

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David M. Unruh, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Tim R. Norton; Commissioner Kelly Parks; Commissioner Gwen Welshimer; Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Joe Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Sheena Lynch, Senior Project Assistant, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department; Mr. John Schlegel, Director, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; Mr. Steve Claassen, Director; Facilities; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Protection and Promotion, Health Department; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Ms. Evelyn Good, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Kathy Johnson, Service Learning Director, Hope Street Development
Ms. Reshonda Scott, Hope Street Development
Cecile, Department of Corrections
Mr. Glen Wiltse, Code Enforcement
Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Environmental Resources
Chief Gary Curmode, Fire Department #1
Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds
Dave, Sheriff's Department
Mr. Jason Scheck, OAP
Ms. Janet Baptist, Appraiser's Office
Ms. Betty Clarke, Appraiser's Office
Ms. Karen Miles, Appraiser's Office
Ms. Nancy Patterson, COMCARE
Mr. Tino Martinez, Sheriff's Office
Mr. Gary Poindexter, EMS
Ms. Joy Spilker, Corrections
Ms. Ruth Nyongosa, Corrections
Ms. Maria Velasquez, Sheriff's Office
Ms. Maria Camarillo, DIO
Mr. Chris Mba, Sheriff's Office

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INVOCATION

The Invocation was observed by a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Unruh said, "I would just mention that Commissioner Winters' is in Manhattan today with the Kansas Department of Transportation, he's chairing a committee up there as they develop a new transportation plan. He has indicated this conflict between the Commission meeting and that meeting happened this one time and it won't happen again, he will be here at County Commission meetings in light of the fact he's chairing that portion of the committee and he needed to be there.

So with that, Madam Clerk, I ask you to call the next item."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, February 14, 2007

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Winters was absent from the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2007.

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, you had the opportunity to review the minutes of February 14, 2007, are there any addition or corrections?"

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2007.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

- 1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 24, 2007 AS "SEDGWICK COUNTY TB AWARENESS DAY."**

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is a growing part of the world community and joins the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization in calling attention to the global tuberculosis problem through the annual World TB Day, celebrated on the anniversary of Robert Koch being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his discovery of the causal agent of tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis is one of the world's deadliest diseases, with one-third of the world's population infected, and an estimated 9 to 14 million persons in the US with TB; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County is working to reduce the number of cases of tuberculosis, by diagnosing and providing proper treatment to people with active disease; and

WHEREAS, the management and treatment of tuberculosis for people with active disease is critical to prevent the spread to others, as well as preventing the emergence of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, resistant tuberculosis, to assure the health of the public; and

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WHEREAS, when treatment is not assured, multi-drug resistant TB can occur and such cases can then cost \$1.3 million per case to treat.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2007 as

‘Sedgwick County TB Awareness Day’

and encourage all citizens to educate themselves about tuberculosis and prevention.

Commissioners, you’ve heard the Proclamation, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “And Cindy Burbach is here to receive the Proclamation and maybe tell us some more.”

Ms. Cindy Burbach, Director, Health Protection and Promotion, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I want to appreciate your observance of this unique, it’s not a celebration, it’s just a reminder to the world and to Sedgwick County that tuberculosis is not gone, it remains a world problem, and it remains a problem right here.

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I'm not here to ask for money today, which I have been before, but it's just one of those constant reminders that we need to impress upon our decision makers and our funders that from the Federal Government from the World Health Organization, that tuberculosis is still here, it still needs attention and it'll not go away until we completely attend to it."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Cindy. Part of the Proclamation talked about doing things we can do to avoid tuberculosis, are there things we can do as individuals?"

Ms. Burbach said, "As individuals, you're probably not walking around worrying about TB germs entering your body. It's a matter of completely, aggressively treating the cases that we have and their contacts. So that, for example, people that end up positive infections, which means they're not active disease yet, they're not infectious, yet to others, but they need to be actively, preventively treated so that it doesn't then later turn into an active disease.

So it's very labor intensive. We had 25 active cases last year. We have another three new this year. That doesn't sound like many people at all. However, for 25 cases, we logged over 8,000 encounters. That means daily-observed therapy with those people. Complete tracking and follow-up of all their contacts and then preventive therapy to their contacts. So it's a very labor-intensive program, it's that way all over the U.S. and the world. But that's the only way that we'll beat it."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, and so that's how they got to that seemingly outrageous number of 1.3 million dollars to potentially treat the potential cause?"

Ms. Burbach said, "That 1.3 million that's listed there is for the multi-drug resistant. In other words, I've said this before, that the notion of when you take an antibiotic and you don't finish it and then you develop, not you personally, but the world develops drug-resistant bacteria. That happens with tuberculosis. If we don't do that daily observed therapy, if we don't completely treat any kind of active TB, then eventually we will have a tuberculosis bacteria that are resistant to the drugs that we have now that are cheap. The drugs that are not cheap, are the ones that are necessary to use on those multi-drug resistant germs. And those are the ones that are here now. They're in other parts of the world very heavily and those are the ones that cost, not only the cost of the drugs but the cost of the administration of the drugs because they're IV drugs, they have to be administered everyday by not the level of professionals that you can just hand a pill, but it takes a higher level of skill, which of course turns into higher money costs."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, thank you. Well an important issue to the public health of Sedgwick County and our Health Department. Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 26 – 30, 2007 AS “NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK.”

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

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the issues of school and community violence continues to be intimidating and inhibits the means for achieving academic and social success. Thirty-two percent of young people have been bullied at least once and 12% have been bullied at least five times or more in the past month; and

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 26-30, 2007 as

‘National Youth Violence Prevention Week’

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

Commissioners, you’ve heard the Proclamation, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “And we have two folks here to receive the Proclamation. Would you tell us who you and you say whatever you wish.”

Ms. Kathy Johnson, Service Learning Director, Hope Street Development greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have one of my young folks here who is actually going to speak about “National Youth Violence Prevention Week.”

Ms. Reshonda Scott, Hope Street Development greeted the Commissioners and said, “Hope Street Saves Chapter invites all youth, parents and concerned individuals to participate in our 5th Annual National Violence Prevention Week. That is on March 26-30, 2007. It is to help build a safer community, peace by peace.

Activities will include a lecture on how to make change non-violently with a guest speaker and two workshops. One that is on ‘Stop Teen Smoking’ and the other is on ‘Internet Safety’.

At one of our middle schools, we will be having a non-violent Olympic with awards and prizes. In another, we will have a youth lock-in to wrap-up our long week.

All activities will be hosted by youth of Hope Street Safe Chapter and it’s community partners and is open free of charge. We really want parents to attend with their youth, especially to the ‘Internet Safety’ one.

The goal of this event is to demonstrate the positive role young people have in making their schools, neighborhoods and communities safer to engage one and all in non-violent activities. The lock-in requires a pre-registration, and you can get this from Hope Street. Our number is 263-7325.

Chairman Unruh said, “263-7325?”

Ms Scott said, “Yes.”

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Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, now would you tell me again the date of your event?"

Ms. Scott said, "March 26-30."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, March 26. All right. Well, we appreciate you all being here and promoting non-violence and part of your presentation indicated that you wanted to get the young people involved and I think that's the key to being successful. Rather than having adults impose their will upon you, for you all to decide bullying and violence is not the way to live. We appreciate that effort. We have a Commissioner that would like to make a comment. Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioner Parks said, "Hope Street is in the 4th District, and I've had the opportunity to visit with them several times during my campaign and a couple times since and I think they're doing a great job. These kids are out there and really leaders of the future. I just wanted to say that Hope Street is doing a good job and if you can get over to this event, please do. Thank you."

Ms. Scott said, "Thank you."

Ms. Johnson said, "Thank you. And we have given you all a flyer, and we have more if anyone in the audience would like one, but we have given you a flyer that tells you about the event times and places of each of those events. We do have a group of young folks here, and this week they are out school, but they are taking part in a 'Help Increase the Peace' workshop to help to solve problems non-violently. That's the reason we have a group of young folks here. Thank you very much."

Chairman Unruh said, "Very good. Well, we have another Commissioner that would like to make a comment. Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well in your flyer here, it talks about purposes and even though we call this 'Youth Development', I want to read these purposes because I think we got a lot of adults that could use this development in our community.

Promote respect and tolerance, resolve conflicts peacefully, manage your anger, support safety, and unite in action.

Pretty good words for people of all ages. I don't think that should be categorized as 'Youth Development', that would be 'Community Development'. So you do admirable work and we encourage the young people to stay involved in the community because you are the future of this community."

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Ms. Johnson said, "Thank you."

Ms. Scott said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you both for being here, we appreciate it and good luck on your week of activities. Madam Clerk, call the next item please."

APPOINTMENTS

B. APPOINTMENTS.

1. RESIGNATION OF STEVE BENJAMIN FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, Mr. Benjamin has submitted his resignation and I would ask that you accept it."

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. I would just like to say, before we call the vote, that I want to express appreciation to Mr. Benjamin for his consistent activity and service to the Mental Health Advisory Board. He's been an active and contributing member and we very much appreciate his participation. And with that, Madam Clerk, please call the vote."

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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Chairman Unruh said, "Next item."

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, Items B2, B3 and B4 all pertain to the Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board, we could take those together if you wish?"

Chairman Unruh said, "I don't hear any objection, I think we should do that."

Mr. Euson said, "Okay."

2. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING JASON WATKINS (COMMISSIONER PARKS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.**
3. **RESOLUTIONS (TWO) APPOINTING PAT SLOOP AND MICHELLE SHAHEEN (COMMISSIONER WELSHIMER'S APPOINTMENTS) TO THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.**
4. **RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DOUGLAS WINKLEY (COMMISSIONER UNRUH'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.**

Mr. Euson said, "I would recommend that you adopt these Resolutions."

MOTION

Commissioner Parks moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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Chairman Unruh said, "And County Clerk, Don Brace is here to administer the Oath."

Mr. Don Brace, County Clerk, said, "Good morning Michelle, how are you today? Doug, how are you? Raise your right hand please."

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board, so help me God.

Mr. Douglas Winkley and **Ms. Michelle Shaheen**, of the Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board said, "I do."

Mr. Brace said, "Congratulations."

Chairman Unruh said, "Before you all sit down, a few comments. Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I want to thank you both for doing this and for your interest in Mental Health. We greatly appreciate it and hope that are glad you did."

Ms. Shaheen said, "Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve. Sedgwick County has a vast array of mental health services and I hope I do a good job on the Advisory Board. Thank you for asking me."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, I think Commissioner Welshimer spoke for the entire Board of County Commissioners. We appreciate your willingness to serve and we take your service seriously. The job needs to be done and we appreciate that you're willing to contribute that way. Thank you. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

5. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BRUCE KOUBA TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we've prepared this Resolution reappointing Bruce Kouba, this is a two-year appointment and I would recommend you adopt the Resolution."

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

MOTION

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Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, “And Mr. Kouba is not here for his Oath of Office, but he’s served in this capacity previously and we’ll take care of that detail later. Is that right Mr. Clerk? Okay, well we want to express our appreciation to Mr. Kouba for his continuing service on the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

Madam Clerk, call the next item please.”

RETIREMENT

C. PRESENTATION OF A RETIREMENT CLOCK TO DAVID L. BRENTLINGER, SHERIFF DEPUTY, SHERIFF’S OFFICE.

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This agenda item is on your agenda to recognize the contributions of one of our Sheriff’s Deputy’s, not only in public service, but especially in law enforcement. And we would like to thank the fellow Deputies and Officers of the Sheriff’s Office for being here today to support David. And also would just ask David to come forward now.

David L. Brentlinger is a Sheriff’s Deputy, who will retire April 1st after 27-years of service to Sedgwick County.”

Chairman Unruh said, “On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, it is my honor to recognize you on the event of retirement after 27 years, it’s a long time that’s kind of grinded out, but I’m assuming that it must be a little bit of fun and rewarding for you to stay for 27 years.”

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Mr. David L. Brentlinger, Sheriff Deputy, Sheriff's Office said, "Yes, I've even been through three Sheriff's."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, we want to present you with this Certificate of Recognition and we also wanted to let you have this clock, just to let you know that we wanted to express our appreciation for all the time that you spent with Sedgwick County and this hopefully will just remind you of your time here. Looks to me like you have got a lot your co-workers here, I guess Sedgwick County is still safe, even though half the Sheriff' Department is here to congratulate you on your retirement."

Mr. Brentlinger said, "Yes sir, they are."

Chairman Unruh said, "Oh, and his wife is here too. Appreciate your attendance here. We would like for you to say something."

Mr. Brentlinger said, "It has just been a real good experience working for Sedgwick County. Thank you very much."

Commissioner Norton said, "Clerk, go ahead and call the next item while the Chairman is coming back."

AWARDS

D. PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.

Cultural/Diversity Awareness

Janet Baptist, Appraiser's Office
Betty Clarke, Appraiser's Office
Jenelle Ingram, Appraiser's Office
Faustino Martinez, Sheriff's Office
Karen Miles, Appraiser's Office
Nancy Patterson, COMCARE
Gary Poindexter, EMS
Joy Spilker, Corrections

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Professional Development

Faustino Martinez, Sheriff's Office
Ruth Nyongosa, Corrections
Gary Poindexter, EMS
Maria Velasquez, Sheriff's Office

Supervisory/Management Development

Maria Camarillo, DIO
Faustino Martinez, Sheriff's Office
Eke (Chris) Mba, Sheriff's Office
Gary Poindexter, EMS
James Riley, Corrections

Ms. Sheena Lynch, Senior Project Assistant, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're here today to reward these participants for their hard work and dedication to their career development. Each of these certificates requires a diverse curriculum that encompasses many different levels of leadership and management skills.

I would like to thank each of these participants, as well as their supervisors and managers, for allowing them time away from the office to attend these trainings.

The first recipient of the Diversity/Cultural Awareness Certificate is Janice Baptist, Janet Baptist, excuse me, of the Appraiser's Office, if you would come on up here; Betty Clarke of the Appraiser's Office; Tino Martinez of the Sheriff's Office; Karen Miles of the Appraiser's Office; Gary Poindexter of EMS; Joy Spilker of Corrections. Congratulations.

Those receiving the Professional Development Certificates are Tino Martinez of the Sheriff's Office; Ruth Nyongosa, Corrections; Maria Velasquez, of the Sheriff's Office.

Those receiving Certificates for the Supervisory/Management are Maria Camarillo of DIO; Tino Martinez of the Sheriff's Department; Chris Mba, of the Sheriff's Office; Gary Poindexter, of EMS. Thank you."

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Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, Well, let’s recognize those folks. We want to, as our Board of County Commissioners, just simply say that we appreciate the extra effort that you all put into to receive these Certificates and I know that several of you got a hat trick here, you got all three awards, that’s very good. And just to recognize the department leadership for participating in this and allowing you the time. It makes Sedgwick County government a better government, a better place to work and it’s good for our citizens. So we really appreciate your effort. And Commissioner Norton?”

Commissioner Norton said, “Well you said what I was going to say. I was going to congratulate those that had gotten all three certificates. I think that’s a lot of time and effort put into training and learning and professional development and I wanted to congratulate all of them, but I think it’s really amazing when you put the time in to get all three certificates. I think that’s pretty amazing.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Commissioner Welshimer?”

Commissioner Welshimer said, “Well there’s some of you there that I’ve known for a long time and know you’ve been here for a long time. And I’m very proud of you and congratulations.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Thank you all very much and congratulations. Madam Clerk call the next item please.”

PUBLIC HEARING

E. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS.

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “In the last 12 months, over 3,200 people across, 3,200 first time home buyers have used the Kansas Local Government State-Wide Housing Program. The program that’s for this bond issue to buy their first house.

Before you open the public hearing, I’d just like to describe this program and then you can do the public hearing and then follow with the Resolution and won’t have to say things twice.

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Sedgwick and Shawnee County successfully co-issued this very effective program for first time homebuyers and it's available to all low and moderate income-credit worthy Kansas families who want to buy their first home. Sedgwick County administers the program, down payment assistance is available at 4% of the mortgage amount of every loan. But families who have managed to save money for down payment can opt out of that and get for a lower interest-unassisted loan.

Funding comes from annual allocation or private activity bonds from the Kansas Department of Commerce. I don't want anybody to think that Sedgwick County is spending \$250,000,000 on this program.

But realtors, lenders and homebuyers all really like this program. Lenders tell me that the loans are easy to package and approve quickly. And homebuyers who have, you know, obviously, many of the homebuyers do opt for the assistance because it's difficult to save for a down payment.

If you adopt this Resolution today, after the public hearing, and to issue to up to \$250,000,000, we'll send invitations to realtors, lenders across the state inviting them to participate in this new bond issue. And they in turn will bring thousands of Kansas homebuyers to the table to buy their first house.

We have cooperating agreements with 324 cities and 103 counties. And 42 lenders participate with nearly 200 branches across the state. It's open to any lender. And if anybody wants information on this program, they can go to the Sedgwick County Housing Department website at www.sedgwickcounty/housing and over on the right side of the screen, under the first link under home ownership, they click on that and go to another page, and that will give them all the participating lenders sorted out by cities, the invitation documents for new lenders, target areas, etc.

And I would just like to probably take this time to formally thank our County Webmaster who makes frequent updates as new cities and lenders join this program.

On your agenda, it does state after the public hearing we are to report findings, but there are no findings with this program. It's a misprint. This program is a clean program, it's always used all the money, it is a great program. If there's no questions, you might want to, you know, just invite you to open the public hearing and if you have questions, I'll be glad to try and answer them."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Brad. Commissioners, do you have questions at this time? Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I just have a comment. We've been doing this for a long time. Many years, and this is just a continuation of that?"

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Mr. Snapp said, "Yes."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Federal money."

Mr. Snapp said, "Right."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "It comes down from Federal, State to us?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Exactly."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "And it does enable many people to become, most of them first time homebuyers. I'm just glad to see it's here again. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Any other comments Commissioners? I suppose if we're having this comment from the bench right now, I just want to make sure we have our bond attorneys here and representatives from the bonding company, Baum and Associates, and so if we have any questions..."

Mr. Snapp said, "There is Chuck Buey from George K Baum, Jack Ranson from Ranson Housing, the compliance agent and Joe Norton the bond attorney."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, everything is in order gentlemen, I suppose. All right, at this time then, Commissioners, let me open the public meeting and let me see if there is anyone who has an interest in this item. Is there anyone who wants to speak pro or con or have any comment, now is the time. And I think I see no one here wanting to make a comment, so I will close the public hearing. We are not required to make any findings so, there is no action at this point on this agenda item. Is that correct?"

Mr. Euson said, "That is correct and you can proceed to Item F."

Chairman Unruh said, "Then let's proceed to Item F. Madam Clerk will you call that please?"

NEW BUSINESS

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F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FINANCE PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS (MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES PROGRAM), 2007 SERIES A, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS, TO BE ISSUED IN NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE SERIES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TRUST INDENTURE, ORIGINATION AND SERVICING AGREEMENT, COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY AND SALE OF SAID BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS TO DO AND PERFORM ALL THINGS NECESSARY, APPROPRIATE AND INCIDENTAL THERETO UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE ACT.

Chairman Unruh said, "All right Commissioners, this is our action item, relative to this bond issue and Brad do you have anything more?"

Mr. Snapp said, "I don't have anything additional."

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer 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	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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G. AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS AND THE WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (WAMPO) TO PROVIDE FOR AN INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT.

Mr. John Schlegel, Director, WAMPO, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The item, the agreement that is before you today is actually a redo of an agreement that you’ve had previously passed on, or rather approved. It’s back before you because of some unforeseen delays caused it to, not to, the funds not to be obligated in the last Federal fiscal year. And those funds have now been moved into the current Federal fiscal year and requires that the agreement be redone.

I hope that some of you will recall that back in 2002 Sedgwick County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Wichita and with KDOT, by which the County as well as the City, both committed one and a quarter million dollars and KDOT committed 3.75 million dollars to the implementation of a regional intelligent transportation system.

Some of the projects that were identified under, you’ll recall where the putting the computers into the Wichita police cars and Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Department vehicles, the State, it will be implementing an advanced transportation management system. And as you will recall that is, the type of system you see in other metro areas, were you see the sign boards over the highways that allow the, would allow KDOT to divert traffic off of the freeway system in the event of an accident that ties up traffic or in the case of a major event causing a great deal of traffic blockage on the freeway system.

Then a third project, which is covered by this particular supplemental agreement that’s before you today is a traffic signal up-grade for the City of Wichita. In what this covers is a replacement of the existing sign, traffic signal controllers by the City of Wichita, which will allow them to control the traffic signals at all intersections through one central control unit in City Hall. So to do that they’ll have to set up a communications network and install in new traffic controllers at the signals with new software.

The total cost of this project is about 3.3 million dollars and Sedgwick County’s share of the project cost for this is \$5,316. So as I mentioned before, this is simply coming back to you for your approval again, it’s an agreement that you had previously approved but because of some unforeseen delays, and the need to move it from one Federal fiscal year into another, it’s back before you today. And the recommendation is to approve this.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right. Well thank you John. And I think if we have approved it once,

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we will probably do that again, but I appreciate you rehearsing us back through some of those particulars. But it's anticipated that we will start implementing it this year..."

Mr. Schlegel said, "Correct. They will be required to obligate these funds in the current fiscal year, which ends in September."

Chairman Unruh said, "And will the, is this where part of the control center part of this will be housed, in our public safety building, is this what I'm, or am I confused on these programs?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "Well, so far, what the City anticipates is for the traffic signal controls, setting up the control center in City Hall. There is a traffic operation center being set up in the new building where KDOT will be housed to control the advanced transportation management system. Ideally, at some point, we'll get those together in the same control center. But that's not in the cards right now."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, well thank you. We have a question from Commissioner Parks."

Commissioner Parks said, "With these unforeseen delays, this is not going to delay any projects for the next fiscal year for the Federal projects or anything, is it?"

Mr. Schlegel said, "No. The unforeseen delay that, regarding this particular project had to do with the City exploring setting up their own wireless network system. The traffic control system will need some sort of communication system and they got sidetracked on exploring this broader wireless network system. So no, it will not hold up any other projects."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, are there any other comments or questions? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

H. RESOLUTION REVISING POLICY 4.309 OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.

Mr. Steve Claassen, Director, Facilities, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This morning, I have for your consideration two smoking policy Resolutions that we’re requesting you approve.

The first Resolution amends the personnel policy regarding smoking and the second Resolution that will follow amends the Sedgwick County Code that relates also to smoking. These two Resolutions are essentially the same; the difference is in their application. The personnel policy relates to, and is applicable to our County employees. The Sedgwick County Code Resolution will be applicable to any other visitors to Sedgwick County facilities.

Both of these policies were written about fifteen years ago and certainly our understanding of issues relating to smoking and issues relating to second-hand smoke have changed a great deal since then.

It was just last summer, you may remember, the United States Surgeon General talked about no level of second-hand smoke be deemed to be safe. And so it’s our responsibility to ensure that we have safe and healthy places for our citizens and employees to work.

The current policies, as you know, prohibits smoking inside the buildings. And thankfully we have no problems with compliance in that regard. People have cooperated very well with those policies.

The problems we do have relate to Resolutions that we presented for you to consider today are basically two. One is, we’re not able to control smoking immediately outside of the doors, exterior doors of our buildings, the operable windows, there aren’t too many of those and the air intake louvers. Employees and citizens that must enter our buildings have to walk through the smoke as a result of the smokers that are often near the doors and so forth. And also, the second hand smoke from those smokers sometimes drift back through those doors and that becomes a problem as well.

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Another problem is that smoking is not prohibited in our County owned and leased vehicles and equipment and the non-smokers that use those vehicles and equipment, that they follow behind someone who may be smoking, it becomes a problem for them.

As employers, we're responsible to take care of these issues regarding healthy work environments, just as good stewards of the citizen's resources we want to provide for ways of our citizens to access their buildings in a safe way.

One of the changes that we are recommending in these policies, the first and the most broadest one, most broad one is a 25-foot prohibition, extending the prohibition of smoking 25-feet beyond doors, windows and air-intake louvers.

Secondly, we would prohibit smoking anywhere else that we would clearly designate as non-smoking. That permits us to take care of other problem areas. The best example that I can give you of that is the north employee's entrance to this building, where ninety percent of our employees must walk through, essentially it is a hundred foot exterior corridor that's about ten-feet wide, if there are smokers along that route, it exposes everyone using that path. So this would enable us to take care of that problem.

Then finally, we would omit any language that currently is in the existing policy that's no longer applicable. For instance, there is currently a language that talks about exempted buildings in the current policy and this new policy has no exemptions. Likewise, references to smoking breaks and smoker's rights, which are in the present policy, would be omitted in this new policy.

Enforcement would not change at all. Presently County managers and supervisors are responsible for enforcing the personnel policies that we have here at the County, and that would remain the same.

So we do take seriously, the responsibility to provide these healthy work environments and it's for that reason we bring this Resolution to you and this recommendation to you and I ask that you approve. And I'll stand for your questions."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Thank you Steve. So, we have two agenda items here. The first one deals just with our policy, our people and the second one then would make this applicable to all citizens entering the building and all smokers."

Mr. Claassen said, "Exactly."

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Chairman Unruh said, “And this has gone through a considerable process to get to this point?”

Mr. Claassen said, “It has. We have assembled, over the last six to eight months, spent time bringing all the stakeholders that are representative within the County to discuss how these issues relate to them. I think we had a good representative group that processed that information. We considered a lot of various options. This one deals most directly with the issues of just providing safe and healthy working environments for our citizens and employees. This is where we’ve ended up and I think it’s a reasonable recommendation.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. So we’ve considered objections and tried to deal in a reasonable way with those comments?”

Mr. Claassen said, “With this policy we were able to get unanimous consent among all of our stakeholders.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay. And then we have other questions, but I have one more about what, have we made provision for those individuals who are serving jury panels, to where they have an opportunity to smoke if they have to?”

Mr. Claassen said, “Well, first of all they would be permitted to go beyond the 25-foot prohibition, but secondly, in this building, there is an area on the west side of the building that’s still inside the secure envelope, if you will. You are aware that we screen for weapons and our Security Department doesn’t want to have to re-screen those people every time they go out the door, so there is an area on the west side of the building that’s provided for that they can go to and, as I say it’s inside that secure envelope.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, thank you. We have a question from Commissioner Parks.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well, one of the questions has been answered about the jury pools that come in. Also, have you had feed back about the 100-foot corridor on the north side? Has that been a big issue?”

Mr. Claassen said, “Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to that because really we have taken another part of the process in coming to this Resolution was requesting people to do a survey. We’ve given people an opportunity to do a survey on their opinions on these issues and the consistent comment was that that area especially is a problem area. So it was really important for us to be able to have some tool to use to ensure that that area that’s regularly used, is someplace that we can provide that is smoke free.”

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Commissioner Parks said, “Okay. And this doesn’t include, I noticed, any chewing or expectorant...”

Mr. Claassen said, “That’s right.”

Commissioner Parks said, “With the TB, earlier the TB prevention, that may be something that may be coming in the future.”

Mr. Claassen said, “We had a very broad representation in this stakeholders group. We had members of the Health Department, which you can probably expect, and as you would expect, they would have preferred to see a more aggressive position that we would take with this. And it would have included things like that. But we felt that without more direct policy provision on this, this was something we could all agree to and work towards, so we had agreement on this.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Well, Commissioners are there any other questions about this personnel policy and procedures change? What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Welshimer 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	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

I. RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE *SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE*.

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Mr. Claassen said, "As I said earlier Commissioners, this is essentially the very same, we use the same language in this Amendment as was done in the personnel policy Resolution. The only difference is that there is no language in this County Code alteration that relates to smoking in vehicles and equipment. The reason for that is pretty clear. We had no, it is only County employees that operate the vehicles and equipment so we just don't include that language. But with that exception, it is the same policy; it just permits us to make application to all other visitors of our County facilities.

In regards to enforcement, there is no difference. The code does not change in any way. There is provision for writing citations if it's necessary. We don't believe that will be necessary, but the enforcement piece of this doesn't change. So again, we recommend that you approve this."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Commissioners, I don't know if there is another question. Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Steve, how are you going to articulate this to the general public. I mean, when you start talking 25-feet from the building, and the average citizen maybe doesn't, you know, watch us on television, obviously won't read the County Code I wouldn't think on this issue. How are we going to articulate that to them? I mean, we're not going to have folks out front going, oh you just crossed over the 25-foot line, how are we going to get that out there?"

Mr. Claassen said, "It's going to be a challenge. There's not a doubt about that. I guess first of all, in many of our County facilities, I don't really know that there is going to be a need for really doing anything in this regard. If there's not a problem in a County facility in this particular issue, I don't see that any action is necessary at all. This gives us the ability to enforce the extension of the prohibition in this building, which we do have some problem in that area.

Our Maintenance Department has got plans currently to, first of all, extend the smoking urns and trash receptacles out to the 25-foot radius, which really, fortunately in this building, happens at a pretty, at a break point at our landscape and it's just going to work pretty well. And there is going to be signs on either sides of those trash urns and so forth that I think will make it clear. It is going to be a challenge, I agree."

Commissioner Norton said, "Do you see the time when the policy decision's to be a tobacco free, any county property will be tobacco free? I mean there is a movement nationally, there's a movement locally. As we get more and more information that, you're not going to have the conundrum of trying to tell people one way or another, it's just tobacco free and that's it. When do

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you think that will come before us? This is the first step, but I don't think it's the last step."

Mr. Claassen said, "I think this is, I totally agree and really our group articulated that just this way, that this is one more incremental step toward that eventual end. When it will happen? I don't think it will be that long. There is accelerated movement towards sensitivities to this, as you know. We don't, I don't see this happening in the next two years, but I don't think it will be very long before this will be revisited once again. It probably does require incremental steps toward...we've got unique situations at the County facilities here. It may be argued for not being on the bleeding edge of this issue but I do see this as an incremental step towards ultimately a tobacco free workplace."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

J. RESOLUTION EXEMPTING PERFORMANCE-BASED MERIT PAY PILOT II DEPARTMENTS FROM CURRENT POLICIES OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Ms. Jo Templin, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before I ask you to adopt the Resolution, I wanted to take this opportunity to give you a status update about the performance-based pay program for Sedgwick County."

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Some of you recall that we were going through the budget process for 2005 and the County Manager and Commissioners asked me, as the Human Resources Director, to think differently about how employees are awarded merit step increases and about how we enhance our performance management system as well as the compensation system for County employees. And we looked hard at one of the goals of the county to train, encourage and recognize employees for hard work, creativity and innovation in delivering quality public service.

At that point, Human Resources conducted a readiness assessment to all the departments in the County and invited these departments to participate in a task force to design internally a system of performance-based pay for the County. You can see that the County was well represented in these departments who participated very faithfully in almost a year of work on this task force to develop not only a performance management system but also the compensation tool that goes along with that.

Out of the group that participated in the task force, we invited those who felt they were ready to implement the performance-based pay system, performance management system in 2006 to award pay for performance awards on January 1, 2007. I might say that the County Manager started pay for performance for his direct reports in 2005, wanting to implement this for himself, prior to having departments implement this, so the County Manager took that on for his direct reports. And the Sheriff's Office also implemented performance-based pay in 2005, prior to what we're considering Pilot I departments.

These are the departments who are willing to implement this last year and I've asked them to come just to be recognized for their hard work. We have a representative from Department of Corrections, Cecile would you stand. We have Glen Wiltse from Code Enforcement, Susan Erlenwein from Environmental Resources, Chief Gary Curmode from Fire District 1, Bill Meek from Register of Deeds, and Dave from the Sheriff's Office is here, Sheriff Steed could not be here today.

I just wanted to recognize these department heads for their hard work in helping us implement Pilot I. Thank you for being here."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well we want to recognize them too, I mean we appreciate it."

Ms. Templin said, "Some of the hard things that these departments did and others as we fully implement this program, we thought it very important that our supervisors were trained very well in this program and Kim Walker from Human Resources and I, as well as the department management, have done a great job of supervisory training. Will we do more? Of course. Will we keep this on the front burner? Of course. But we did train all supervisors before implementing.

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We also educated employees on the process with lots of communication and one of the tasks for every department implementing pay for performance to review every single job description that they have and make sure that employees are well versed in what their expectations are. Out of that job description then, supervisors are asked to come up with, in dialogue with employees, identify performance goals and measurements. And then all employees in Pilot I were reviewed by November 1, to receive their pay for performance award on January 1, 2007.

Once the scores come to HR, those scores are divided into four pay tiers, and the pay tiers are applied consistently within a department. We thought it very important that we all work within in the established merit pool that's adopted every year by the Commissioners during the budget season. And we established a minimum of two percent and a maximum of six percent working within that adopted merit pool.

I just wanted to show you, for the general pay plan, those departments within the general pay plan, working within that 4 percent pool, with the 396 employees involved with Pilot I, this is the distribution of merit raises within that pool.

The Sheriff's Office has a little bit different system. They have a three pay tier system and had over 593 employees involved and this is the distribution of their merit awards.

The next steps that we have with this program is that we did just complete a survey of every employee that was involved in Pilot I, with several questions about the system as well as open ended comments that they can make regarding. So we'll be analyzing their feedback and enhancing the system and working with these department heads for that feedback to enhance what they have put in place.

We will monitor Phase II with the Pilot II departments this year with their performance management system and then we have already identified the next group, who will be implementing this. And our goal is that we will be fully implemented by 2009.

Phase II or the Pilot II departments that we have identified, who will be implementing this year, are the Appraiser's Office; Communications Department; the Division of Human Resources; all of the divisions of Human Services, COMCARE, Department on Aging and CDDO; the Division of Community Development, including Animal Control and Housing, two of their departments were involved in Pilot I, we're bringing on board all of Community Development now; and DIO, we will have the Technology Department and Fleet Management; the Election Commission Office and the Emergency Communications and the Zoo."

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As I said, we are also identifying, already, Pilot III departments, working with them, training their supervisors, establishing new job descriptions and working on goals and objectives. And so we've identified Health Department and Treasurer's Office and they are actively working in that program now so that they will be ready to implement. We will, as well, identify other departments to involve in our Phase III and full implementation.

After Phase II we fully believe that we will have about two thirds of the organization and then pick up the Phase III for the full implementation.

Will be happy to answer any questions, but then I would like, also, to request your adoption of this Resolution, which says 'That departments participating in the Performance-Based Merit Pay Pilot II Program will be exempt from any current Sedgwick County policy and procedures that in whole or in part address employee performance evaluation procedures, merit pay and recognition award policies and procedures, when the Pilot Program may be in conflict with the current policy.' And I just read the names of the Pilot II departments, so I won't read that again, however they will be following the guidelines for the performance management system for pay for performance and will be exempt for current County policy. Just ask that you adopt that Resolution and be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you Jo. We do have some questions. Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioner Parks said, "In the feedback survey, how many employees participated in that, do you know?"

Ms. Templin said, "We had 219 responses, about 25 percent."

Commissioner Parks said, "Okay. And I would like to just to thank you and your staff, that you've done a good job, that doing this and putting this together. And I hope the feedback and the employees are continually trained on this because it is really important when you have a change like this from years past, from going like a COLA or other means to a new system. I perceived that's where there's been some trouble in past issues that I've seen in changes."

Ms. Templin said, "It is a culture change for the organization and we are very involved in change management and communication is an important key. Thank you."

Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Any other comment Commissioners? Commissioner Norton?"

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Commissioner Norton said, “Well, I’m really focused on this as we move forward. Change is hard, but you really change your standards and your expectations of people when you start putting emphasis on their performance and on the standards and goals that you’ve set. It also talks about equity, because we think of everybody getting the same raise as equitable. But if their performance levels are extremely different, that is not equity. Now that is creating a false equity for those people and certainly people on the high side enjoy the benefits of this, you’ll have some on the low side, the marginal employees, that will gripe about this kind of a program. But the truth is, we have bigger issues with most of those folks anyway.

One of the things that this will start to show is the bell curve of performance, where you have the largest amount of your people. We’re going to give a raise very similar to what they’ve always gotten in the pool. Some people will benefit a little more on the one end, on the high end of the expectations and some people will benefit a little less, but obviously they’re going to have other issues.

One of the questions I would ask, I noticed that we had several people in the Pilot that didn’t benefit from the pool of money, they didn’t get a raise. Do we talk to those folks and set goals for them, give them some information of what will get them to that level the next year?”

Ms. Templin said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Norton said, “I mean I think that’s very important that people understand that this isn’t a punishment, this is a new policy that rewards high performance and will not punish, not poor performance, but certainly will make sure that you’re going to achieve something higher at the next review period.”

Ms. Templin said, “Yes, and that was on the minds of the participants of the task force and we created a performance management evaluation form and on that form is a mandatory performance improvement plan that needs to be documented by the supervisor if that employee does not reach a score that would entitle them to a merit increase. And supervisors must talk to that employee about what it will take to not only let that employee continue employment, but also develop in those areas that they need improvement on.”

Commissioner Norton said, “Do we also include an IDP for all employees? So that somebody that’s in the middle of the bell curve can move to the outstanding performance and people that are at the outstanding level don’t drop back because they don’t know what the new expectations are? Do we do that for everybody?”

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Ms. Templin said, "On that form as well, there is a section for development, training and development, and supervisors are to list those goals as well."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Do we have any type of employee organization?"

Ms. Templin said, "Employee...?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, our employees, are they organized, or I mean do they have representation? How do we, you know, how do we communicate with them to where we know that if this doesn't work on a broad scale, or this has problems or they have concerns, how do we hear from them?"

Ms. Templin said, "That is one reason why we did the survey, where each employee that was involved in Pilot I, was specifically sent an on-line survey to their unique user ID. So they had that opportunity to give that comment and we communicate through departments, through their supervisors, but also we personally in Human Resources, have gone out to departments to train supervisors and employees as well and gone to staff meetings, trying to create that culture of two-way communication.

If you're asking, do we have, we have a Fire District for our lieutenants and our firefighters who have a union, but otherwise our employees are free to come to Human Resources and to talk and we try to proactively survey them and get feedback from them. I don't know if that answered your question."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "It does."

Chairman Unruh said, "Okay, well, my only comment is that I know that it is just a huge challenge to implement a cultural change across an institution of 2,800-2,9000 people and so this incremental way that we're doing, I think is reasonable and it looks like it's being successful and appreciate your leadership in that.

Commissioners, I think we're ready for a motion."

MOTION

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Commissioner Norton moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

K. CONTRACTS (19) FOR FY 2007 AGING MILL LEVY FUNDING.

In-Home and Community Service

- **Medical Service Bureau Plus Medical Services for Seniors** **\$32,500**

Senior Clubs

- **Cheney Senior Club – City of Cheney** **\$5,000**
- **Clearwater Senior Club – City of Clearwater** **\$5,000**
- **Garden Plain Senior Center – The Gateway of Garden Plain Foundation** **\$5,000**
- **Sedgwick Senior Club – City of Sedgwick** **\$5,000**
- **Valley Center Senior Center – City of Valley Center** **\$5,000**
- **X.Y.Z. Club – City of Bentley** **\$5,000**

Senior Center Level I

- **Bel Aire Senior Center – City of Bel Aire** **\$18,000**
- **Brookside Senior Center – Brookside United**

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- **Methodist Church** **\$18,000**
- **Mount Hope Senior Center – Mount Hope
Community Development, Inc.** **\$18,000**
- **Oaklawn/Sunview Area Senior Center – Oaklawn
Improvement District** **\$18,000**

Senior Center Level II

- **Haysville Senior Center – City of Haysville** **\$35,000**
- **Park City Senior Center – City of Park City** **\$35,000**

Multi-Purpose Senior Center Level I

- **La Familia Multi-Purpose Senior Center – La Familia
Senior Community Center** **\$57,000**
- **Linwood Multi-Purpose Senior Center – Senior
Services, Inc.** **\$57,000**
- **Northeast Multi-Purpose Senior Center – Senior
Services, Inc.** **\$57,000**
- **Orchard Park Multi-Purpose Senior Center – Senior
Services, Inc.** **\$57,000**

Multi-Purpose Senior Center Level II

- **Derby Multi-Purpose Senior Center – City of Derby** **\$80,000**

Multi-Purpose Senior Center Level III

- **Downtown Multi-Purpose Senior Center – Senior
Services, Inc.** **\$115,000**

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Today I bring before you 19 Contracts for our Aging Mill Levy programs. One of these is for an in-home community based services that is with Medical Services Bureau, they provide services to low income seniors, which includes vouchers for assistance with prescription drugs, it also includes assistance with eyeglasses and assistance with signing up for the prescription drug program.

Then the 18 remaining Contracts are for senior centers, senior clubs and multi-purpose senior centers. There are three contracts that are not included here today. And those are for Maize, Colwich and Mulvane Senior Center. There was some delays in getting signatures so they will be coming on shortly for an agenda item.

This senior center, what we see here today is implementation of Phase II. In 2005 the Board of

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County Commissioners approved a funding formula for senior centers, which established set funding for each level of senior centers, but also established certain criteria for activities, ongoing, regular, special activities, educational events, hours of operation and also included, standards for employment or if they had a Director.

It is also included the standardized reporting, and evaluation concepts and then set up a procedure for any future senior center or club that wanted to advance, there are procedures for that. Also procedures are set in place if they're not meeting the standards, how we will work with them.

In the 2006 budget session, it was approved to go forth with the second phase of this. So this does implement those second phases. And you have before you those contracts, we have senior clubs, senior centers, senior center level II, multi purpose senior center I, multi purpose senior center II and multi purpose senior center level III. There is \$5,000 for clubs, \$18,000 for level I, \$35,000 for level II, and multi purpose senior centers we have \$57,000, \$80,000 and \$115,000.

And I will happy to answer any questions you might have on that.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right, thank you Annette. This fully implements the evolution into this particular way of funding, to this matrix of funding is that correct?”

Ms. Graham said, “Yes. This is Phase II of a two phase program.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right. And all the clubs seem to have an understanding of what we're doing and why we're doing it and general acceptance of this plan?”

Ms. Graham said, “Yes. And we continue to work with them, we have regular meetings with them, provide technical assistance, both with reporting and the contracting process.”

Chairman Unruh said, “Okay, very good. Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “Are by and large, these buildings that you're addressing in your document here, are owned by cities or other entities, not Sedgwick County?”

Ms. Graham said, “Right. Sedgwick County does not own these buildings. That is correct.”

Commissioner Parks said, “None of these buildings are owned by Sedgwick County?”

Ms. Graham said, “No.”

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Commissioner Parks said, "Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "I'm concerned, of course, about one of the senior centers in my district, which would be Plainview. See that where they've been moved from their location to a church in Plainview. Also this is the second year of this type of funding?"

Ms. Graham said, "Yes, this is Phase II of the funding formula. And that was, last year, that was Coleman Senior Center and Red Cross did come to us and indicate that they no longer wanted to manage that program so we went out in that neighborhood, certainly that is a very specialized population that is pretty community bound and we wanted to find someone who would sponsor that program because we realize the importance of providing that service within that community. We were able to find Brookside Church, who was willing to take that on and they are just in the process of opening up that senior center Level I currently."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay. But there is an opportunity for Plainview to work their way up toward a better funding situation, is that correct?"

Ms. Graham said, "Yes. And in the funding formula that was allowed, that any senior club or center that wanted to move up, the stipulation was that they would need to function at that higher level for two years before they could come back and request funding and that would be dependent on the Board of County Commissioners and the budget and their budgeting process."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Do you have a list or an explanation of what it is that they need to do?"

Ms. Graham said, "Yes I do. I have this list here with the senior center standards which outlines the base lines, special events and education, and then the attendance and the amounts, so I can make these available to all of you."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Please."

Ms. Graham said, "The outlines."

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "Any other comment or questions Commissioners? What's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

L. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SUSAN G. KOMEN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION FOR 2007-2008 FUNDING OF THE EARLY DETECTION WORKS/KANSAS BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER INITIATIVE.

Ms. Burbach, said, "We would ask you to approve the grant application for the Komen Foundation grant, which partially funds our 'Early Detection Works Program', formally called 'Free to Know', it has to do with early screening, detection and then later on, treatment. In fact, if women are found to have cancer, primarily cervical and breast cancer is what we primarily deal with, we get funding from the state and also from this Komen Foundation grant.

Last year we saw approximately a little over 1,000 encounters and of those, cancer was found in seventeen of those women, who were then funded for treatment. The Kansas State funds have different levels of criteria, so that some women who come to our program and who are not eligible for the state funding, then are provided funds with this program.

Seventy-five percent of this grant goes directly to the diagnostic work for these women. The

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mammograms, the breast sonograms are expensive as you might know, we don't do them in house, but we actually fund those tests for these women. Do you have questions?"

Chairman Unruh said, "I don't see any questions, however, I would just make a comment that I'm a firm believer that early detection does work, you know, in my personal experience, in our family, so I'm going to be very supportive and hope that folks take the advantage to use this service and prevent long term effects that are serious. Commissioners, any other comment or question?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Ms. Burbach said, "May I also just say that I applaud your approval of the items H and I this morning about smoking in the workplace. That representing the Health Department, we realize that we probably would have talked about a more aggressive approach previously but that we think that incremental is better than status quo and we feel like the County needs to have model, healthy

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policies so that when we go out and advocate for health policies in other organizations, we can at least say that hey, we've got the healthiest ones that we can have. So thank you very much from the Health Department."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Cindy. Appreciate that. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES- COMCARE.

M. GRANT APPLICATION TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR TARGETED CAPACITY EXPANSION GRANT FOR JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAMS.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before I talk about the grant application, I do want to call out that we did have an employee at COMCARE, Nancy Patterson, that also obtained a career development award and her name wasn't called out and I was preoccupied with some work on my lap and saw that she didn't stand up. So I do want to acknowledge her publicly, she got her certificate in Cultural Diversion and Awareness and I know it's not her first one, so I just wanted to say that publicly as well."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well thank you for bringing that to our attention, and give her our congratulations."

Ms. Cook said, "I will do that. The item that we have before you is a grant application to the Federal agency that's known as SAMSA, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The intent of the grant will be to expand and enhance the SCOAP Program, the Sedgwick County Offenders Assessment Program, by having additional funding for staff to provide an evidence based practice called IDDT, or Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment.

IDDT is a treatment process that is especially designed for individuals who have a substance use problem along with a mental health condition. These individuals have been hard to treat in the past when you are treating one disorder as primary. They both need to be treated and they both need to be treated concurrently. And this model does that.

If we're successful in getting this grant, we would obtain funding for five additional positions. Two

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clinicians or Masters level therapists who would do the substance abuse counseling, two case managers who would have some specialization in housing and employment and one nurse. We would specifically reassign two of the existing case managers that are already working in the SCOAP process, program, to this specialized team as well. So it would become a multi disciplined team.

The program will serve approximately fifteen individuals at any one time and 200 individuals over the course of the three years that the grant provides funding for. We felt that it was a good match because currently over half of the individuals being served in SCOAP would qualify for this program, they have both of those diagnosis. Actually, it is closer to 75 percent.

COMCARE has sought this funding to help support the SCOAP program that, to this point, has been generously funded entirely through County general funds. This is the third grant that we have applied for to help subsidize this program and, which is a jail alternative program. One of them we were denied on, although there were very few recipients of that money. We have another one out there for Mental Health Court that we still have not heard back about. And this is the third one.

If we are not successful in getting the money from this grant, we will continue to seek funding to supplement the County funds that are being provided right now.

We are recommending that you approve the grant application and wish us luck.”

Chairman Unruh said, “All right. Thank you Marilyn. I have a question. The entire amount of this grant will be used in the SCOAP?”

Ms. Cook said, “Yes.”

Chairman Unruh said, “The SCOAP program, it’s working?”

Ms. Cook said, “The SCOAP program is working really well. Jason Scheck is here, who’s the Project Manager. They have been very well received. They have served over a hundred people, they have assessed over two hundred individuals. They have some individuals that have successfully completed the program. And I think at some point you do need an update on that because they’ve had a lot of experiences. They have done very, very well in the program.

Chairman Unruh said, “Well, I think an update would be good. I mean some of us that are a little closer know that it is going well, but in light of the fact that it is, there is a pretty good piece of the budget committed to it, it’s part of our jail overcrowding, and it’s part of our service to citizens of our community. So, to have an update and let people know that it is going well, would be

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worthwhile. We do have some other comments. Commissioner Parks?”

Commissioner Parks said, “Well, I just wondered, this is 100 percent grant, correct? There is no matching funds?”

Ms. Cook said, “There is some matching funds. We are asking for a little over 1.2 million dollars for over three years. The first year we will be asking for \$340,379 and then the match would be, those two case managers that I talked about, who will be reassigned to that multi disciplinary team, their salaries and benefits total \$88,871. So that first year, we would be asking for \$429,000, a little over that, but year two and three \$397,000 would be the total funding. We would be putting in the match of the two salaries of those case managers that are already working for the program. So there would be a total of 17 team members, two of them already working at SCOAP.”

Commissioner Parks said, “Okay.”

Ms. Cook said, “That we’re already funding. Does that answer you question?”

Commissioner Parks said, “Yes it did. Also there has been education of the law enforcement community to know that this facility exists and that they can bring those people as an alternative to the jail to the SCOAP?”

Ms. Cook said, “Actually this is a pre-booking piece, I mean a post-booking piece to the SCOAP program. The pre-booking piece still needs to unfold through the CJCC process and there’s every intent to do that. Part of this grant money is, it’s two phases, the first part is planning and the second part is implantation.

So in that first phase, the first several months, there would be efforts to call in, state callers from all over, including law enforcement all over the county to say, here is what we have now, here is how we might better treat this population and get some input and collaboration from them.”

Commissioner Parks said, “I realize that there are certain things that have to be done for booking in somebody into a facility. But I think those can be done and this could be a jail alternative. However long the grant would be funded for, I don’t know and I couldn’t say for the future. But to me this is a more of the many programs we need to look at seriously for our jail overcrowding. Thank you.”

Ms. Cook said, “I agree.”

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Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "Well, as we look at our jail situation, we understand that a pretty good size of the population has either one of these problems or both of them. And we have moved along towards developing programs.

The unfortunate thing is that programs, just like jail incarceration, are expensive, even if you do some pretty innovative programs, they cost money because you need case managers, you need a lot of people over-sighting it so it becomes very expensive. I'll be very supportive of, certainly any grant applications that can offset where we're having to spend general fund money out of the County and move it to some other areas.

We talked with Congressman Tiehart about our jail overcrowding when he was here and talked about that there are grants out there we'll be applying for. Hopefully, as we move forward, we can get him some more information that we are applying for these grants and if there is ways that he can make phone calls or help with the process, then we can certainly use that. Because part of solving this problem is going to be cobbling together grants and money from other places, from the State, from the Feds, to solve this. The burden on just taxes is extreme, when you have to build a jail and run these programs.

So, keep working on these kind of grant applications, dig them out wherever you can, particularly for drug substance abuse and mental health because we know there is a large part of our population that are incarcerated but part of the reason they are there is they've done something that we don't like but they did because they don't, they have a mental health issue and they don't understand the consequences or they have a substance abuse issue and they don't care. Because they need money to buy their drugs or whatever. It's two rails to this, we've got to build more jails, but we've got to solve some of these problems. I'm going to be very supportive of this.

I'm concerned a little about the pre and post, because once they're incarcerated it's a little harder to divert them. If you can catch them a head of time, that's going to be so much better. I guess if it's grant money, I'm going to be happy with whatever the results are."

Ms. Cook said, "I will say that second grant we applied for was for money for a mental health court. And we did meet, I met, I think it was last month, with individuals from the Council and State Government and two of them were making decisions on the grant and I kind of whined about the fact that we didn't get the first one and they said that there were so many applicants and so few that awarded. But I pitched it again and so I'm hoping, they see the work we're doing here, they're familiar with it and so I hope we have a chance at that one."

Commissioner Norton said, "It doesn't surprise me that you say there's so many people applying.

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As I visit with colleagues, not only in the State of Kansas, but when we were in NACO in Washington, so many of our colleagues from around the nation, you know, we talked a lot about health care, because that was some of the things we were working with, but almost exclusively everybody stepped up and said we have a jail problem, we have an incarceration problem, and a lot of it is mental health and substance abuse, that's almost nationwide that local jurisdictions are dealing with the same issue we are. So it doesn't surprise me that there are a lot of grants for that Federal money. It doesn't surprise me at all. That's all I have."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you. Marilyn, just for information, the individuals who get involved in the SCOAP program are those who have violated or in some way, but they are, they agree to this sort of treatment?"

Ms. Cook said, "Yes, it's a voluntary program. Actually this IDDT model, the Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment model, is a longer term version of that model but it also has to be mandatory because we find when we order people to do things, it's not effective in getting them the outcomes we need and they need, and so part of this evidence based model is a stepped progression toward engagement in the treatment process and very specific tools that we'll use in terms of something called motivational interviewing and steps that we take to try to engage them in a different way than they have been in the past. But they really need to understand that it's a problem they want to work on for this to be effective."

Chairman Unruh said, "Well, for someone to be involved in intensive case management, medication management, and those sort of things, if they are not a willing participant, it won't be successful. It's got a lot of components for this thing, this program, to be successful, but when it is, it has a dramatic effect on that person's life and subsequently a dramatic effect on our problems in public safety and jail overcrowding and those sort of things.

I think we need to go forward, you know, and it's a good program. And the fact that we've shown success is encouraging and makes it easier to be approving of this.

Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

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

N. AGREEMENT WITH ECHO HILLS GOLF CLUB, INC. FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT THE KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is actually a renewal of an existing agreement with Echo Hills Golf Course. Echo Hills receives a high profile advertising message to the six hundred some thousand people that attend events at the Coliseum each year.

In turn, we receive some very good benefits, such as the ability to continue to our annual 'Networking by Not Working' golf tournament, which puts our sponsors and advertisers together with the show presenters and promoters, it gives them a chance to interact.

It also provides a different dimension to the hospitality we offer the shows. Should time and opportunity make itself available, the show management as well as sometimes the performers could take advantage and take in a quick nine or even eighteen holes, as our guest, it's another way of welcoming them to our community. We recommend approval."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right, thank you John. You guys that are in the promotion business, 'Networking by Not Working'..."

Mr. Nath said, "Quite the play on words."

Chairman Unruh said, "Yes it is. Thank you."

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

Chairman Unruh seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

CONSENT AGENDA

O. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Plat.

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that half of 2006 taxes and prior years have been paid for the following plat:

Martin 2nd Addition

2. Order dated March 14, 2007 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

3. General Bills Check Register(s) for the week of March 14-20, 2007.

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Mr. Ron Holt, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would just remind the Commissioners and the public that there is only 285 days left on the one percent-30 months arena sales tax. December 31, 2007, that tax will end. Just 285 days from today.

Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda and I would recommend that you approve the agenda as presented."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Winters	Absent
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Unruh	Aye

Chairman Unruh said, "Commissioners, we are at the end of our regular meeting agenda and we do have a Fire District, so at this time I will adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and call to order the meeting of Board of County Commissioners sitting as the governing body of Fire District #1 in its regular meeting, March 21, 2007.

The County Commission recessed into the Fire District #1 Meeting at 10:35 a.m. and returned from recess at 10:39 a.m.

P. OTHER

Chairman Unruh said, "So now we are at the time we can talk about other items of community interest. Commissioners do you have anything to contribute? Commissioner Parks?"

Commissioners Parks said, "There is a CND, construction and demolition, permit that is going to be coming before this Board in the near future. I don't want to speak to that now because it's not a proper time to do that. But in looking over some of the things, it is in my district at 37th and West.

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And looking over some of those issues out there I've noticed that there's been a lot of vehicles that are bringing construction and demolition that don't have a cover on their vehicle, whether it be an individual in a pickup or companies or whatever. And I just wanted to, I guess forewarn the people that are using that facility that I will be passing some of my findings along to the Sheriff for enforcement in that area. There is a lot trash and that is what seems to be the big push behind the objection to expanding the CND is because there is a lot of trash out there and I think there is another cause and effect besides the CND itself. I just wanted to say that and put that out as a public notice.

Also, on the jail overcrowding, four or five years ago, the State did come out and say that the felony DUIs and felony suspendeds will be jailed at our facility. I think this is a significant and, the one of the stations, one of the TV media stations that I was observing last night, said that the new DUI laws were going to increase the prison time. Well, that in itself is incorrect because it's, now five years ago it would have been correct because those felony DUIs would be going to prison. But we're now housing them in our County Jail. So I just wanted to make sure that the people new that the State has imposed some things on us to cause some of this overcrowding also. Thank you."

Chairman Unruh said, "All right. Thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "I have several things. Last night I had the chance to attend the annual meeting of the United Way and Sedgwick County's Manager's Office won an award, a Spirit of the Plains, a Spirit of Giving award. The Manager wasn't able to be there, but Ron Holt filled in and did an admiral job with receiving the award and talking about the County values and how we participate, not only in the government side of our community work, but in the volunteer side and that our employees are very engaged in United Way campaigns, we offer up an executive, a loaned executive, and we are very dedicated to not only doing government work but doing community work as an organization too. And I think Ron captured that pretty well in his remarks.

Yesterday I had a chance to go to Wolf Creek and take a tour of the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant and also participate in some emergency management kinds of things and got a tour of their EOC and they have a reason to have an EOC there. They do a lot of simulations and really work hard. Fortunately they haven't had any incidents that they've had to work on but they practice a lot, because of what could happen in that area. Pretty big operation and pretty amazing in how it all works. I don't understand all of it, but I really enjoyed the tour that I got and the security there is pretty amazing.

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Today I will be driving to Topeka to do some, to meet with the KECIR, which is an intergovernmental relations organization that has been formed several years ago by the Governor and we're going to be talking about several issues and I think we may be doing some testifying over in the Capitol building. But I will be gone for that later today. Thursday I'm heading back to Topeka with Jim Skelton as we lobby the Department of Transportation for the 47th Street Corridor Project. We've had that project studied and ready to go for several years but no money has been attached to it and we've got a developer that's ready to do some, a pretty big development down there, so we will be lobbying to get that infrastructure put.

And then finally, cause I always do, I'm going to talk a little bit about Exploration Place. The numbers just keep getting better. Last week, total gate attendance for the week, 9,694 against 3,400 last year, it tripled. The gate revenue, \$71,000, last year \$16,000. If you go to the whole run of the Titanic, 51,000 people have come through Exploration Place, as opposed to 17,000 for the same period last year. Day revenue, \$361,000 against \$69,000, almost \$300,000 brought in from January 13-March 18. And one of the really good news is they continue to sell passport memberships. Memberships are doubling and tripling every week as people understand that Exploration Place is a pretty exciting place to be.

And just an anecdotal note, I took my family, my kids and my grandkids, there Sunday and there was actually, they had the cattle lines up to get into the actual Titanic exhibit. I mean it wasn't just walk in and go through, you actually were in a line, much like Disney Land. And it was pretty exciting to see those kind of crowds at a place that two years ago was starting to be an empty mausoleum."

Chairman Unruh said, "Yes it was."

Commissioner Norton said, "That is all I have Mr. Chair."

Chairman Unruh said, "Thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Welshimer?"

Commissioner Welshimer said, "Well, tomorrow morning is my first meeting as the, I think as ex officio member of the Greater Wichita Downtown Development Group. I'm looking forward to that.

Our Coalition for Fair Play meets at 2:00 tomorrow afternoon in Wellington. And I think this Coalition has accomplished much of the purpose that it had hoped for. We don't know exactly how it's turn out with the Legislature of course, but at least they are aware of us. And that's all I have."

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Chairman Unruh said, "All right, very good. Well, I would just want folks to know that most of the Commission attended the Central Plains Quad-County Planning Forum in Hutchinson on Monday and got a an early-bird tour of the new salt museum that they've got there, 650 feet underground. It was really pretty impressive and more enjoyable for some of us than some others of us who didn't like being 650 underground for a couple of hours. They told us, just kind of as a comparison, it's like the Arch in St. Louis, however high that is, about 650, that was how far underground we were. And 950 or 960 acres down there and 67 miles of roads total for their mining operations and for their museum. And it's pretty impressive, I think it'll be quite an attraction for visitors and citizens of South Central Kansas, so it ought to have an economic impact. Appreciated the Reno County Commission for hosting us at that event.

Secondly, late last week, Commissioner Welshimer and I met with the Mayors of all the municipalities in Sedgwick County and we talked about the issue of jail overcrowding and the potential for initiating housing fees to those municipalities for their use of the jail. We tried to communicate, I think, the problem and the challenge that we face in numbers and in budgetary challenges and with the goal of trying to reduce that population and given an incentive actually for those municipalities to reassess some of their policies. It went very well. Everyone was polite and cordial, as you can guess. The municipalities were not strongly in favor, were not in favor at all, of assessing housing fees, but it was a good meeting and we'll see how that progresses as we go forward.

And then lastly, I'd want to talk about one of the items that Kristy talked about in her introduction and that is the penguins are coming to the Sedgwick County Zoo on May the 25th. We are going to have about 17 or 18 of those little critters out there. We have a couple out there now that are in the holding building. It's going to be ready, they're on time with their construction and I think it's going to be very attractive and popular exhibit. Those guys are about 28 inches tall, I think, at their height and weigh about 11 pounds apiece. There is only about 2,000 of them in the wild, of the Humboldt penguins, and we're going to have 17. I think, across the United States, there's maybe 1,400-1,600 that we have in zoos. So they're somewhat of a rare species but they will be very fun.

One of the things that I found interesting is how we're going to keep them cool in the Kansas heat. We'll use water we pump from our wells out there so it will be 54-degree water. And then if it gets really hot, we'll have to move them inside, but they think they will be able to do quite nicely in our environment. Everybody needs to make an effort to get out and see the penguins. They're going to be fun to watch.

Well that's all I had to report and if there's nothing else that needs to be said, Mr. Holt or Mr. Euson? Then at this time I will adjourn the meeting of the Sedgwick County Commissioners sitting as a governing body of Fire District 1. We're adjourned.

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Q. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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