

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**December 21, 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, December 21, 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 Burnett; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Michael H. O'Reilly, Fire Captain, Fire District #1; Mr. Jim Lebaron, Emergency Medical Service Lieutenant, Division of Public Safety; Mr. Tommie H. Cribbs, Sheriff Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office; Mr. Michael E. Owen, EMS Captain, Division of Public Safety; Mr. Dale Elliott, EMS Paramedic, Division of Public Safety; Mr. Sherdeill Breathett Sr., Economic Developer, Division of Community Development; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance; Dr. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Control, Health Department; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administrator, Department of Corrections; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Charlie Shaefer, Representative, United Warehouse.  
Mr. Chris Carrier, Director, City of Wichita Public Works.  
Ms. Becky Craft, President of Operations, Integra Technologies, LLC.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Reverend Darryl Fox of Second Baptist Church, Newton.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

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**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, November 30, 2005

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of November 30, 2005.

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, you've had the opportunity to review the Minutes of November the 30<sup>th</sup>. Are there any additions or corrections?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 please."

**DONATION**

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES - COMCARE**

- A. DONATION BY LINDA STANDLEE OF \$500.00, TO BE USED FOR COMCARE'S HOMELESS PROGRAM.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the

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Commissioners and said, “This is a donation from Linda Standlee for \$500. Linda used to work for COMCARE’s homeless program and was very much involved in the original filming and preparation of the document that we have on our homeless program. But the original one was put together in 1997. So Linda worked with us a couple of years, went on to work for another department in the County and then retired from there, but she recently met with Louella Sanders, our program manager, and said, ‘I want to donate some money, what can we do?’ And since the program had moved and the video needed to be updated, that’s where she wanted that donation to go. So, we are very happy to receive this donation and very grateful to her for her generosity. We would recommend that you accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, thank you Marilyn and we do truly appreciate her thoughtfulness and generosity in making this donation so we can continue that program. But Commissioners, are there any questions?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Marilyn, I would just want to comment that in line with that generosity of one of your employees, I’ve noticed an e-mail that went around indicating that you all had collected 9,200 pounds of food items.”

**Ms. Cook** said, “Well actually they were items, not pounds but items.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, right, all right, \$9,200 food items that came out of the COMCARE organization, so just wanted to congratulate and compliment your department for their generosity at this Christmastime.”

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**Ms. Cook** said, "Thank you, we enjoy doing that each year."

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

### **RETIREMENTS**

#### **B. PRESENTATION OF CLOCKS FOR RETIREMENTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2006.**

**Ms. Jo Templin**, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As the Chairman is coming down, I would just ask that all the retirees come forward and stand in front of the podium. Today is a sweet time for these employees who are retiring after many, many years of service. We have well over 250 years represented with our retirees this month and we're very happy for them, but it is a loss for our departments in the county, so we are joined by many of their friends and families, colleagues in the departments and we thank you for being here.

We have a few that could not make it, or at the last minute became ill, and I'd just like to call their names out just so you'll know: we have Mary Piotrowski from COMCARE, Bess Dreams from the Appraiser's Office, Pam Postier from DIO and Danny McPhail from DIO, who could not be here today, but we are thankful that the rest of our retirees are here.

#### **1. BOB BUSBY, COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT SUPERVISOR, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, WILL RETIRE AFTER 49 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

The first one that we would like to recognize is Bob Busby from Emergency Communications, Communications, Equipment Supervisor in the Division of Public Safety, who will retire January 1 after 49 years of service."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "I think everyone here recognizes what an outstanding length of service that you've given to Sedgwick County government and Sedgwick County citizens. I mean, 49 years is a lifetime in itself, but we really appreciate your service, your commitment and your

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faithfulness to your job and your service to the county. We wish you the very best in your retirement. You've definitely earned it, so we're happy to present you with this certificate and we also want to present you with this clock, that's really an artistic piece in hope that you treasure that, as much as we treasure your service to the county. If you'd like, you could say something. All right, well congratulations."

**2. MICHAEL H. O'REILLY, FIRE CAPTAIN, FIRE DISTRICT #1, WILL RETIRE AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

**Ms. Templin** said, "Next we have Michael O'Reilly, Fire Captain, Fire District #1 will retire January 1, after 34 years of service."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well we want to also provide you with this certificate on the occasion of your retirement, and this clock, and tell you that we do appreciate, we're grateful for your service to the county. It's a lot of years and we know that . . . well, we're assuming that you enjoyed your time here, but we're certainly grateful for your service."

**Captain Michael O'Reilly**, Fire District #1, said, "I'd just like to tell everybody that I work with and thank you."

**3. JIM LEBARON, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) LIEUTENANT, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WILL RETIRE AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

**Ms. Templin** said, "Jim Lebaron, EMS Lieutenant, Division of Public Safety, will retire January 1, 2006 after 32 years of service."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, Jim thank you very much for your service and we're just very . . . want to celebrate with you an opportunity to retire and change some of your activities that you're going to be involved in. But we just appreciate what you have done for Sedgwick County and for the citizens of our county, so congratulations on your retirement."

**Lieutenant Jim Lebaron**, EMS, Division of Public Safety, said, "I would like to personally thank each of the county commissioners and Mr. Buchanan for your continued personal support of your employees and the mission of Sedgwick County EMS. Thank you."

**4. TOMMIE H. CRIBBS, SHERIFF LIEUTENANT, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WILL RETIRE AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

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**Ms. Templin** said, "Tommie Cribbs, Sheriff Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office, will retire January 1, 2006 after 28 years of service."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you for your service to the county and appreciate the fact that you're been involved in public safety for all these years and not only the government of Sedgwick County, but the citizens want to thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to your job and we just trust that you will have a very fruitful retirement time."

**Lieutenant Tommie H. Cribbs**, Sheriff's Department, said, "Thank you. Hello captive audience. When I first came in here I said, 'Man, there's a lot of people retiring' but I received my orders from my patrol secretary. She said, 'Come up, get the clock, say adios and call it a day' and so I think that's what I'll do. Thank you."

5. **DANE MCPHAIL, BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER, DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS (DIO), WILL RETIRE AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE.**
  
6. **MICHAEL E. OWEN, EMS CAPTAIN, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WILL RETIRE AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

**Ms. Templin** said, "Michael Owen, EMS Captain, Division of Public Safety will retire January 1, 2006 after 24 years of service."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Michael, here a certificate to commemorate your retirement. Twenty-four years is definitely a remarkable length of service. We appreciate what you've done and we want to present you also with this clock, to just tell you thanks for your leadership and for your service and if you'd like to say a word."

**Captain Michael E. Owen**, EMS, Division of Public Safety, said, "Well more than one. It has been both an honor and a privilege to have served this community. You know, when I came to work for Sedgwick County EMS, I would have never have dreamt that I could have worked with such a fine group of caring, compassionate, dedicated professionals as I have been so fortunate to work with.

I would like to thank the Board of County Commissioners, just as Tim did, for the support that they have given to EMS and I certainly hope that you continue to do so, because this community truly has one of the best EMS services in this country and today I'm extremely proud to be able to stand

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here and say that I have been a part of that. Thank you.”

**7. SHERYL L. LUTHI, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, APPRAISER’S OFFICE, WILL RETIRE AFTER 23 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

**Ms. Templin** said, “Sheryl Luthi, Senior Administrative Officer for the Appraiser’s Office will retire January 1, 2006 after 23 years of service.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Sheryl here, let me shake your hand and tell you thank you very much from all the commissioners for your service to Sedgwick County and you are at a job sometimes that gets people talking, saying ‘Why did you appraise my house that way or my property that way?’ We know that you have been very faithful or dedicated in your service. We truly appreciate your service to Sedgwick County and that’s heavy, and would you like to say a word?”

**Ms. Sheryl Luthi**, Senior Administrative Officer, Appraiser’s Office, said, “I would also like to thank the Commissioners and all the members of the Appraiser’s Office. It has been a fabulous place to work for the last 23 years. It’s always interesting.”

**8. PAMELA J. POSTIER, PROJECT LEADER, DIO, WILL RETIRE AFTER 23 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

**9. LOUISE M. RYN, FIELD CASE MANAGER, DEPARTMENT ON AGING, WILL RETIRE AFTER 6 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

**Ms. Templin** said, “Louise Ryn, Field Case Manager, Department on Aging, Division of Human Services will retire January 1, after six years of service.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Here’s a certificate, on this occasion of your retirement and we want to also tell you thank you for your service to Sedgwick County. I’ve kind of been repeating that phrase, but we know that we have a lot of wonderful people here that are very good in their work and we appreciate what you do and we’re proud of the service that you’ve given to our government and to our citizens and we just trust that your retirement will be all that you want it to be and like to also present you with this clock. Would you like to say something?”

**Ms. Louise M. Ryn**, Case Manager, Department on Aging, said, “Thank you to Commissioners and everyone at Sedgwick County. I will miss all of the wonderful people I’ve worked with here in the County. Thank you.”

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**Ms. Templin** said, “And now we have Dale Elliott, EMS Paramedic, will retire January 1, 2006 after 20 years of service.”

### **Mr. Dale Elliott, EMS PARAMEDIC, PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT, WILL RETIRE AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.**

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Congratulations on your retirement here. We are very pleased that you’ve chosen to work at Sedgwick County and that you’ve given 20 years of your life in service to the county and for the citizens. We want you to know that we wish you the very best in your retirement and hope that as you continue on, that you’ll remember fondly the years that you’ve spent here at Sedgwick County. Congratulations. You might say something.”

**Mr. Dale Elliott**, EMS Paramedic, Public Safety Department, said, “Thank you, Commissioners for the support with EMS and hope you will continue your support. I actually ran my first ambulance call in 1968, in Ramstein, Germany and I went to court. It happened to be a court case. I haven’t had to do that since and the last 20 years I’ve spent with you guys here in Sedgwick County. Thank you very much.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, I think we’re probably about ready to move on in the agenda now, so once again, congratulate all those folks who retired today. And Madam Clerk, would you please call the next item.”

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE UP TO \$3,500,000 OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNITED WAREHOUSE COMPANY.**

**Mr. Sherdeill Breathett**, Sr., Economic Developer, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I wish you a Merry Christmas. United Warehouse Company continues to make great strides in our local economy. Since 2000, we’ve issued over 8.5 million dollars in taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for United Warehouse to construct over 300,000 square feet of warehouse space.

The company continues today to make strides and we’re asking for a letter of intent to issue an additional 3.5 million of industrial revenue bonds to add another 100,000 square foot of warehouse space to the property. It’s located at 901 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street North, just near the Park City area. The



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bonds carry a property tax exemption for 10 years, but the cost/ benefit analysis shows a return in investment to the county in the amount of 2.15. They expect to create 12 to 14 jobs with this expansion and I'll open it up for any questions that you might have at this time, but we do have representatives from United Warehouse also to respond to any questions that you might have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you Sherdeill. Commissioners, at this time are there any questions directly of Sherdeill about this agenda item? I see none, so at this time let me open the public hearing and accept comment from anyone in the room that wants to speak to this item. Is there any citizens that would like to comment about this item? I notice that representatives from the applicant are here. Mr. Charlie Schaefer is here. I don't know if you'd like to make a comment or have your representative make a comment, Charlie?"

**Mr. Charlie Schaefer**, said, "Let's go ahead and do another one."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, good. Any other comment? All right, I will close the public hearing and we'll restrict comments to the bench. Commissioners, do you have a comment or question now? Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, it's not really a question, it's just a comment. To me, as I've said many times, it's all about the jobs as we start to decide how to spend taxpayers' money to promote economic development and capital improvements in the private sector and it's very encouraging to hear that there's jobs that can be created from our good use of public funds, so I'm going to be supportive of this, because at the end of the day we want United Warehouse to be profitable and to have a longevity in our community, but we also want to create jobs because I think it's so critical in our community right now, so I'll be supportive. I like hearing that jobs are being created."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I just want to echo what Tim has just said. I think that this company has proven that it's willing to make the commitment here in Wichita. But I do think it's important for the taxpayers to understand that when we say there's going to be a ten-year

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moratorium on taxes, it's only on the new development that they're going to be putting in. It's not they don't have to pay taxes on everything that's already existing. It's just on the new expansion, which means that if we weren't doing this, they probably wouldn't be doing the expansion, so it's a win/ win for everyone, as I see it, even a win for the people that buy the bonds, because they're going to make money on that, so I think it's going to be an easy decision for us to make and just to thank you once again for continuing your commitment here in the Wichita area. We appreciate it. That's all I had."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well Sherdeill, I might just ask one question of clarification. In approving of this agreement, we will also have a fire services agreement, so that that portion of county services is provided for?"

**Mr. Breathett** said, "That is correct."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Well Commissioners, is there any other comment? What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to adopt the Resolution subject to the execution and delivery of a fire services agreement acceptable to the county, prior to the bond sale.

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 Charlie and Mr. Klaus, thank you for being here today and good luck in this venture. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**D. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD).**

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- 1. CASE NUMBER ZON2005-00047 – ZONE CHANGE FROM “SF-20” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO “LC” LIMITED COMMERCIAL, GENERALLY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 525 FEET SOUTH OF THE 45<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH AND HOOVER ROAD INTERSECTION, ON THE WEST SIDE OF HOOVER ROAD. DISTRICT #4.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. John Schlegel**, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “In this particular case, the applicant owns a total of 2.67 acres and their property line is this line right here, which I’m showing with the cursor. And as you can see from the graphic in front of you, most of their property is zoned Limited Commercial, with a small piece, which is .9 acres on the site, which is the application area before you today, being zoned SF-20. And what they’re requesting is that that .9 acre portion of their property which isn’t zoned limited commercial will be zoned that way.

You can see from the aerial photo, the extent of their property and there’s already a single-family home on the property. It’s located close to the south intersection of Hoover and 45<sup>th</sup> and as the zoning map indicates, that intersection is all zoned ‘LC’.

The character of the area is predominantly agricultural, with a scattering of single-family residences. On the east side of Hoover is City of Wichita land, with the Brooks Landfill just to the southeast of this property. You can see the tow of the landfill on the aerial photo.

There’s not much development activity in this area at this time, but it is located about a half mile north of the K-96 expressway, although Hoover Road has no access at this time off of K-96. When this item came before the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission on November 17<sup>th</sup>, they recommended approval, subject to platting within one year. There was no one to speak against the request at the MAPC hearing and we have not . . . staff has not received any letters or phone calls regarding this application.

So the recommendation by the MAPC is for approval of this request, subject to platting within one year.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, John. Commissioners, are there any questions or comment? Commissioner Burnett, this is in your district. I don’t know if you’ve had any particular notification about this.”

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**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “No, that’s what I was going to say is that I’ve not received any phone calls or written information on this and have no problem with approval.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the zone change, subject to platting within one year, adopt the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, direct staff to prepare an appropriate resolution after the plat has been approved, and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you. There’s been a Motion and a second. However, Commissioner Winters has asked if there’s anyone that wants to speak to this before we go ahead and have our vote? No one, all right. I see some heads shaking no, so I won’t call on you. No, you’re not required to speak, so whatever. All right Commissioners, any other comment? Seeing none, call the vote please.”

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Next item please.”

**2. CASE NUMBER DR2005-39 - FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT. ALL DISTRICTS.**

**Mr. Schlegel** said, “Just by way of introduction on this item, David Spears is going to give this

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presentation. You'll recall that last December of '04 and January of '05 the county manager and the city manager jointly appointed this Floodplain Management Task Force. They, under the leadership of the co-chairs, David Spears and Chris Carrier from the City of Wichita, the task force has been working very diligently and David is going to present their recommendations."

### **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. David Spears, P.E.**, Director/ County Engineer, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I also serve as co-chairman of the Floodplain Management Task Force, along with Chris Carrier, who is the Director of Public Works for the City of Wichita and I'm here today to present the final report of the Floodplain Management Task Force.

The Halloween flood of 1998 raised the level of concern in the community about the management and maintenance of floodplains. The development of the YMCA site at 21<sup>st</sup> Street North and 135<sup>th</sup> Street West brought floodplain and drainage issues to the forefront with the Board of County Commissioners in 2004. Many citizens expressed concern about the continued development of sites in the floodplains of Wichita and Sedgwick County.

To make sure and respond properly to these concerns, the Board of County Commissions formed a partnership with the City of Wichita to reach out into the community and create a task force to study the issues. This group was formed in December of 2004.

The task force was made up of a variety of city and county staff, as well as representatives of SCAC, which is Sedgwick County Association of Cities, MAPC, the development community and citizens. Meetings were held approximately every two weeks over the last year.

The task force received input from a number of representatives of state and federal agencies. Many of these folks traveled from out of town to attend our regular meetings and share their experiences with other communities.

The county and city managers provided the task force with a 'charge statement' that served to guide the group through the study process. Our primary responsibilities were to, one) evaluate the current policy and practices in the community; two) research existing practices in other communities; three) develop recommendations to reduce present and future flood practices; four) report back within one year.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide you with the final report. The title of the report is 'Floodplain Management Task Force- A Work in Progress'. The group has outlined seven initiatives for action in the report which I will run through with you quickly this morning. I want to emphasize this is the beginning of a project, not the end.

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One of the earliest initiatives identified by the task force was a need to increase the awareness of the public about flooding and floodplain issues. Under this initiative, steps would be taken to educate the public about the flood risk of property they own.

A second step would be to increase training opportunities for professionals in the community who work with property transactions and development. These would include Realtors, bankers, insurance agents, surveyors and engineers.

Over time, both the county and the city have purchased flood prone properties through some federal grant programs. In some cases, this is the only economically feasible way to mitigate flooding. The task force recommends continuation of this practice.

The members of the task force noted that there are 19 cities within the county and that each is using different design criteria and standards. In order to promote orderly growth, the task force has recommended that a technical guidance manual be developed for drainage as well as floodplain development standards. This manual would be developed by a technical committee, made up of local engineers who regularly work with drainage. Once developed, this information would be provided to all communities in the county, with the hope that they would be adopted.

The task force has looked at several approaches to creation of a governmental framework that will provide regional management of drainage and flooding issues. The group specifically looked at regional approaches in Denver and Johnson County, as well as a proposal by the Andale Area Chamber of Commerce to create a large watershed management district.

The fourth initiative outlined in the report recommends creation of an organizing committee to develop a final plan for a governmental framework and permanent funding of floodplain and drainage management activities.

During the hearings on the YMCA case, there was a lot of discussion about the need for comprehensive basin planning. The fifth initiative in the report recommends that a regional drainage authority devote resources to the completion of drainage basin studies throughout the county.

The federal flood insurance program administered through FEMA offers discounted insurance rates to communities that participate in the Community Rating System. The cost to administer the CRS program needs to be weighed against the potential savings to the citizens of the community. The report recommends further study of this program in the sixth initiative.

The seventh and final initiative relates to the preservation of the flood conveyance capacity of the

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natural and manmade channels in the community. This was another issue that was discussed on the YMCA case. The task force is concerned that channel maintenance is not keeping pace with growth of vegetation and the sedimentation that occurs in channels and decreases their flood carrying capacity. The report recommends that communities be encouraged to take steps to preserve channel capacity until a regional drainage strategy can be implemented.

At this point, I'll try to answer any question that you have about the report. There are several members of the task force with us today who are also available for questions. We recommend that you accept the report and direct the county manager to work with the City Manager to move the recommendations of the Floodplain Management Task Force forward."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you David. We do have a question. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you very much. David, I'm certainly going to be supportive of moving this process forward. I think the task force has been working very diligent and very hard for the last year and I appreciate all of the effort that folks have put in to moving us forward and, as you say, this is still a work in process. We're still a long ways from being at any kind of completion point or a point of satisfaction. I would like to talk about a couple of these issues and have some more details about some of them, from your perspective or I know John Schlegel has been very active in this and perhaps he has some comments, but on this governmental framework and looking at what Johnson County has done and some other communities, what do you anticipate the next steps would be in organizing some kind of districts or . . . I don't know if we're going to refer to these as drainage districts or are we going to look at this on a county-wide basis? How are we going to think about the next step under this districts and permanent funding for work, etcetera?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "I think what the idea is, commissioner, is to form a county-at-large group. We want to have a group of people on a committee and we want to also keep our task force in place also to oversee this and we want to have a group of people look at like what Denver did and to look at forming a county-wide drainage authority, because drainage knows no boundaries. They don't know the county from the city or any city from any other city, so it's a community-wide problem. And I think the thing we found out is we need to address it as a county-wide problem and form a drainage authority, county-wide."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right. Well I know that we've had a couple of meetings and I've been involved with you and John and others in visiting with this group that kind of formed out of the Andale Chamber of Commerce group and they were looking at a very specific district in a very specific location. Now are we going to be following that format or what's the message that a group like that can carry away from our task force recommendations?"

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**Mr. Spears** said, "Okay, and anybody that wants to help me can come up, but I'll try to answer."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay, well I'd like to hear what John Schlegel has to say too, but go ahead, complete your thought."

**Mr. Spears** said, "Okay, I think they were very specific in what they wanted to do, like watershed districts. You can already form those and you've been able to form those since, I believe, the '70s and they're interested in forming a watershed district with the Cowskin and some other creeks on the west side and I think our thought was that might be a little premature for the county at large, because if you form that and have taxation in that district and then you form a county-wide district, you could perhaps have double taxation in that same area, so that was our concern with that. We thought it's an idea that needs to be studied further."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right. Well, I'd like to hear what John's comments are about that also."

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Well, the idea is to get this organizing committee, which we'll recommend to the two managers, be essentially the task force that's been working for the past year, to take a closer look at what is the best governmental framework for coordinating floodplain management. I think the direction that the task force is headed is like David was saying. To create something on a county-wide basis, so that we're looking at all the drainage basins within the county and can address the priority issues in the right order that they need to be addressed in and that then we also have a broader base of resources to draw from in resolving the problems, as they're identified.

So I think their task force right now is looking at some sort of county-wide approach, but they really would like the opportunity to study it further, because they looked at several different models and they just need a little bit more time to also coordinate with the existing conservation and watershed districts to see how all this will work out."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right. Well, can you make a comment about how if we look at this in a county-wide basis, how will people in specific areas be able to express their ideas, opinions and hopes and problems? And I'm thinking again about the Andale Chambers and other things in a particular area of the county that believe they have some specific issues and ideas. And so if we start looking at it on a county-wide basis, how will we get focused back in . . . and I support this looking at it for all the reasons that you and David have both explained, and maybe the answer is



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more to come later, but do you have thoughts about how then we'll focus back in on particular individuals, particular communities that are dealing with their issues, because I was very impressed with this Andale group that came up with some really pretty interesting ideas, but again they were focused on a certain part of the county, so how will we come back to getting individual landowners and individual communities back?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Well, to use your answer, more is to come later. There are several critical decisions that have to be made and this organizing committee will come back to you with recommendations on that. One of those is who will control this entity that will oversee floodplain management and then how will they invite that type of participation from the different parts of the county that are effected by flooding, because you have to make sure that people have the opportunity to have input where they see that there's a problem that needs to be addressed. So those are questions that I think need to be part of the charge statement that's given to this organizing committee to address and come back to you and to the Wichita City Council with recommendations."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Do you believe that the task force currently is still energized and enthusiastic about continuing on to help put more meat on the bones here?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Yes, they've all volunteered to continue serving, so if that is worth anything, I think that's consideration for both managers."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "The number five issue was basin studies. Now I know there has been some basin studies completed to this point. Are those sufficient to begin thinking about specific projects and plans, or are there going to need to be more studies done? Do you have an opinion about that?"

**Mr. Schlegel** said, "Well, my opinion is, from what I've seen of the Cowskin Basin Study, that that looks like a pretty good study. Chris Carrier of course oversaw that study and is here and can comment probably better than I can on that. There are other basins within the county that need similar types of studies to be done in order to fully understand what needs to be done within those basins. And that was the intent of the recommendation, is that we would continue then doing those types of basin studies, like the one that was done for the Cowskin, for other basins."

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**Commissioner Winters** said, “The city council, City of Wichita City Council has seen this proposal . . . this plan that you’ve given us today. Is that correct?”

**Mr. Schlegel** said, “Yeah, they saw it at their city council meeting last week and they did accept the report and directed their city manager to work with Bill in moving these recommendations forward.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “And so, and I see Chris Carrier is here and so City Council is ready to walk forward with us. Chris, would you make maybe a comment about any comments that the city council members had and are they ready to move forward with us here?”

**Mr. Chris Carrier**, Director, City of Wichita Public Works Department, said, “The short answer to your question is yes, they’ve looked at the recommendations that you’ve got this morning and they concur with those recommendations and they see the need to move forward as well, with a framework that’s bigger than the City of Wichita to begin to solve some of these problems.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Well good. That was just exactly the question I was going to ask next. Do you believe . . . I mean, the City of Wichita is kind of the big player in our county, as far as cities are concerned, and as we go out and address concerns that we have in our neighboring smaller communities, do you believe that the task force or the renaming of the task forces is still willing and will be able to look at those individual pockets around the county where either landowners or communities believe they have the problem.”

**Mr. Carrier** said, “We have to be very sensitive to that, as we move this process forward and the task force recognizes that. Some of the models that we’ve looked at, like the Denver model and the Johnson County model, they recognize the individual roles, the individual communities and the different political jurisdictions have to play in this. This overall drainage group that we’re looking at doesn’t replace those necessarily, but actually works to assist those individual groups in accomplishing what needs to be accomplished. That could be fundraising, the development of policies, assist them with what they do, so yes, we’re sensitive to the individual needs that are out there and yes, you’re right, we do have to get back to that in the end.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Well, I think that you know even this Andale group went around to several city councils. They went to the Colwich City Council, Goddard City Council, Andale and really got some I think good support of wanting to be a partner in some kind of moving forward process, but I think we’re going to have to keep that firmly in mind that even though sometimes it gets to be kind of a messy process, the more people we have believing they’ve got input, and are a stakeholder, because this issue of floodplain management in Sedgwick County has a lot of stakeholders and we just have got to be I think as inclusive as we can.”

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Well Chris, while you're here, I'd certainly want to say thank you to you for sharing the responsibilities with David Spears on this task force and we know the work is not done, but we appreciate what all you and your staff's work up to this point."

**Mr. Carrier** said, "Thank you."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Commissioners, I'm going to be supportive of this. I think there is a lot more details to follow and as our manager and Wichita City Manager move forward, I think one of the issues that we're going to need to see sooner in the process than later is how we're going to do this governmental framework of putting funding together, putting a representative group of people together so we can make sure that all parts of the county are represented, what the role of the County Commissioners is going to be, what the role of city councils all across the county are going to be and so that's going to be a bit of fine tuning process that could probably be put together, right or wrong, so I think we want to make sure that we put it together right. So Commissioners, that's the only comment. I'm going to be very supportive of the task force recommendation.

Is this book . . . I haven't had a chance to really paw through this book yet. Is this book available for public consumption, if the public wants a copy of this?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "I would say that it is."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "It is now, if it wasn't five minutes ago."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "I guess it's ready to go, because I'm sure there's public that would like to see this and I'm sure there are some here in the audience that would like to have a copy of that. So Mr. Chairman, I'm going to be supportive of moving this process forward."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you commissioner. I think from your comments and the responses, it's a work in progress is the appropriate theme for this effort. Commissioner Sciortino has a comment."

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well just to kind of glob onto what Tom has been saying, I think, Mr. Manager, that what you’re hearing from Tom, Bill and I’ll echo it too because I know in Derby they’ve got specific problems in that area. If we do go forward and develop a separate authority, you know, please keep us really in tuned to what that means and who has the responsibility and what have you, because I also want to make sure that whatever this final entity does and whoever has the authority to put together the plan, that they do take into consideration that these other communities want to have some kind of voice in this and some of their concerns they’ll perceive are more pressing than maybe someone else and it will get kind of difficult, you know, for Wichita to say, ‘Okay, yes I’ll keep funding so that Cheney or Derby can help out’ and we’ve got to really work through that, so that everybody feels that they’re having, you know representation in the plan and also in the resolution of the problems that the plan may find that are out there for solving flooding.

So I’m definitely, at this step, ready to give my full support on it and just have Bill and George get to work and try to get the details ironed out. So that’s all I had, thank you.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you.”

**Mr. Schlegel** said, “Mr. Chairman, if I may, I wanted to comment on the availability of the report, since that was brought up. Hard copies are available from the Metropolitan Area Planning Department. Simply call our offices. Simply post it on our website in January and that can be accessed either through the county website or the City of Wichita’s website.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you John. We have another comment. Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Well, I’m going to be very supportive of this. As many of you know, one of the first issues I got involved in five years ago as a commissioner was drainage issues on the south side and there were some basin studies done. We had full reports, with recommendations and it was sitting on a shelf, getting ready to get dusty and we pulled it out and got some of those projects done and they’ve made a dramatic impact on some of the growth areas of the south side, south of Haysville.

We continue to work on looking at the Cowskin Creek and what its impact is, down to the Sumner County line and a couple of my issues here would be there have been a lot of studies, some basin studies done, and they are on a shelf. Have we pulled them down, dusted them off, tried to see how pertinent they are? It seems like we talk about new studies, but we’ve got a lot of data out there and studies that have already been done and they probably haven’t changed that much, would be a good starting point. So have we integrated all that information into the floodplain management studies

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we've done to date?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "The basin studies that I know of mainly are the Cowskin, from the Halloween flood, and I don't know of others. Chris, you may have some with the City of Wichita that I'm not aware of, but out in the county I don't think we have any others. The only thing that would change over time is development within the basin."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "And maybe I'm speaking out of turn, but I thought Haysville had some basin studies they did, basins four, five, six and seven off the Cowskin, maybe off the Big Slough, I'm not sure which and that precipitated them to put in some ponding and work on some drainage coming out of Broadway, off of industrial parks and everything."

**Mr. Spears** said, "I think some of the cities, the smaller cit . . . Haysville, I think Maize has a drainage study that a consultant did for them in two phases. Some of the cities have their own drainage studies that they've done and that will have to be examined also, yes sir."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "I guess that's what's leading me to the next thing. Small cities' involvement because they may have done some studies. I know Haysville did. I think Mulvane has done one because of some flooding and I wouldn't be surprised if the City of Sedgwick hadn't done some because they're very flood prone and I'm a little concerned that we haven't integrated all of that into this. And truthfully, I know we remember the Halloween flood and that affected, you know, that part of Wichita, but as the community grows and Wichita pitches its boundaries out and the small cities do their growth thing, I think that a lot of the drainage problems are going to be out on the peripheral, where growth is happening. We'll fix a lot of the inner-city ones, but as we push out, we really need to coordinate with the small cities, particularly where they bump up against each other and we need to share information. So I guess I would encourage us to make sure that we do that.

I was also concerned on the people that we say SCAC is involved, but as I looked through there, I didn't see anybody from Derby, which is a relatively large city."

**Mr. Spears** said, "Jack Whitson was their representative of SCAC."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Okay. I guess it seems like one person in SCAC and small cities may not be enough. I think I'd rather have more people under the tent, as opposed to less, so I guess I would encourage you to invite, you know, someone . . . if Derby would like to be involved, other than SCAC, involve them. I have a real issue, because the Cowskin Creek goes right through the middle of Haysville, that we need to maybe include them in some of the dialogue, because eventually all of that's going to have to be cleaned up, so I would encourage us to make the tent a little bigger, as opposed to keeping it like it is. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

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**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, thank you commissioner. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Just one other quick additional thought, and I guess I would just kind of say this to all the people who are involved in working on the process of the commitment of time and human resources of people involved and I think if we really sat down and thought about it, I think this commission would still have this floodplain management issue as pretty high priority and I know it's a huge commitment to start thinking about people resources and having to meet every two weeks or however often you decide to meet, that's a big commitment, and so I would just encourage both managers to remember that at one time . . . I mean, the further we get away from the Halloween flood, sometimes we lose the impact that the flood actually had and I think for a lot of people, there is still a high level of sensitivity about this issue, and so I appreciate all you that are working on it and from at least this commissioner would just want to say it's going to be time well spent, even though it's still going to take a lot more time and effort. Thank you."

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

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well we kind of think about the devastation of tornadoes and they come around occasionally, but I think national statistics tell you that flooding causes more damage in our nation than tornadoes do, or hurricanes and after Katrina, I'm not sure that's still the case, but a lot of that was flooding when you really get down to it, so we need to be very sensitive to this. I think it's one of those new public issues that has kind of been under the surface a little bit and that has bubbled up. I mean, we talk about roads and bridges and other infrastructure, but I'm not so sure that drainage and storm water control is not just as powerful an issue when it comes to economic development and safety of our public and the ability to grow our communities, as some of those other issues are and we certainly haven't put the emphasis or the money into it and I think we're pretty close to having to make some tough decisions to do that, so that's all I have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there other comments?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to accept the Floodplain Management Task Force Final Report, and direct the County Manager to work with the City Manager on implementing the Report's recommendations.

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, “Thank you, David, John, Chris and to all the members of the task force. Appreciate your effort on bringing us to this point. Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FORGIVABLE LOAN TO INTEGRA TECHNOLOGIES LLC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES; AND AUTHORIZATION OF AN INTRA-FUND TRANSFER OF BUDGET AUTHORITY.**

**Ms. Irene Hart**, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have a good story to tell you today. You all were talking earlier about the importance of creating jobs in Sedgwick County. Now Sedgwick County facilitates this in a number of different ways. One might be business attraction. A recent announcement by Info In Access to bring a number of several hundred jobs to Sedgwick County. Another way of facilitating job development is expansion of existing businesses, such as you just heard from United Warehouse. And third way is retention and that’s the good story I have to bring for you today.

Today, we’re considering a forgivable loan for Integra Technologies, a little known company that’s been in operation here for 20 years. They may have started off as a division of NCR, but they were purchased by Bell Laboratories and Lucent and Am Corp and they’ve been taken private and they’ve been gone, been purchased again. Earlier this year they learned, the local management learned that their parent company, Am Corp, wanted to close down the operation and sell it offshore. Local managers got together and purchased the company. A package of assistance was put together by the State of Kansas, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County so we partnered and assisted them with forgivable loans with some tax abatements. We’ve been able to retain 73 jobs and the planned expansion over the next five years is up to 108 jobs.

So let me tell you a little bit about this company, because I’d never heard of it before but they’ve

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been here for 20 years. They do testing of commercial avionics, manufacturing of the . . . this is so arcane and technical that it's difficult for me to even talk about it and we do have representatives here that can tell you, in better detail, what they do, but they do testing of semi-conductors, avionics and military equipment parts.

The core of their staff are electrical engineers. Over half their staff are engineering and technical testing folks. They have over 150 customers, nationwide and internationally. They have a small facility in Santa Clara, California, but their corporate headquarters, their main laboratories, their main testing facilities are here in Sedgwick County.

One good thing about them, they boast an on-time delivery performance of 99% and a customer satisfaction rating of 97%, so it's a good company. We're pleased to be able to retain them here in this community. Becky Craft and Kent Wade from Integra Technologies are here and I'd be happy to answer any questions and they can explain in better detail what it is they actually do."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Irene. Becky, would you like to speak to us and introduce yourself?"

**Ms. Becky Craft**, President of Operations, Integra Technologies, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Irene has done a good job of explaining our business but I want to go through just a little, maybe clarify a little bit on what it is we do. We specialize in the testing of semiconductor chips and you might better know these as computer chips. These are small devices that go into just about anything electronic, okay, from a cell phone to an airplane, medical equipment, an MRI machine, a missile, anything like that, these kind of devices will go into. We actually test these devices to make sure they're functioning properly before the end users, the equipment manufacturer, the military equipment manufacturer, or the cell phone manufacturer actually puts them into their product and that's the basis of our business. We have to have a lot of engineers to actually write test programs to actually write test programs to test these parts and then technicians to actually execute the testing and maintain the equipment.

So as Irene mentioned, we have about 150 customers, all of these are from outside the State of Kansas. It's a unique business to Kansas. We don't have any customers from inside the state. Our competition is all outside the state. Main competition areas are like San Jose, California, Austin, Texas, Colorado Springs. Those are kind of hotbeds of this technology, so very unique business. Kind of a little known company that's been here for 20 years. I think maybe that helps a little bit on what it is we do. I would like to take this time to thank you for your consideration of this incentive package, would be very helpful in helping us cover some of the start-up costs of the acquisition and what not. Any other questions?"

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well thank you for that explanation. I don't see any requests to speak at this time, but I would just like to say that any time that we can have a company in Sedgwick County



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whose product is sold worldwide and we're bringing other people's money into our area, that's a very good thing and so we're happy to be supportive of that and we'd also congratulate you for 20 years of successful business and you know, sometimes it's very good not to be known about. That means you're not getting in trouble, I think. But anyway, we're thankful to have a good community partner like you. It's providing really good jobs and I think it's worthwhile to mention that the economic incentive that's being requested here is a partnership between city and state and county, so there are three governmental entities who value your presence here and want to help you to move to another level in your employment, so appreciate your comments. We do have some questions though. Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I think Michael Crichton had a book that described the semiconductor business in great detail, so all that I know about that I've read from Michael Crichton."

**Ms. Craft** said, "Unfortunately, I've not read that book."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, I think the movie took some liberties, so the book was much better than the movie. I'm going to be very supportive of this. I think once again, it's all about jobs and you've kept jobs in our community. You know, when it looked like maybe the company was going to move from the community, some local folks stepped up and took a risk and it looks like good news for Wichita and for the company and the future, so I'm going to be very supportive of that because I continue to say it many times, it's all about the jobs and we need to continue to be supportive of new companies coming to our community, but other companies that have been here for a while played by the rules and are ready to expand may need some help too and I think that fits right in with our core values, when it comes to economic development. So congratulations, I'm going to be supportive."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "This one is of Irene. Just for the public's edification, Irene, could you just go over the highlight points which would make this loan indeed forgivable, just so if anybody is listening out there, they don't understand what forgivable loan means, it's either a loan or it isn't, or what the company is committing to do in order to make it that they don't have to pay back the loan."

**Ms. Hart** said, "As part of your approvals today, you'll be approving a contract with Integra Tech for five years. At the end of each year there are employment targets and payroll targets that they

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need to be meeting. For every year that they do that, over five years, 20% of the loan is forgiven. So at the end of the five years, they've met their employment targets, which are 108,000 and their annual payroll would be over \$4,000,000, at the end of five years when they're at that point or beyond we hope, the entire loan will be forgiven."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And is that the only criteria that would generate then a forgivable loan are the increase in employment?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "The number of jobs and the payroll."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay. The only discrepancy I saw in this thing here, it said that the average salary of all jobs shall be at least 21.4, but in order to make the payroll guidelines, it has to be in excess of \$40,000, so what is the . . .? It sounds like on the one hand your jobs just have to average 21.4, but the payroll indicates they have to average in excess of 40,000."

**Ms. Hart** said, "The average would be in excess of 40,000. I think the 21,000 is the minimum for production personnel. It was . . ."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Well, but it says average, meaning if they increased 'x' number of employees and they averaged 21,000, or could they consider one employee at 42,000 the equivalent of two of an average of 21."

**Ms. Craft** said, "What's the difference in the two numbers is, is the 43, 000 is the average of all employees, including the people that we will retain. The 21 is the average salary of the additional jobs that we're committing to hire, to bring on over the next five years."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, so if you'd bring on one person at 42, are you going to be able to count that as honoring a commitment of two people, because one person would have averaged two?"

**Ms. Craft** said, "I can't comment on that."

**Ms. Hart** said, "At the end of the year, we will go out and do an onsite visit, we will look at their records to determine the number of jobs of whatever salary range and the total payroll. So the

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21,000 figure in there is somewhat confusing. We could have left it out, but then it would have taken us another week to revise the contract and bring it back again. So what we'll be looking at is the total payroll and the total number of jobs."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, but I'm being a terrible . . . here, I know, but I'm really hung up on this because it's confusing to me. If you have an average salary of 21,400 as a benchmark that they're guaranteeing they won't hire anybody less than that, if they hire someone at 42, would the company be able to say, well that's the equivalent of two jobs, so now I've only go to hire 'x' number of jobs."

**Ms. Hart** said, "No, sir."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, so are they going . . ."

**Ms. Hart** said, "It's simply a confusing sentence that, on hind site, I would have taken it out."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, well I'm still confused and maybe at some later date, because I know the Chairman is getting real nervous when I keep asking these questions. He's looking at me, 'Will you get off it'. Maybe you and I, you could explain this to me because I'm confused as to even why it's in here. All right, thank you. That's all I have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thanks, Commissioner. Well my understanding of this is that some of the information we have is total employment, total wages, but the measurement of compliance has to do with increased number of employees and their average wage. Is that correct . . . Am I incorrect?"

**Ms. Hart** said, "No, sir. In order to retain the jobs, since this is a retention, we count all the current employees and then we'll count an expanded."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, so then I understand total wages and total employment then in the numbers."

**Ms. Hart** said, "Yes sir. We would have lost the entire company, without . . ."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "It's new jobs and retained jobs and it gets real confusing when you have that."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, well I'm cleared up so Commissioner Sciortino has another . . ."

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, so we’re going to retain the jobs we have and a lot of those are high-paying jobs and then we’re going to be hiring \$21,400 a year jobs. Is that the kind of jobs we’re going to be hiring, basically?”

**Ms. Hart** said, “In their forecast, over five years, if they expanded to production, then those will be lower paying jobs. If they expand by including more engineers, then they will be higher paying jobs. I think at the minimum their new jobs, their production personnel would be at 21,000.”

**Commissioner Norton left the meeting room at 10:17 a.m.**

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, I know I’m belaboring it. They hire . . . for example, they’re going to have 10 new jobs next year, let’s just use that as an example. They hire five people at 45, then they could hire five more at 10 and it would average 21. Is that correct?”

**Ms. Hart** said, “That’s not really the number I’m looking at. The number we’ll evaluate them on is their total payroll, so they could hire 500 people at 21,000 and as long as their total payroll for next year is over about 3.5 million . . .”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, and when we figured that payroll number, what average increase in salary were you using to guideline to get to that number?”

**Ms. Hart** said, “Approximately 42,000.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, that’s all I have.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, Irene. Now I think we’re ready for a motion. I don’t see anyone else asking to speak. So, Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution and authorize the intra-fund transfer of budget authority.

Chairman Unruh seconded the motion.

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

### **VOTE**

Commissioner Norton

Absent

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Irene and Becky and Kent. Thank you all for being here and good luck to you. Keep doing a good job in our community. Commissioners, before we call the next item, it's appropriate now that we consider an Off Agenda item."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to consider an Off Agenda item.

Commissioner Burtnett seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Norton returned to the meeting room at 10:20 a.m.**

**OFF AGENDA ITEM**

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Madam Clerk, can you call this item. Do you have the information to do that, or Mr. Euson, whoever is going to do that?"

**FOUR SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BOND RESOLUTIONS  
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SURPLUS ASSETS FROM THE TRUST AND  
INDENTURE AGREEMENTS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS  
FUNDS TO PROVIDE DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEXT SINGLE**

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**FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BOND PROGRAMS FOR:**

- 1. SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS; SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS AND RENO COUNTY, KANSAS SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS (MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES PROGRAM), 1995 SERIES A**
- 2. SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS (MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES PROGRAM), 1997 SERIES A**
- 3. SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, 1997 SERIES A**
- 4. SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS COLLATERALIZED SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1994A-I.**

**Mr. Brad Snapp**, Director, Housing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Good job of reading that. Those resolution titles are cumbersome, but these four . . . most of this are four because they are identical, it’s four different programs that we’re proposing to pull surplus assets out of and use for down payment assistance on the next 2006 issue that we will . . . single family mortgage revenue bond program.

In the past, we’ve pulled . . . as we’ve pulled surplus assets out of old issues, we fold them into the new issue to increase the size of the loan pool, but that’s not really an issue anymore because we have just a large allocation of bonds to use for the single family program. So these will allow us to use the surplus assets for down payment assistance, instead of in the past we’ve used a grant. This will be a 0% forgivable loan and the loan will forgive after the first year, after the homebuyer purchases the home.

This will lower the cost of the program, making it more efficient and so we’ll be able to lower the mortgage rate by about ½ of a percent. So, if you have any questions, I’ll try to answer them, if not I have a learned colleague, Chuck Bouly from George K. Baum in the audience.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, we do have a comment from Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you. I did want to acknowledge that Chuck Bouly from George K. Baum is in attendance today and then I guess my question is for Mr. Euson and I see Joe Norton from Gilmore and Bell is here. Does Mr. Norton review these? Is he part of this process, in reviewing this kind of an item?”

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**Mr. Richard Euson**, County Counselor, said, “He does review these, yes.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “All right, and so you and Mr. Norton, from the county’s perspective, have reviewed this and everything is proper and in order.”

**Mr. Euson** said, “Yes, that’s correct.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “That’s the only question I had.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there other questions or comments, relative to this item? What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burnett moved to adopt the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Sciortino 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, “Thank you, Brad. We return to our agenda now, and Madam Clerk please call Item F.”

**F. RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO AN EXISTING ROAD IN THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW (13<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH FROM HIGHWAY K-96 TO 156<sup>TH</sup> STREET EAST;**

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### PROJECT R-253).

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The agenda item, the caption that was published and the Clerk just read identified this project as being 13<sup>th</sup> Street North, from K-96 to 156<sup>th</sup> Street East. If you’ll look at the actual agenda item documentation, you’ll see that the project in reality is to improve 13<sup>th</sup> Street North, from K-96 to 159<sup>th</sup> Street East.

This project is in the adopted CIP and is budgeted as a 6.9 million dollar project that is funded with two sources, 2.9 million dollars of funding comes from the dedicated county sales tax and \$4,000,000 is anticipated to come from general obligation bonds to be issued by Sedgwick County.

The resolution that’s before you today provides the declaration of necessity that is required prior to issuance of those bonds and gives us the authority to proceed with actions that will lead to issuance of those bonds.

The plan is to sell the bonds in 2006. We have included those bonds in the county’s financial plan and in that financial plan, we anticipate that the debt will be repaid with county property taxes. The estimated mill levy necessary to do that is a little over 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a mill. We have alternative funding sources that might be used to repay the bonds and is always the case, we’ll make the determination of which specific funding source is used to repay the bonds each year in the annual budget cycle.

Our debt policy contains a series of ratios that effectively established limits of the amount of debt that the county can have outstanding at any time. The issuance of these bonds and other debt that is planned for 2006 is permitted within those ratios. If you’ll look on page two of the agenda summary, you will see what those policy limits are and where we think we will stand against those limits, with the issuance of all of the planned debt in 2006. The middle one of those ratios, per capita direct, overlapping and underlying debt, you’ll see that we’re coming real close to the threshold, and since we put the financial plan together and since we adopted the 2006 budget, there have been a couple of additional projects that have surfaced that are being discussed as bond-financed projects: the jail expansion and adult education facility at Jabara Airport.

Because of those projects and because we’re so close to this policy limit, we’ve gone back to other communities that provide the data that go into this ratio, to determine whether or not the information we’ve been given previously is accurate. We’ve found some errors, and so we will recalculate that number. We’re in the process of doing that now, but never the less, I do want to put you on notice that we are very close to that particular limit in our existing debt policy. These bonds will not cause us to pass over that limit, but other projects that you’re going to be talking about in



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the coming months most likely will cause us to exceed that limit.

The resolution that's before you also authorizes us to publish the resolution twice in the county record, and after the second of those publications, a 90-day protest period is initiated. If no successful petition is filed with the county clerk within that 90-day period, then we have full authority to proceed with the issuance of the bonds and of course before we do that, we'll be coming back to you with documentation that you'll have to approve to finalize the sale of the bonds.

If there are no questions about this action, I would recommend your approval of the resolution. If you do have questions about this action, and especially about the content of the resolution, then my learned counsel, Joe Norton from Gilmore and Bell, the county's bond counsel, is here to answer any technical questions that you might have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Chris. I just have a question about the ratios that you indicated we're getting close to the limit on at least one of them, those are self-imposed ratios. There's not a legal requirement about those."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "No, they are self-imposed and the amounts that we specified in the policy are based on expectations of the credit rating agencies and the financial markets. To the extent that we exceed those thresholds, there's no legal prohibition but we become, in the eyes of the credit markets, we become a riskier credit and that could jeopardize the county's debt rating and our cost of financing."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, and presently we are favored with about the highest ratings possible from almost every rating agency."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "That's correct. We're rated by three credit rating agencies. One of them has given us a AAA rating, which is the very highest possible. The other two have given us ratings of AA+ and AA-1, which is just one tick below AAA."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Well I think you all are to be complimented in the way that you're managing that and I appreciate the way that you give us leadership and support in that area. Having said that, I want to say I'm going to be very much in favor of this project. It's 13<sup>th</sup> Street is almost a requirement, that improvement is almost a requirement to have some sort of orderly process where we're going to move traffic in the northeast part of the county. And I know that it's recognized not only by our planning department, but also in Butler County, where they're bringing a road up to

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meet 13<sup>th</sup> Street that's going to have the same standard as we intend to develop, so it's going to be real important and we need to get 13<sup>th</sup> Street done, completed before we move on with 21<sup>st</sup> Street, so that we have a place to offload that traffic.

So anyway, residents in Sedgwick County District 1 are very much interested in this and want to move on with the project, so I'll be very supportive. Commissioners, are there any other comments? What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Chris. Joe, thank you for being here. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

**G. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO PROVIDE LOCAL TERRORISM AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.**

**Dr. Cindy Burbach**, Director, Health Surveillance and Disease Control, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "And the contract that you have before you is a continuation . . . or not exactly a continuation, but the new year's contract from KDHE, which is actually federal money that comes down through the state and provides for our . . . it's called a bio-terrorism grant,

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but it's actually every year it gets a little broader, which is a good thing, into any kind of public health emergency management and right now we're working very hard on pandemic flu planning, so that would certainly be an emergency, but not necessarily of a bio-terrorist nature, but it's continued funding for this program to the tune of 480,000, comes with a lot of stipulations that we're able to keep up with, with the staff that we've got."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Dr. Burbach. Is there any question on this item, commissioners?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters 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

**Dr. Burbach** said, "I shouldn't have said with the staff we have, because we have another item coming up that's , because we have another item coming up that's adding a half-time staff. I'm sorry, I'm thinking ahead. I'll be back."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, very good. Next item please."

**DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- COMCARE**

**H. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH UNITED METHODIST YOUTHVILLE TO ADD RESPITE CARE FOR YOUTH SERVICES.**

**Ms. Cook** said, "This is an amendment to the contract we already have with United Methodist Youthville for the purpose of adding respite services to the array of services that Youthville already provides to children. Respite services are short term care and temporary direct care and supervision

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of youth services. Primary purpose of respite care is to relieve families and caregivers who have children with serious emotional disturbances. The payment to Youthville is funded through Medicaid revenue and all respite services delivered will be authorized by COMCARE prior to them being arranged.

This amendment essentially adds \$70,000 to the existing contract that we have with UMY. One example, to understand what respite care is, involved a family of four kids, a sibling group all of whom had a serious emotional disturbance. The home was fairly chaotic and these children were in jeopardy of being placed in foster care. So one of the children's aunts stepped up and said I want to keep these kids together and I will raise them and she was working very hard as the sole caregiver for these children, but also was struggling with a medical condition that kept her pretty fatigued and so it made it difficult for her.

So respite services provided some scheduled breaks for this aunt and one of the case managers of one of these children reported that the aunt told her that despite the fact that it was very hard for her on some days to manage all these children, that she felt a lot 'lighter' was her word, in being able to have those scheduled breaks. The other added feature was that this respite care worker was yet one more significant adult and good influence in these children's lives. We are recommending that you approve the amendment and I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Marilyn. Question, our backup indicates that the funding source is state money."

**Ms. Cook** said, "Right."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, I'm going to be very supportive. I mean, I think we can provide a way to provide this sort of support for people who are really giving necessary care to family members that we need to do that. Sometimes we think 'Well, if it's just a family member you owe it to them' you've just got to keep doing it, but we need a little time for rest. Okay, commissioners, any other comment? What's the will of the board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Amendment to Contract 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, "Thank you, Marilyn. Next item please."

**I. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT ON AGING.**

**1. CONTRACTS (39) TO PROVIDE IN-HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS TO OLDER ADULTS.**

**SENIOR CENTER CONTRACTS**

- **CITY OF BENTLEY – X.Y.Z CLUB**
- **CITY OF CHENEY – CHENEY SENIOR CLUB**
- **CITY OF CLEARWATER – CLEARWATER SENIOR CLUB**
- **CITY OF COLWICH – COLWICH SENIOR CLUB**
- **CITY OF DERBY – DERBY MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER**
- **AMERICAN RED CROSS – COLVIN SENIOR CENTER**
- **GATEWAY OF GARDEN PLAIN FOUNDATION – GARDEN PLAIN SENIOR CLUB**
- **CITY OF MAIZE – MAIZE SENIOR CLUB**
- **CITY OF MT. HOPE – MT. HOPE SENIOR CENTER**
- **CITY OF MULVANE – MULVANE SENIOR CLUB**
- **LAFAMILIA SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER, INC. – LAFAMILIA SENIOR CENTER**
  
- **OAKLAWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT – OAKLAWN SENIOR CENTER**
- **CITY OF SEDGWICK – SEDGWICK SENIOR CLUB**
- **SENIOR SERVICES, INC. – DOWNTOWN MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER**
- **SENIOR SERVICES, INC. – LINWOOD MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER**
- **SENIOR SERVICES, INC. – NORTHEAST MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR**

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**CENTER**

- **SENIOR SERVICES, INC. – ORCHARD MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER**
- **CITY OF VALLEY CENTER – VALLEY CENTER SENIOR CLUB**
- **CITY OF PARK CITY – PARK CITY SENIOR CENTER**
- **CITY OF BEL AIRE – BEL AIRE SENIOR CENTER**

**IN-HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTRACTS**

- **ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION OF THE GREATER PLAINS – ADULT CARE CONNECTION**
- **AMERICAN RED CROSS – MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES – ADULT DAY CARE**
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES – FOSTER GRANDPARENTS**
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATION CONTRACT – JODY LUJAN**
- **ENVISION – SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES**
- **GOOD GRIEF – WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICES**
- **GUADALUPE CLINIC – HEALTH SCREENINGS/VOUCHERS**
- **KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES – PROTECTIVE LEGAL SERVICES**
- **KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES – PUBLIC BENEFITS OUTREACH**
- **MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU – PLUS MEDICAL SERVICES**
- **MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION – SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM**
- **SENIOR SERVICES, INC. – MEALS ON WHEELS**
- **SENIOR SERVICES, INC. – NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION**
- **SENIOR SERVICES, INC. – ROVING PANTRY**
- **SENIOR SERVICES, INC. – SENIOR EMPLOYMENT**
- **UNITED METHODIST URBAN MINISTRIES – COMMODITY DELIVERY**
- **WICHITA INDOCHINESE CENTER – ASIAN OUTREACH**
- **INTER-FAITH MINISTRIES – NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS**

**Ms. Annette Graham**, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I bring before you 39 contracts for the Aging 2006 mill levy programs. This is a combination of senior centers, senior clubs, multi-purpose senior centers, in-home services and community services. You have the listing before you of the 39 different program providers. It totals \$1,075,008 for fiscal year 2006. These funds have already been approved in the mill levy funding process.

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Over 70,000 older adults, age 55 and above, have attended over 754 different events and activities through the 21 funded mill levy senior center programs in Sedgwick County as of June of 2005. In home and community service programs have served over 3,400 people with opportunities to access services, with the main goal of all these services to help people stay independent in their homes and communities as long as possible. I will be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Commissioners, are there any questions of Annette? Commissioner Norton.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Are there some contracts missing?”

**Ms. Graham** said, “Yes, there is one. Thank you for bringing that up. There is one contract missing that they were not able to get it signed in time, so it will be coming in January, and that is for the Haysville Senior Club.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “Enough said, that’s all. I’m done.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “That’s a good question, commissioner. All right, any other question? What’s the will of the Board?”

### MOTION

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Contracts 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, “Next item please.”

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**2. CONTRACTS (7) TO PROVIDE, AS VENDORS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION BROKERAGE, SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

- **ABC TAXI CAB**
- **AMERICAN CAB**
- **CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION**
- **FIRST CLASS**
- **KANSAS ELKS TRAINING CENTER FOR THE HANDICAPPED**
- **THUNDER ENTERPRISES**
- **WISDOM TRAVELS**

**Ms. Graham** said, “In 1998, Sedgwick County programs started the transportation brokerage and throughout that time, we’ve had agreements with a variety of vendors to provide this specialized transportation throughout Sedgwick County. The rides are for older adults and persons with disabilities and they are scheduled through a coordinating service located at our office on Stillwell and we can provide services for transportation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The call center is open 8 to 5, Monday through Friday. This last year, the programs served over 2,000 individuals who used it to access medical and social services through the transportation, in order to assist them in remaining independent.

An example of how this program services individuals is we had an older adult, a woman aged 80 years old, who lived in the rural area around Clearwater and she needed dialysis three times a week and that service was located in Derby. Her daughter, who was her primary caregiver, worked full time and she was struggling with how she was going to be able to provide this transportation. Without that transportation service, her mother would have had to have gone into a nursing home.

We were able to provide that assistance, to provide that transportation at a reduced cost and if she would have paid full cost for that program service it would have been \$150 a week and she would not be able to afford that, on a very limited income. So through this service, we were able to help this individual, the caregiver and the individual to remain in their own home by accessing those services.

We have seven agreements for seven different providers. You have those listed here. That is a fee for service that is reimbursed. There is also a co-pay and that’s based on a sliding fee scale. The reimbursement rate varies. It’s one rate for in-town services, but then it varies with the locations



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outside in the rural area, based on the distances. So I would be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you Annette. Is there a backlog of demand for this, or are we able to satisfy most of the demand?”

**Ms. Graham** said, “We utilize a variety of different funding mechanisms. We use county mill levy, we use state funds, we use federal funds, we use rural transportation funds and we’re also able to bill for Medicaid for certain individuals that meet those eligibility criteria. What we do is budget our rides per month stay within the financial constraints of the program, so there’s always more demand for services than you have the ability to fund. We need . . . the most that we can, and we do prioritize those services to meet those most important, critical services of medical, doctor’s appointments, social service appointments, those types of appointments.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay and you’ve indicated there is a co-pay or the people that use this service also participate in the cost.”

**Ms. Graham** said, “Yes, they do.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Burtnett.”

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “I know over the past year we’ve talked about transportation brokerages, but this is just yearly contracts that we sign, so every December this comes before us?”

**Ms. Graham** said, “Yes, it’s an annual contract with our vendors.”

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “Okay, because I didn’t recognize . . . I recognized most of the names of the vendors but not all of them, so I tried to remember what it was that we talked about with transportation. It’s been a few months ago, I thought we did some sort of contracts?”

**Ms. Graham** said, “We might have, because what we do is we try to rotate new vendors, because we’re always wanting to meet those specialized demands for door-to-door, rather than just curb-to-curb, so for those specialized needs, where they can get to the curb for regular transportation, so it’s always looking for new vendors to participate in this program.”

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “Okay, thank you.”

**Commissioner Norton** said, “That was the rural transportation, it dealt with a city contract, I think they run it for us. That’s about two or three months ago.”

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**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “Okay, thank you.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, Commissioners. Any other questions? What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Contracts 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, “Next item please.”

**3. CONTRACTS (10) TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.**

- **CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION – PERSONAL EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**
- **CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION – EMPLOYMENT**
- **CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION – THERAPY**
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES – ADULT DAY SERVICES**
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES – FOSTER GRANDPARENTS**

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- **INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER – FLEX AND HOME MODIFICATIONS**
- **INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER – DISABILITY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**
- **RAINBOWS UNITED – VISION**
- **THE ARC OF SEDGWICK COUNTY – EPILEPSY EDUCATION**
- **SENIOR SERVICES, INC. OF WICHITA – NUTRITION**

**Ms. Graham** said, “What you have before you are ten agreements for providing services for the . . . community services to persons with physical disabilities and these programs serve individuals of all ages, not just the older population. These are funded with county mill levy dollars and these services, once again, promote accessibility, education, job training, work, health and safety for persons with disabilities to help them, once again, maintain their independence and stay in the community as long as possible, so we have a variety of different service providers listed here, with a total of \$469,817 total mill levy funding. This serves a variety of different needs in our community. One example of this is through the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation, personal emergency equipment program and that helps to do some specialized modifications to wheelchairs and there’s not another funding source for this, but this can be a critical need for individuals in our community.

An example of this is a gentleman who first began receiving services several years ago to have some highly customized seating systems for his wheelchair after he’d been in a snow sledding accident at the age of 15 and had multiple physical disabilities. Through this time, he’s received these services and as a result of receiving these specialized services, he now works and is a full-time employee at W.S.U. doing some professional work, but without these services it’s likely he would never have been able to achieve that, so I’d be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “All right, thank you. That’s a great story. Commissioners, any comment or question on this agenda item?”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Contracts 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, "Next item."

**4. FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006 AREA PLAN REVISION AND APPLICATION FOR GRANT AWARD TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING.**

**Ms. Graham** said, "This is my last agenda item for the morning, and it is our fiscal year 2006 area plan revision. Each year, we're required to submit an area plan to the Kansas Department on Aging to outline how we'll be using federal dollars within our local tri-county area of Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick Counties. This is on a federal fiscal year, which started October 1<sup>st</sup>. September 30<sup>th</sup>, we received notification from the Kansas Department on Aging of some reallocated funds and these are funds, throughout the 11 triple-As, that aren't utilized. They go back into the state pot and then they reallocate those out, so we had some reallocated funds that we needed to determine how we were going to spend.

We also had some funds available under our caregiver 3-E program. This is a program that's very new to the network and over the years, we have the ability to do unallocated funds, so each year if we don't allocate all of our funds, we can roll those funds over. So what we've been able to do, as that program is up and running and we've seen more successes coming out of that and identified further needs, we are now at a point we're able to utilize some of those unallocated funds and we're establishing . . . we have increased the funding for the respite care program, as those needs have increased and utilization has increased, so we're able to increase those in this area plan revision.

We're also getting ready to start a new employer-based caregiver program. Caregiver Coordinator provides some assistance to working caregivers. That service will be available to Sedgwick County employees, City of Wichita employees, we're working with one business in El Dorado and talking with some other businesses locally to start this kind of pilot project, as we know that there's a lot needs of working caregivers. This will help them to continue in that role.

We've also increased with the reallocated funds some services for the Meals-On-Wheels home delivered program and the congregate site-based program. These changes are a revision to the area plan. We have received approval from our Central Plains Advisory Council members, from the

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Butler and Harvey County Commissioners and now we're bringing it to you for your approval as the governing board, so I'd be happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Well if it's been through the advisory councils and our partner counties and been through our staff, I would think we're going to be supportive. We have a question. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Just a curiosity question, I guess. Annette, when these go before the commissions in Harvey County and Butler County, do you make those presentations, or do they have staff, their staff make the presentations?"

**Ms. Graham** said, "I make the presentations. Both of the other two counties do have Departments on Aging, which utilize their mill levy funding so they're there and can answer any questions, but as the director for the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, I make the presentations."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Okay. And I'm sure they were both supportive of this item, right?"

**Ms. Graham** said, "Yes, they were."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "All right, thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the FY 2006 Area Plan Revision; and authorize the Chairman to sign the Application and other related documents necessary to complete the grant process, including the notification of grant award.

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, Annette. Next item please."

**J. DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**1. ADDITION OF A VEHICLE TO THE FLEET, TO BE USED BY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS' JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY.**

**Mr. Larry Ternes**, Youth Services Administrator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The physical layout of the new juvenile detention facility complex requires safe, motorized transport of food from the kitchen of the new facility to the juvenile residential facility, which is within about 300 yards of the new facility.

There are currently three vehicles assigned to the juvenile detention facility complex. These vehicles are encumbered with other assignments, which will conflict with our need to have a vehicle constantly available to transport food. To meet this need, a small pickup can be attained from the current fleet at a minimal cost of \$4,500. This vehicle has been identified as a Ford Ranger pickup, currently being used by the Code Enforcement Department. I am requesting today that you approve the addition to the fleet of this vehicle for the juvenile detention facility and would be happy to answer any questions related to this item."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Well, thank you Larry. Commissioners, are there questions about this vehicle transfer?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the addition to the fleet.

Commissioner Burtnett 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, "Next item please."

**2. AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION FOR MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO JUVENILES IN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS' RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES.**

**Mr. Ternes** said, "University of Kansas School of Medicine- Wichita Medical Practice Association currently provides medical services to juvenile offenders residing in the residential facilities of our youth services division. The cost for the contract before you reflects increases related to the additional services required for an expanded population of residents at the new juvenile detention facility. The maximum amount of this contract will not exceed \$265,000. Today, I request that you approve this agreement and authorize the Chair to sign and would be happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, I just have one question Larry. This means that we have availability of those medical services 24 hours a day. They're on-call and provide almost anything that is needed?"

**Mr. Ternes** said, "That is correct."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay. Commissioners, are there any other questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters 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**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item please."

**3. AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH NORTH CENTRAL KANSAS REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY PROVIDING OFFSITE JUVENILE DETENTION HOUSING SERVICES.**

**Mr. Ternes** said, "Commissioners, this agreement before you is an amended agreement that will allow for the continuation of off-site juvenile detention housing at the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility, which is in Junction City, for Sedgwick County detainees that exceed our current juvenile detention facility's capacity. The agreement continues the daily per deum rate at \$115 per day, for juvenile detention beds through April 30<sup>th</sup> of 2006. With this contract there is no guaranteed minimum. I would recommend that you approve this contract and authorize the chair to sign, once again happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you Larry. This is kind of a relief valves, in case we need that space. In our new facility, we have for most of the time adequate space."

**Mr. Ternes** said, "That is correct, sir."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burnett moved to approve the Amended Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**



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

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Next item."

**4. AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH CLARENCE M. KELLEY DETENTION SERVICES, INC. PROVIDING OFFSITE JUVENILE DETENTION HOUSING SERVICES.**

**Mr. Ternes** said, "Commissioners, my last item for you this morning is an amended agreement that will allow, once again, for continuation of off-site juvenile detention housing at Clarence M. Kelley Detention Service, which one of the facilities is located in Topeka, Kansas and one of their other facilities that we use is in WaKeeney, Kansas. This allows us to provide this type of service when our current population exceeds the facility's capacity, according the KDHE lincensing regulations. The extended terms has been established to allow us time needed, as we mentioned previously, to transition to our new juvenile detention facility. I would recommend that you approve this contract as well and authorize the Chairman to sign and if you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer those."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "I don't see any requests for questions, Larry. So Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Burtnett moved to approve the Amended 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
Commissioner Winters	Aye
Commissioner Burtnett	Aye

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Commissioner Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Larry. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

**K. MARKET SALARY ADJUSTMENT TO ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) ANALYST POSITION.**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have this agenda item before you, but you also have one later in the agenda, on the consent, that will adjust 17 other employee salaries, due to market conditions or because of the increased responsibilities. This was an error on my part to separate this from the others. It was on the regular agenda, I have reviewed it carefully and would recommend you approve it."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, is there any question of the Manager?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the market salary adjustment.

Commissioner Burnett 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 please."

**L. PUBLIC WORKS.**

- 1. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) FORM 1303, "RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARANCE; UTILITY ARRANGEMENTS" FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 634-32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 63<sup>RD</sup> STREET**

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**SOUTH BETWEEN ROCK ROAD AND THE BUTLER COUNTY LINE.  
CIP# R-275. DISTRICT #5.**

**Mr. David Spears**, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Item L-1 is approval of KDOT form 1303, for the road and the Butler County line, designated as R-275 in the Capital Improvement Program. This form states that all rights-of-way have been acquired and all utility arrangements have been made. Federal funds will pay for 80% of the project. I recommend that you approve the Form 1303 and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, David. Are there any questions, Commissioners? What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve KDOT Form 1303 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters 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.”

- 2. “CERTIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCEDURES”  
FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 634-32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 63<sup>RD</sup> STREET  
SOUTH BETWEEN ROCK ROAD AND THE BUTLER COUNTY LINE.  
CIP# R-275. DISTRICT #5.**

**Mr. Spears** said, “Item L-2 is approval of the ‘certification of real property acquisition procedures’

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for the same project mentioned in the previous item. This certifies that Sedgwick County did follow federal guidelines when rights-of-way were procured for this project. I recommend that you approve the certification and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any questions or discussion? What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Certification 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, “Next item.”

- 3. ESTIMATE FROM CONOCOPHILLIPS PIPELINE COMPANY FOR RELOCATION OF A PIPELINE IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT ON 63<sup>RD</sup> STREET SOUTH BETWEEN ROCK ROAD AND THE BUTLER COUNTY LINE. CIP# R-275. DISTRICT #5.**

**Mr. Spears** said, “Item L-3 is an estimate from Conoco Phillips Pipeline Company for relocation of a pipeline in connection with the road project on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street South, between Rock Road and the Butler County line designated as R-275 in the CIP. Their line is located in a private easement. The cost will not exceed \$1,355.56. I recommend that you approve the estimate.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Commissioners, are there any questions?”

**MOTION**

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Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the estimate.

Commissioner Winters 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."

**4. AGREEMENT WITH RURAL WATER DISTRICT #3 FOR RELOCATION OF A WATERLINE IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT ON 63<sup>RD</sup> STREET SOUTH BETWEEN ROCK ROAD AND THE BUTLER COUNTY LINE. CIP# R-275. DISTRICT #5.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "Item L-4 is an agreement with Rural Water District #3 for relocation of approximately 14,220 lineal feet of pipeline in connection with the road project on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street South, between Rock Road and the Butler County line, designated as R-275 in the CIP. The cost will not exceed \$288,455. The water district has prior rights in the right-of-way that we purchased. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Okay, once again commissioners, is there any comment or questions?"

**MOTION**

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

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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, "I think we can proceed with R-275. Okay, Madam Clerk call the next item please."

**M. ADJUSTMENT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING TABLE TO INCLUDE A TEMPORARY, PART-TIME OFFICE SPECIALIST, B115.**

**Dr. Burbach** said, "We have requests for one additional staffing table adjustment of an additional half-time, temporary clerical person. The fact is, we've got a lot of busy work in getting things together for training for the bio-terrorism planning, purchasing, just a lot of clerical kinds of things. It seems like we'd be better suited to pay a person office salary on a temporary basis, when we need them, as opposed to having our highly paid administrative staff doing those kind of things, so we'd like to add a temporary person to that staff that will be paid for out of the bio-terrorism grant that you approved earlier this morning."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the adjustment to the Health Department Staffing Table.

Commissioner Winters 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, Cindy. Next item please."

**N. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2005.**

**Mr. Jerry Phipps**, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Minutes of the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts and there are four items for your consideration.

**1) COMPUTER HARDWARE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS  
FUNDING: DIO (EQUIPMENT RESERVE)**

Item one is computer hardware for the Division of Information and Operations. It was moved to accept the quote from Dell for \$28,664.82. This is off our joint governmental purchasing WSCA contract.

**2) SPRINTER VAN- FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Item two is a Sprinter Van for Fleet Management and it was moved to accept the bid from Parks Motors for \$45,201.

**3) GAS CHROMATOGRAPH/ MASS SPECTROMETER- FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER  
FUNDING: FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**

Item three, gas chromatograph, mass spectrometer for the Forensic Science Center. It was moved to accept the bid from Varian for \$124,489.

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**4) FIREWALL SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**  
**FUNDING: BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

And item four, firewall support and maintenance for the Division of Information and Operations. It was moved to accept the quote from Fishnet Security for \$43,021.60. I'll be happy to take questions and recommend these items as presented."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you, Jerry. Commissioners, are there any questions or comment about any of the items from the bid board?"

**MOTION**

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

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, "Thank you, Jerry. Next item please."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**O. CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 1. Modification of amended dates for the contract with The University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita Medical Practice Association, for a Health Officer for the Health Department.**
- 2. Amendment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to include CIP# R-275, widening of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street between Rock Road and the Butler County line.**



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3. **Fourth Quarter 2005 Range Reallocations.**
4. **Resolution stating findings made by the Board of County Commissioners at the post-annexation hearing held December 7, 2005.**
5. **Order dated December 14, 2005 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
6. **Payroll Check Register of December 16, 2005.**
7. **General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of December 14 – 20, 2005.**

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

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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, “Well Commissioners, we’ve gone through a lot of business today, a lot of agenda items but we’re at the end of the agenda and no need for Executive Session or Fire District meeting. Are there comments? Commissioner Burtnett.”

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### P. OTHER

**Commissioner Burtnett** said, “Well, I just have a couple. This being the last meeting before Christmas, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and thank everyone who has been sending cards. I’ve really appreciated those. The Communications Department did hand me a little handbill that they would like me to show and this is a ‘Cover Your Cough’ handbill. For the past week, that’s what I have been doing is I have been coughing and sneezing and the correct way to do this is either cover your mouth with a Kleenex or cough into your elbow and that is so hard for people my age to do, because we were taught ‘cover your mouth when you’re coughing’ and with all the handshaking I’ve been having to do over the past month, I’ve realized if I cough into my hand and then I’m shaking somebody’s hand, this is not a good thing.

So just reminding everyone to cover your cough with a Kleenex and you can go to our website, in case you happen to get a new computer for Christmas, you can go to [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org) and there’s a lot of information that people can get off of our website, so I encourage you to do that, and again, Merry Christmas to all.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Winters.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “Thank you. Again, want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We’re not meeting, will not have a regular commission meeting between Christmas and New Years.

And earlier, we were talking about this floodplain management task force book, and I’ve been handed a note that says our DIO, the technical guys, are scanning that and it will be on our website later today, so it should be there by Wednesday afternoon and again, that’s [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org). And so if you want to take a look at the floodplain management task force report that we talked about this morning, it will be on our website. Thank you.”

**Chairman Unruh** said, “Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Well just to echo what everybody says, Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night. No, but I want to say, you know, we all went to Oklahoma City and viewed the Ford Center. It was a full day, but I just want to publicly thank all of the members of the design review committee that took their time out and even some of the media that took their time out to come with us, because we are working very hard to keep this project as open and aboveboard and keeping the public informed every step of the way and I thought it was a very worthwhile trip. Learned a lot, getting a good hand along one concourse, two concourses, two and a half. I saw the difference between a 19 inch seat and a 20 inch seat and there is, believe it or not, a lot of difference

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in the perceived comfort.

The people there were very accommodating. They served us a wonderful lunch and answered any questions and for the first time in my life, I got to go inside the locker room of a professional major sporting team, the hockey team that's down there and they take care of their team. They make sure that the amenities are nice and I'm sure we're going to be trying to look at that when we start working out for our hockey team too, but anyway, I thought it was a very worthwhile trip and just to let the public know that we are engaged in this and we only have one chance to do it right and we're going to try to do it right and that's all I had. Thank you."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Winters."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Well, just wanted to add one thing, on following up with Commissioner Sciortino on the trip to New York City, and I'm sure that these TV waves won't travel all the way to Oklahoma City, but I just wanted to say how pleased I was with the hospitality that Oklahoma City, the city had staff there with us and spent significant time, from the city of Oklahoma City and the management staff of the arena spent considerable time and effort with us and so I, publicly, want to say Oklahoma City did a fine job of representing and hosting us that day."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "Thank you Commissioner and I would agree that they need to be complimented, but I think that they're very, very proud of their facility and so it was an easy task for them. Well, I don't see anyone else requesting to speak, except for Commissioner Norton."

**Commissioner Norton** said, "Well, at Christmastime, Tim always gets the last word and that's God bless us, every one."

**Chairman Unruh** said, "All right, very good. Well, Merry Christmas everyone. We will see you on January the 4<sup>th</sup>. We're adjourned."

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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