WHEREAS, today Sedgwick County Fire District #1 is the fourth largest Fire Department in the State of Kansas and has 136 employees. Sedgwick County Fire District responded to 6,020 alarms in 2004.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2005 as

“Sedgwick County Fire District’s 50th Anniversary”

in Sedgwick County, and encourage all citizens to visit Fire Station 37 on Saturday, April 30th and take part in Open House Activities to honor the many volunteers and firefighters in Sedgwick County

Commissioners what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to adopt the proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Fire Marshall Greg Thompson is here to receive the proclamation, good morning Greg.”

Mr. Greg Thompson, Fire Marshal, Sedgwick County Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’d like to thank you for your proclamation and your recognition of the Fire District’s 50th anniversary, this is a very proud moment, and a very proud time for us and we had a couple of people that we wanted to recognize we have a couple of our founding members that were the

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original members of the fire department and we wanted to introduce those and if I could have Chief Nordic and Chief McCabe come up we have retired Deputy Chief L.E. Junior McCabe and Retired Deputy Chief Elmer Norhook and I've got a couple of shirts that I'd like to present to them.

One of the things that's new is that we have a new logo we've incorporated the 50 years into our logo's on our shirts now, and each of the Commissioners have been given one of these and we want you to wear those proudly, as Commissioner Sciortino is, thank you very much. I'd like to give this one to McCabe, like to give this one to Chief Norhook these are the ones that we came from and we're very proud of them."

Chairman Unruh said, "Would you gentlemen like to say anything or make a comment?"

Chief L.E. McCabe, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd sure like to thank the County Commissioners for this opportunity. It's been a long time, 50 years, but we got it going and it's still going. We appreciate it, thank you."

Mr. Elmer Norhook said, "I want to say that I'm proud to have served the citizens of Sedgwick County and those towns that are associated with the Fire District, it's been both a pleasure and an honor to be a part of this organization."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you very much we appreciate your service to the citizens of Sedgwick County and want to say Happy Birthday to Fire District #1, we have some other comments here."

Fire Marshal Thompson said, "Thank you, we've also got Richard Janne with me he's our historian and he has a couple of things he'd like to tell you and some of the things that are going to be going on."

Lieutenant Richard Janne, Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "First of all Bob, if you could come up here real quick, we didn't want you to cry. All I'd like to mention is on April 30th, from noon to four p.m. at Sedgwick County Fire Station #37, which is at 4343 N. Woodlawn, we'd like to invite anyone that has been ever associated with the Fire Department to come up and join us in our celebration. We'd like to invite people that have been with the Fire Department maybe two weeks, one year, ten years, there's a lot of them that are still out there and we'd like to have them and invite them to come up.

Again, this is open to the public. We're going to have memorabilia, news clips. We're going to be showing a 1955 newsreel that KAKE did. It was the very first newsreel that they did and it was on the starting of the Fire District. So we'd just like to invite everybody up to that and that is April 30th, noon to four."

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Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Greg, before we have comments, do you have more for us?"

Mr. Thompson said, "I think that's all Commissioners. We'd just like to thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay we have some comments. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, certainly this is a proud day for Fire District #1. I would like to congratulate Chief McCade and Chief Norhook. By the way, they're good southsiders, so I'm really proud that you're here Betty, its good that you're here, and I don't see Skip, where's Skip."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, give her our best. But you know from those early roots we've really evolved to a professional, well educated, effective fire service and I'm sure that both Chiefs in the early days are amazed at where fire protection and security and first responders have gone from the early days and I bet if we got a description of the manpower and the equipment that you had, compared to what is out there on the line today, I think we'd be amazed. The dedication I'm sure was the same, but the ability to fight fires and to save peoples lives and to be effective in first responder situations is at the highest and most professional level and we're very proud of our Sedgwick County Fire District because you know they've taken it to the next level with major certifications at the national level accreditations that very, very few fire districts have, particularly at county levels. And 50 years just bodes well for what's going to happen in the next 50 years, so congratulations Greg and to all your staff."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Greg, it might be of interest of people in the audience or watching on TV, what was the very first fire station in '55? I mean I assume we didn't have as many then as we have now, but how many stations opened up in '55?"

Mr. Thompson said, "Well, originally the Fire District was formed to protect the County bridges and they had a couple of trucks and it operated out of the county yards and then we became a department in 1955 and there were four stations that were originally opened in 1955 simultaneously and Chief McCabe and Chief Norhook were part of that group. They opened those four stations and their leadership is what brought us to the point that we're at today."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Well, thank you. We want to congratulate you and want to participate in the celebration, so we're looking forward to it."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Will there be any food at the open house?"

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Mr. Thompson said, "I'm sure there will be, if there's firemen, there's food."

Commissioner Norton said, "They do know how to cook."

Mr. Thompson said, "Yes."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you very much, congratulations. Madam clerk call the next item please."

RETIREMENT

B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCKS.

1. CHARLES "ROCKY" MILLS, SECURITY OFFICER, PUBLIC WORKS.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item celebrates and recognizes the valued public service, they've spent their careers here at Sedgwick County, we just want to wish them well in their retirement."

The first one is Charles Mills, known to us as Rocky Mills a Security Officer at Public Works, he will retire April 1st after 16 years of service."

Chairman Unruh said, "On behalf of the County Commissioners, we want to present this certificate and commemoration of your retirement and we also want to present you with this clock, very nice clock to keep track of time in your retirement, so that you can keep your appointments that you're going to have in your retirement."

It's also symbolic, I think, of the years that you spent serving Sedgwick County, it's not often that you find 16 year employees and so we really appreciate your faithfulness to us, I know you've seen a lot of changes in your position, as the County's grown and enlarged and you've grown with it, but we just appreciate all your service and hope that you have an enjoyable and fruitful retirement. And would you like to say something?"

Mr. Charles Mills, Security Officer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Well, yes there are a few words I'd like to leave with the Commissioners. I'm glad to be here today and I'd like to say that I would be here. If it wasn't for the people that I work with and for, and that includes David Spears, Brent Shelton, Ron Marsh, they're good people to work for and I've enjoyed

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every day of it. I don't know of any other place I would have enjoyed as much as Sedgwick County."

2. ONEITA J. CREED, FISCAL ASSISTANT, COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Ms. Templin said, "Commissioners next we have Oneita Creed, Fiscal Assistant with the County Treasurer's office who will retire April 1, after 15 years of service, Oneita."

Chairman Unruh said, "On behalf of the Commissioners we also have for you a certificate commemorating your retirement and also this nice clock so you can also keep track of time and I hope that you have an enjoyable and fruitful retirement, but we appreciate your service to the citizens of Sedgwick County and we just trust that as you go forward from here that your going to have an enjoyable time in you retirement."

Ms. Oneita Creed, Fiscal Assistant, Treasurer's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Well I just want to make sure this doesn't have an alarm on it. Tired of getting up at 6:30 in the morning. Thank you all and I've worked with some very nice people here. It's been a good 15 years. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

C. PRESENTATION OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMPENSATION STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS.

Ms. Jo Templin, said, "During the budget process in 2004, Sheriff Steed requested a compensation study for all positions within the Sheriff's office. We agreed with the Sheriff that his compensation study would be initiated in the fourth quarter of 2004. As agreed and with support by the County Manager, a study began in October of 2004 to gather comparable compensation data.

We worked with the Sheriff's Office for agreement on 13 regional jurisdictions to request salary information and we received nine salary survey responses. Jurisdictions who responded to our salary survey were City of Wichita, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, Jackson County, Missouri, Polk County, Iowa, Dexter County, Texas, Kansas Department of Corrections, Johnson County,

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Kansas, Lancaster/Lincoln, Nebraska, Douglas County, Nebraska. Compensation study was completed in December 2004 and a summary of the survey responses were communicated to the Sheriff's Office, County Manager, and Chief Finance Officer.

We have been meeting with the Sheriff since that time for agreements on market adjustments. We bring the ones we have for you today. Out of the 22 job titles in the Sheriff's Office, we are recommending today market adjustments to seven of these positions. They are: sheriff deputy, sheriff detective, forensic investigator, sheriff sergeant, lieutenant, captain and major.

The total cost of the recommended market adjustments is \$654,058. I would ask your approval of the market adjustment recommendations and implementation of pay adjustments. Human Resources will continue to work with the Sheriff's Office to study positions, do compensation studies, look at employee performance, evaluation and compensation systems for the future to address the needs for recruitment and retention of a quality workforce. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have. I would ask that you approve the market recommendation adjustments."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay Commissioners, are there any questions? I would just have a question or two here. This study was started several months ago, is that right?"

Ms. Templin said, "Yes, we agreed with the Sheriff that we would do this in the fourth quarter of 2004 and we started in October of 2004, yes."

Chairman Unruh said, "And this adjustment is independent of our pay for performance model that were trying to get established is that?"

Ms. Templin said, "That is true, yes."

Chairman Unruh said, "Alright and so how, Mr. Manager, excuse me Jo, but Bill can you speak, how are we doing the implementing the whole pay for performance."

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Through our leadership several years ago we began to put together a pay for performance program and we had to halt that implementation because of financial difficulties we were facing at the time. In 2005 we launched a three-year program to move away from step and COLA increases. If you recall,

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in the old days, people would be given a step increase on their anniversary of three percent and then a cost of living increase at the first of the year, and we are moving away from that system.

In 2005, we did pay for performance for those people who report directly to me and other employees were given a general pay adjustment and we have instituted a customer service award. You heard last week from Tom Pollan from EMS about the success or at least his experience with customer service award. In 2006, the plan is to continue to ratchet down if you will, performance based system to the leadership team and those would be division directors and department heads, people who are considered in the leadership team and then we would continue with the customer service awards and we would also pick some departments who may want to be pilot programs in 2006 for pay for performance and we've already been in discussion with some of those departments who are kind of gearing up for that and we will be able to announce those departments in the next probably month or two.

And then in 2007, we would hope to have system wide, if you will, performance-based merit pay system and so for that fiscal year we would hope to have it implemented organization-wide. There'll be some tweaks and adjustments and modifications as we go and we know that. Part of the plan in this compensation process is to examine market value of jobs, so we adjust our compensation structure as needed. We have a process to do that, we know that sometimes jobs get out of whack.

If you recall, several years ago we did adjustments for technical knowledge workers in this organization because of where the market was. We've adjusted Detention and Sheriff Officers a couple of years ago and now we're in the process of working on all those systems again and we will continue to do that.

So we are in the process of changing the way in which we think about and implement a pay structure for people who work for Sedgwick County and the basis for this pay increase is going to be performance."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you for that update and this particular item for us now, this market adjustment, those are independent for the pay for performance, this is a correction."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'm going to be supportive of this. Any time you're dealing with pay and benefits for employee groups you have struggles about what is enough, what is

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right, what will help the organization, what will detract from the organization. You know, after 30 years of working with a large corporate company, I sat on five different committees that helped develop compensation plans for major corporations, so let me tell you, I understand the emotion that goes into trying to understand how do you pay what is reasonable and enough for people to live, but also keep your organization whole and be fair and I continue to watch us struggle with that and try to understand it and be sure that we make the right decisions for not only the organization, but for individual groups and people.

Changing management is very, very hard, particularly when it comes to people's pay and personnel policies because you may think that it's a global thing for the whole organization, but at the end of the day, people take it personally, because it has to do with raising their families and paying their bills and having a lifestyle, so we understand that it is not easy to try to understand pay and benefits and make all the right decisions.

I'm glad that we do pay studies because that gives us a benchmark of what originations are doing that have like abilities, like disciplines, like protocols that people function under and we can try to keep our pay scales in a good level. We don't take these things lightly. I think we try to understand at every level from the highest leadership position to the last hired part-time person, to make sure that their pay and benefits are equitable, that we deal with everyone fairly with personnel policies, but in an organization of 2,700 people, that is very hard to do and we'll continue to strive for that. I guess finally, you know the Sheriff has been intimately involved in this trying to advocate well for his organization and his people and I thought maybe Sheriff Steed might have some thoughts or comments for us today."

Sheriff Gary Steed, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I do, Commissioner Norton. I appreciate the opportunity and I'll be very brief and by the way, for the record, my name is Gary Steed and I'm the Sedgwick County Sheriff. You know Commissioners, we have recruited and we have trained some of the best personnel anywhere in the country to work at our Sheriff's Office and it's important, once we do that, we're able to retain them and that we're able to keep our organization healthy and I think this pay study goes a long ways to help us to do that.

Antidotally, I'll tell you about a couple of items that I can speak from experience about. That is, that I have worked at Sedgwick County for 30 years and over those 30 years I have observed how our salaries have increased and decreased and not kept up. And I guess I have some experience from that and I've become accustomed to that. For the first time in my 30 years here at Sedgwick County I see the base salaries for the Sedgwick County Sheriff's office being equal

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to our nearest competitor which is the Wichita Police Department, I don't think that has ever occurred in the 30 years that I have worked here, I think that bodes well for us in terms of recruiting and retaining our personnel, the salaries are very good. I'm disappointed of course that many of our personnel did not receive salary or will not or may not receive salary increases as a result of this study, I worked hard to obtain salaries for everybody and have those discussions. But our detention salaries continue to remain one of the benchmarks for the jail profession, the detention profession and I think that was observed here in our study, I think the reason for that is the study that we did in 2001 which resulted, and I heard Jo mention that, which resulted in a pretty substantial increase for many of the members of our department and brought them in line and is probably the primary reason that were not seeing the need for a market adjustment at this time.

I think it's extremely important that we continue in the areas that Jo had mentioned, in terms of addressing and putting our money into some business ways of addressing some of the issues that we have. The one that I'm speaking of primarily is, when we conducted exit interviews, some of our personnel that are leaving the Sheriff's Office, we found that they were not leaving primarily because of salaries, but they were leaving primarily because of shift work and having to work weekends.

We continue to work with Jo and HR and the County Manager and the County in terms of addressing that, trying to provide some kind of meaningful adjustment to our shift differential pay that we currently pay and some kind of increase in that. And as, I did not hear Jo mention, but as you know from our earlier discussions I had with you, we have introduced legislation at the state level to bring the detention deputies, they were removed from the KP&F retirement system some years ago before I became Sheriff and placed under KPERS and we're working towards getting our detention deputies into a KPERS correctional leg of the retirement system, which would provide some improvement in that area and of course we continue to have the discussion regarding the pay for performance and providing some method, some fashion that Sheriff's personnel would know with some reliability and dependability what type of increases they're going to receive in the future.

So I would be remiss also, I know you haven't approved this, I hope that you do, but I would be remiss if I didn't thank Jo Templin, Kim Walker and Jane Morales for the work that they did. They did an exceptional job in doing this. I know it was a lot of work, very collaborative, and worked very well with us, as was Manager Buchanan. Of course, we couldn't do this without his support, as well as Chris Chronis as well. I also like Jo would ask you for your support for this pay study and this increase to the salaries and I'm available for questions, I guess, should

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you have any.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you Sheriff. We have comments from Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’m definitely going to be supportive of this project, but I think I would be remiss if I didn’t ask the Manager, I think the public would be interested, assuming that we didn’t just have \$600,000 or \$700,000 laying around in a cigar box somewhere, I know this is no problem. Where is the money coming from, since it wasn’t in our budget?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “It’s not that we didn’t anticipate some increase, so what we approved in the 2005 budget was a line item referred to as public safety contingency and that was to do several things. One was focused here, the other was out of county housing, and the third is any adjustments that we might need because of the increase in population in the jail, whether it be program or double bunking or whatever else needs to be done to try to assist that program. So, we did anticipate it, financially, to put some money aside for those programs, so that’s where this \$600,000 or more dollars is coming from.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So we had a contingency fund anticipating that we were going to have to do some adjustments, maybe based on the fact that we were doing the study last year. Okay great, I just think it would be important for the public to know that.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Manager Buchanan.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “If it would please the Commission, the Sheriff brought up a couple of points that I think you need to be aware of and because of the action today does not mean that we will be finished discussing issues involving pay and pay adjustments around, in the Sheriff’s office that would include . . . We continue to look at this issue of shift differential, which is important, and we need to come and we will come to some resolution and recommendation to you soon regarding that.

The retirement issue for our Detention officers will be a cost item to us but I think it’s one that because of the Sheriff’s good work that we are going to be supportive with the legislative action to get that taken care of, that seems to be a fair and equitable way to treat those individuals and thirdly we will continue to examine the positions in the Sheriff’s Department again this year that have not been addressed this year and we have committed for 2006 to do another review of Sheriff’s officers.”

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Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. Well I just think that underscores the fact that salary and benefit administration’s never done. It’s just an ongoing kind of moving target and our effort is to be equitable in the center of the market and fair to our employees. Commissioners are there any other questions or discussion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the recommendations and implementation of pay adjustments.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Jo thank you. Sheriff, thank you for your work. Next item please.”

- D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, 2005 SERIES A, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED FINANCING DOCUMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS TO**

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PERFORM ALL THINGS NECESSARY, APPROPRIATE AND INCIDENTAL THERETO.

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director Housing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The resolution before you this morning authorizes Sedgwick County to continuing coissuing the Kansas Local Government State Wide Homeownership Program. It’s a resource for low and moderate income buyers across the state of Kansas and it’s funded by an allocation of mortgage revenue bonds from the Kansas Department of Commerce.

We’ve coissued this program for 20 years and in our last program 2004A, 900 families have bought their first house. Income and purchase price limits are determined by the IRS. They are slightly higher in target areas and they differ between the MSA’s and the states so there are probably about four different areas, in target areas, buyers don’t have to be first time buyers. We’re happy this year, we’ve had a swell in our inquiries from lenders, we’re not sure, you know the old argument the chicken or the egg, in this case I think it’s the lenders that drive the program.

We did a mailing to all the lenders in the state of Kansas, not the lenders, the realtors and we have generated a lot of calls from lenders particularly in Johnson County, which is an area that really has been somewhat underserved by this program because the purchase prices for a long time were low. They’ve increased now. We’re getting more lenders and that’s a good thing. We’re continuing to try to increase our coverage in western Kansas, but I think because of economic development reasons, there’s just more people in the eastern part of the state.

We’ve heard from the President of the KDFA, Kansas Development Finance Authority that returning soldiers to Fort Riley, perhaps this program can be used on that base for homeownership. It’s a target area too, so we hope to do quite a few mortgages there, and then we’ve added a county, Kiowa county has joined the program and in the past you’ve asked me how many loans, total, since 1990 we’ve done over 16,000 loans, 16,000 new home buyers to the program. If you have any questions I’ll try to answer.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well Brad, I don’t see any questions right here, but I think that we realize, as a continuing successful beneficial program that’s expanding in its benefit area and the number of people it serves. It’s difficult to be opposed to something that’s that beneficial, but I’m particularly pleased that there was a focus on those folks in armed services who are returning and who may be first time homebuyers and what we can do to assist them. I think that’s a good thing to do, so I am supportive. We do have a couple questions. Commissioner Winters.”

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Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Nothing really earth shaking here, I'm going to be supportive but Brad, again, except for the few variations you mentioned, this is basically the same program that we've been involved in for a number of years and I see that our bond counsel Joe Norton is here and I guess everything is properly and in order, Joe, as far as your concerned?"

Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, said, "Correct."

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

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "This is a program that we've been doing for many years, but I'm particularly excited about and, I'm not putting any landlord down or anybody that rents a home down, but homeownership is the first step in establishing roots in a community and I just can't help but believe that if you own your home you're going to put out a little more effort to keep it up, to keep the yard up as opposed to maybe renting and not knowing for sure if you know, in three months you're going to be renting from someone else, so why fix the gutter or whatever.

And I had occasion down in Oaklawn we've had a few . . . matter of fact, we had two brand new homes built here last year and the pride of the people that were taking, moving into this first home, it was their first home and in talking to the young couple it was the first time in their family that any family member had ever owned a home. And I just I don't know, I just felt really neat to be a small part of that program and like I say I think it betters the community the more ownership we can have of property as opposed to renting. I think it's a benefit to everybody. So congratulations, keep up the good work. That's all I had. Thanks."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you Commissioner. Any other comments or discussion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to adopt the Resolution, and authorize the Chairman to sign related documents.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

E. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA FESTIVALS, INC. FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2005 WICHITA RIVER FESTIVAL BLOCK PARTY EVENT.

Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here this morning to ask your approval of an agreement between Board of County Commissioners and Wichita Festivals, Inc. for participation in the 2005 Wichita River Festival as the title sponsor for the block party event. As you know, the Wichita River Festival is a nationally acclaimed annual event and drawing people from all over this region for this two week, ten day event here in Wichita/Sedgwick County.

The block party was one of 2004's highlight events of the Wichita River Festival. There's a wide range of entertainment throughout the evening and again thousands of people come to the block party representing all ages, all races and all socio-economic groups. And so we would ask you to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the sponsorship would be \$50,000."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, we do have a comment. Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Ron, has the County done this sponsorship with Wichita River Festivals before?"

Mr. Holt said, "Not this particular event, last year or year before last we sponsored the multicultural event and then the year before that we sponsored the fireworks on the last night of the event."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Okay, so we kind of have a relationship with them."

Mr. Holt said, "Yes."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "Okay."

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Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, I'm going to be very supportive of this, over the years I've been very involved in the River Festival from my early days in Wichita with Target, which we were very involved, and I just find that it's a growing celebration for the quality of life and the things we hold dear in our community, it's celebrated at the highest level of professionalism and community inclusion and this event really shows that because it's open to every, like you said, every group in the socioeconomic group, ethnic group and the community and it's a wonderful event to celebrate what is good about Sedgwick County and in the region so certainly I'll be very supportive of this."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay thank you. Well I too will be supportive of it, I appreciate the fact that the County's becoming involved in a premiere event of River Festival and this is truly a regional event now and it's appropriate I think that the County participates so I'm looking forward to it and Commissioner Burtnett serves as our representative to the Wichita Festivals, Inc. Board that runs the River Festival so she'll keep us tuned in and on the straight and narrow relative to this."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "That's right."

Chairman Unruh said, "Appreciate it. Commissioners any other comments, what's the will of the board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

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

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

F. PROPOSED PRAIRIE GRASS BURN ON SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO PROPERTY; AND AUTHORIZATION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE ZOO BOULEVARD, AND WINDMILL ROAD, IF NEEDED, DURING THE BURN.

Ms. Karen Sillett, Groundskeeper, Sedgwick County Zoo, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to request permission to complete a controlled burn of the natural prairie areas in front of the Zoo. We'll be assisted by the Sheriff's department and the Fire Reserves. In addition, we're asking for the authority to temporarily close Zoo Boulevard and Windmill Road sections if it becomes necessary. If approved, the burn will take place on a Saturday or Sunday between April 2nd and May 5th, 2005, when the weather is most beneficial. Do you have any questions?"

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, this is procedure we follow nearly every year."

Ms. Sillett said, "The last one was in 2003, so we missed out on last year."

Chairman Unruh said, "And the choice of a Saturday, usually a big day for the Zoo, but we do it on Saturday because there's less traffic, I suppose."

Ms. Sillett said, "Yeah, nobody's on their way to work."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, and have we ever had a bad result from doing this?"

Ms Sillett said, "I believe we've had to temporarily close Zoo for a short time, but no adverse reaction."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, well very good, something we need to do, I mean this kills the bad weeds and helps the good grass grow and we can't accomplish it with chemicals or anything else?"

Ms. Sillett said, "Yeah, there's no other way to do it."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, Commissioner Winters."

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Commissioner Winters said, “Seems like one year we asked the Zoo person a whole lot of tough questions and had a long discussion, but I can’t remember what the questions were.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So you could do it again?”

Commissioner Winters said, “Yeah, so I could do it again.”

Chairman Unruh said, “He was going to put you on the spot.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Do you remember the tough questions we should be asking you?”

Commissioner Winters said, “I have nothing further.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, he just wanted to intimidate you a little bit. Commissioners, what’s the will of the board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the prairie grass burn, closure of Zoo Boulevard, and closure of Windmill Road, if needed.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, “Next item.”

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G. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS ELKS TRAINING CENTER FOR THE HANDICAPPED, INC. TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Mr. Ray Vail, Director, Finance and Support Services, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to present an agreement with the Kansas Elks Training Center or KETCH to provide specialized transportation for the older adults and persons with disabilities, this agreement has been approved by legal and finance and I ask that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign, I'll answer any questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well Commissioners is there any questions or discussions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I have one question."

Chairman Unruh said, "We have a question, Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Are the cost per ride, has there been an increase in the new contract over the old one?"

Mr. Vail said, "No, this is just a new vendor to the current years contract. There's been no increase."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, that's all I had."

Chairman Unruh said, "Any other question or discussion on the motion? Call the vote please."

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

H. DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY'S DENTAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE CLINICAL ROTATIONS AT THE CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC.

Ms. Pamela Martin, Director, Clinical Services, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sedgwick County Health Department has provided a clinical rotation site for dental hygiene students from WSU's dental hygiene program. Since our clinic opened in 1975, this participation at the Health Department allows the student to provide treatment to patients under the supervision of a staff hygienist, by extending this partnership to include dental hygienist students from W.S.U. We are encouraging an interest in oral health and providing dental services for children who would have no other resources for care, if it wasn't for our Health Department's dental children program. Our proposed recommended action is to approve this agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners any questions? I think this is an easy decision, we're promoting oral health and were giving a benefit to individuals and it doesn't cost anything and we give training to students and it goes on and on and on, what's the will of the board Commissioners?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. GRANT APPLICATION TO SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER INITIATIVE.

Ms. Martin said, "The Sedgwick County Health Department operates a cancer screening program that is funded by the Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer Initiative. Early Detection Works grant, a Susan G. Komen foundation grant, and revenues generated by the operation of this program. The Sedgwick County Health Department has been a recipient of the Komen funding since the inception of the Komen Foundation since 1990. Komen grant funds are used exclusively for the payment of mammograms and breast sonograms under the age of 50 that have no insurance and are at or below 250 percent of poverty level. In addition to this grant, the Komen Foundation provides all educational materials used by the Sedgwick County Health Department for the promotion of breast and cervical cancer screenings. Our proposed recommended action is to approve this grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign the application and any other related documents."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Commissioners are there any questions or comments?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I have just one small comment. Just we found out, I think it was last year, attending an event at the Health Department that men are at risk for breast cancer also. It's much lesser exposure, but men can get breast cancer too. So, it isn't inappropriate for a man to do some personal checking and if he sees a little lump or something, not to just sluff it off and think 'Well it can't be cancer because I'm not a woman'. I mean, he should get it checked out or something."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Any other comment or question, Commissioners? What's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

- 3. AGREEMENTS (FIVE) WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – WICHITA, WESLEY MEDICAL CENTER, LLC, AND WICHITA CENTER FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A CLINICAL SUPERVISION AND TEACHING ENVIRONMENT FOR MEDICAL RESIDENTS.**

Ms. Martin said, "Historically, the Sedgwick County Health Department has partnered with Wesley Medical Center to provide a clinical supervision and a teaching environment for medical residents. Through this continued partnership, the Health Department allows the residents to provide treatment to patients and learn procedures in a public health clinical setting. We strive to furnish clinical facilities to provide the optimum learning experience for these residents. By continuing this partnership, we are encouraging an interest in public health and providing a source of future physicians for Sedgwick County. Again, our proposed recommended action is to approve this agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign this agreement."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay. Commissioners are there comment or question?"

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

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2005.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The meeting of the 24th resulted in seven items for consideration today.

1) BRIDGE TIMBERS-PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

First item, bridge timbers for public works. Recommend the low bid from JR Crow & Company in the amount of \$84,788.

2) TRAFFIC LINE PAINT & GLASS BEADS-PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

Item two, traffic line paint and glass beads for Public Works. Recommend the low bid on items one and two from Ennis paint for a total of \$28,775.45 and establish contract pricing for one year with two one-year options to renew for an estimated annual cost of \$35,000. And the low bid on item three from Flex-O-Lite for \$9,760 and establish contract pricing for one year with two one-year options to renew for an estimated annual cost of \$12,000.

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**3) SAN MAINTENANCE RENEWAL-DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: NETWORKING & TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Item three, storage area network maintenance renewal for the Division of Information and Operations. Recommend the quote from XIOTech Corporation in the amount of \$48,100.

**4) HEAT MAINTENANCE RENEWAL – DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: HELPDESK/BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Item four, HEAT software maintenance renewal for the Division of Information. Recommend the quote from FrontRange Solutions for \$27,304.82.

**5) FIRE ALARM SYSTEM MAINTENANCE UPGRADE FOR KANSAS COLISEUM-FACILITY PROJECT SERVICES
FUNDING: KANSAS COLISEUM**

Item five, fire maintenance upgrade for the Kansas Coliseum. Recommend the proposal from Sandifer Engineering for a cost of \$33,127 and establish pricing for fire alarm testing and maintenance and repair cost.

**6) DIGITAL IN-CAR VIDEO RECORDERS-SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FUNDING: LLEGB**

Item six, digital in-car video recorders for the Sheriff's Office. Recommend the proposal from International Police Technologies for an initial purchase of \$32,485 and establish contract pricing for one year with two one-year options to renew.

**7) SYSTEMS FURNITURE-AGING
FUNDING: CARE 2005 GRANT**

And item seven, systems furniture for the Aging Department. Recommend the quote from John A. Marshall in the amount of \$28,438.47.

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

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Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you Iris. I have one question about the fire alarm system for the Coliseum. Maybe you could talk to us a little bit about that, in light of the fact we’re a little uncertain about our plans for the Coliseum.”

Ms. Baker said, “Sure, we have found out that the current system, we can no longer get replacement parts for that system. So we’re doing a minimal upgrade to a newer product so that we can continue to support it, since it’s going to be operational for the next three or four years.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well, just wanted to kind of expand on that a little bit because I think folks might want to know why are we spending money out there if we don’t know what we’re doing. But we’ve kind of been on borrowed time a little bit with what we’ve been doing out there and this gets us up to a standard that our fire chief will say that we can go with this level of repair and safety precautions and I’m supportive of it, I just thought we should have a little expansion on that issue. Is there any other question or comment?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye

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Commissioner Sciortino Aye
Chairman Unruh Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

J. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Notice of Termination of Agreement with Custom Fit, Inc.**
- 2. Amendment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to increase CIP# B-348, Bridge on 167th Street West.**
- 3. One Drainage Easement on Yoder Airport 3rd Addition; south of Harry, west of 247th Street West. District #3.**
- 4. Order dated March 23, 2005 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 5. Payroll Check Register of March 25, 2005.**
- 6. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of March 23 – 29, 2005.**

7. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Rent</u> <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>District</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V05004	\$612.00	Butler	Angela Henson
V05006	\$312.00	4	Valley Lodge Apts.
V05007	\$465.00	Butler	Walnut River Apts.
V05008	\$116.00	4	Brookfield Apts.
V05009	\$401.00	2	Merlin Troutman

- 8. 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.**

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<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V03027	\$285.00	\$270.00
V03010	\$650.00	\$650.00
V03015	\$140.00	\$110.00
V03029	\$325.00	\$264.00
V04018	\$158.00	\$148.00
V03031	\$221.00	\$219.00
V04023	\$662.00	\$662.00
V01044	\$293.00	\$336.00
V01064	\$328.00	\$323.00
V020019	\$430.00	\$455.00
V99022	\$139.00	\$150.00
V03011	\$506.00	\$510.00
V03026	\$101.00	\$95.00
V03028	\$301.00	\$296.00
V99021	\$148.00	\$165.00
V03017	\$310.00	\$306.00
V4010	\$231.00	\$189.00
V020023	\$512.00	\$530.00
V04019	\$216.00	\$220.00
V03013	\$238.00	\$243.00
V020021	\$380.00	\$380.00
V03018	\$267.00	\$254.00
V03014	\$290.00	\$271.00
V03018	\$243.00	\$237.00
V1048	\$368.00	\$368.00
V04021	\$394.00	\$394.00
V04017	\$291.00	\$241.00
V03019	\$307.00	\$259.00
V020025	\$256.00	\$256.00
V03020	\$310.00	\$305.00
V03021	\$310.00	\$293.00
V01078	\$506.00	\$501.00

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V020026	\$270.00	\$265.00
V03022	\$308.00	\$234.00
V03022	\$264.00	\$257.00
V01051	\$220.00	\$220.00
V04016	\$286.00	\$242.00
V03041	\$700.00	\$336.00
V03078	\$317.00	\$217.00
V200108	\$311.00	\$311.00
V010147	\$225.00	\$261.00
V020052	\$550.00	\$322.00
V04005	\$230.00	\$266.00
V04077	\$255.00	\$157.00
V04037	\$615.00	\$615.00

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

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Aye

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Commissioner Burtnett	Aye
Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners we will need to have a Fire District meeting at the conclusion of this meeting, but before we adjourn this will be an appropriate time for. Commissioner Burtnett."

K. OTHER

Commissioner Burtnett said, "I just want to remind everyone about this Saturday's March Against Crime and Violence that we heard about earlier today. It will start at Murdock and Emporia, on the southeast corner, line up will begin at 10:00 and the march is planned to start at 11:00 and they will arrive in front of the courthouse and there will be a live dramatization and a speaker so that's a great program. I'm glad these kids are taking part in and if you possibly can, try to make it to that. And now that we have approved the River Festival event I want to encourage everyone to come to the River Festival Parade, where I'm hoping a lot of us Commissioners might be in the parade and then the Sedgwick County Block Party is Friday the 13th, easy date to remember, and it is not unlucky. Friday the 13th is a lucky day and we'll have a tent set up and you'll be able to come meet all of us at the tent and it'll be a lot of fun and I'm looking very forward to that and I will keep reminding you every week."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Well, if everybody that attends this parade and there going to be right downtown, then I think it's a good idea to just get in your cars and drive over to Cowtown because this is the opening of the 55th season at Cowtown and Jan McKay and her group has done a wonderful job and this year, it's going to be exciting as heck. And it starts off with this 'Ridin', Ropin' and Rollin' into spring event. The signature will be a fully brand new replica of a stagecoach that was used in Wichita during the period of time that the museum depicts, from 1865 to 1880. Throughout the season, people will be able to get rides on the stagecoach if they actually go to Cowtown. I think it's two dollars a ride.

This weekend the stagecoach will start out, I believe it's over at Lawrence Dumont, make it's way around Delano and I believe were going to be picking up some money at the bank and we'll have to keep our eye out for desperados, 'cause you know, it was a very popular of getting some pocket change, would be to rob the stagecoach, don't know that that's going to happen, but it's a possibility, and then it winds up at Cowtown and then that just starts the whole weekend, Children can get deputized to help protect the safety and well being of those riding in the

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stagecoach.

This year, there going to do some new, exciting things. They've done some research and there were actually baseball, and that's two words back then, base and then ball, teams and they have two vintage teams and it's the, haven't got all this memorized yet, it's the Cowtown Redstockings versus the Wichita Bulldozers and on April 9th and 10th there's going to be one game a day and they'll be wearing vintage uniforms and they'll have a 6th inning stretch as opposed to a 7th inning stretch and the visitors can intermingle with them and find out how they enjoyed the game back then, it's going to be exciting, there's food, fun and frolic for everybody so this weekend if your not doing anything or if you're doing anything continue with the fun and get out to Cowtown and enjoy it, I think the weather's going to behave itself and were going to have a lot of fun. That's all I have."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Well, after the parade and after Cowtown, then the Zoo will be open for your attendance and enjoyment."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "And everybody, it's after you've enjoyed Cowtown, you need to go to the Zoo."

Chairman Unruh said, "In sequence, right. Commissioner Burtnett."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "I'm sorry I did forget one thing, I wanted to thank the media in town for their help on the debris removal project that were trying to get done an I just want to remind everyone if they do live on a stream or creek that's on their property if they can help us try to clean that up, we really appreciate it, it's something that's going to be ongoing so I will try to remind people a lot on that too."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Again and again and again."

Commissioner Burtnett said, "And again."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay thank you well I would just say just as a reminder and announcement, celebration whatever the right word is most of the Commissioners will be in Topeka, Monday morning."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Oh, yes, I forgot, I knew there was something else going on."

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Chairman Unruh said, “When the Governor is scheduled to sign that at 10:00 Monday morning and we want to be there for that event and then we have plans to move forward to make sure that we can bring to reality the Sedgwick County Arena, so big event on Monday. Well, Commissioners is there anything else?”

L. ADJOURNMENT

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

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APPROVED:

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