

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**May 27, 2009**

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, May 27, 2009, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Kelly Parks, with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Gwen Welshimer; Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Public Works; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Division Director, Human Services; Ms. Brandi Clarke, Grant and Special Project Administrator, Human Services; Mr. Marvin Duncan, Director, Customized Training; Mr. Mark Reed, Director, Sedgwick County Zoo; Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement; Ms. Pamela Martin Bevan, Clinical Services Division Director, Health Department; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; and, Ms. Katie Asbury, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Ms. Carolyn Hill, CEO, Starkey, Inc.

Mr. Ron Pasmore, President and CEO, KETCH (Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped)

Mr. Kevin Fish, Executive Director, the Arc of Sedgwick County

Ms. Deb Voth, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Rainbows United, Inc.

Ms. Lora J. Hines, Staff Assistant to Sam Brownback, United States Senator, Kansas

Dr. Charles Fox, Associate Dean, College of Health Professions, Wichita State University

Mr. Andy Schlapp, Executive Director, Government Relations and Board of Trustees, Wichita State University

### **INVOCATION**

Led by Pastor Rick Cline, RiverWalk Church of Christ, Wichita, Kansas

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **PRESENTATION**

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### A. THANKING THE COUNTY AND COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THOSE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

**Mr. Kevin Fish**, Executive Director, the Arc of Sedgwick County, Advocates Community Team (ACT), greeted the Commissioners and said, “We wanted to take this opportunity to come and show our appreciation and tell you a little bit about some of the things that have been happening with people with developmental disabilities right here in our community. As you are very well aware, Sedgwick County has one of the strongest support systems for people with disabilities in the State. Much of that is due to the support that we have from the Commissioners, the County and the leadership of the CDDO (Community Developmental Disability Organizations) here in our community. Because of the success that we have, there’s a huge demand for services in our community. Because of that support, we’ve seen a growth from 1,698 individuals to 2,205 in just the last five years alone. With that demand we’ve seen that increased number of services, people who are coming in who are looking for that much needed support, respite for families, and because of the support system we have here, the families are finding those needs.

“One of the concerns that we’re seeing, though, is as this continues to grow, the funds from the State don’t continue to follow these individuals. We’re seeing more and more people who are dually diagnosed. Over 40 percent of the people that we’re currently serving have behavior issues or dually diagnosed with mental illness as well. Five percent of those have severe aggression issues, which causes some real challenges for our support system. Because of the County’s ongoing support, we’ve been able to address some of those issues in recent years, and really feel like we’ve made some huge strides in supporting people that we serve. As a service system, we’re in a point where we need to be building capacity to make sure that we’re serving these people the best we can in the future years.

“One of the challenges we’re having is we’re continually faced with cuts, that our service system, instead of growing, is going to have to be cut back, and when that’s going to be impacting those families that trust us the most. The Arc has really felt this here locally. Over the years, we have seen tremendous growth in our programs, our respite socialization and case management, but through this growth, we’ve had to take on a lot of other challenges with limited amount of funds. Many families who come to us, looking for that first contact, looking for somebody to help them make a step forward in the service system; one of our big concerns is that as funds are cut back, we are not able to provide those respite services that these families need.”

**Mr. Fish** continued, “During the summer months, families are really in a tight situation where they need that ongoing support. There is not childcare for school age kids, 15, 16 years old, who may need supports, but they can’t get into a daycare system; so they need to have somebody who’s

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qualified to do that, and they need to make sure that there's that ongoing support so parents can keep their jobs. We have many two income families, many single parent families, who depend on us every day; and without the supports and funding that is needed to happen, we're concerned that we're going to have to start cutting back many of these programs. At a time when stress levels are higher, people are really struggling. We have seen, through the supports of the County and the agencies right here, tremendous growth in the people that we serve. We have so many success stories in our community, people own their own homes, they're working in our community, they're taxpayers, many of which turn around or are volunteering and giving back to the community.

"We know what successes they can have and we want to make sure that the next generation have the same opportunities. And so, again, we thank you guys so much for what you've been able to do for us. We hope that we can see that continued support in the future months, because we know we have the potential to make a huge impact in the community for people with disabilities, and we appreciate that. I would like to introduce Deb Voth from Rainbows to come up and share a little bit about how it's impacting some of our other youth."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Kevin, before you leave..."

**Mr. Fish** said, "Sure."

**Chairman Parks** said, "...I wanted to thank you for the Arc and the work that they do, and in fact, just this week I had met with some people that, and through Deb Donaldson and the Arc, people are providing a service to somebody that was in need in my district, that had another catastrophe in their family, so you guys are doing a great job, and I do know that when the Trans-Siberian Orchestra played out at the Britt Brown Arena, that they gave some money to that, and that's been used very wisely. You know, there could be some other private people out there that could step up and make some donations. It's a very, very worthwhile cause..."

**Mr. Fish** said, "Thank you very much."

**Chairman Parks** said, "...the respite program. Thank you."

**Ms. Deb Voth**, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Rainbows United, Inc., greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've been a Sedgwick County citizen for 14 years. I'm here this morning for two purposes; and I'm privileged to be here with co-providers in our community and to be able to speak to you. I want to first thank you for your help and your support of providing

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funding and assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and to share with you the severe state funding cuts that will impact those services for these same children and families. Sedgwick County has been a leader in developing a system of supports. The providers represented here today greatly appreciate the funding that you Commissioners have provided over the years to help provide and enhance critical services to children and adults with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families. We are fortunate to live in a county whose Commissioners value and foster partnerships.

“Now to the budget cuts, elimination of \$5.6 million in state-aid dollars from the 2010 budget, these were discretionary state funds that are now gone. These funds were used to serve more than 2,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities, close to one quarter of our Kansas DD population. \$1.2 million of these dollars came to Sedgwick County, and were used to serve individuals and in crisis situations and children’s programs. Those monies are now gone. Reduction of nearly half of day, residential and family support grants, for Sedgwick County, this affects funding for over 300 individuals. Close to 1 percent reduction in Medicaid, home and community based Medicaid waiver, approximately \$5 million, when you put it with the federal match, that’s now lost. For a DD system that’s been underfunded for more than 15 years, and that has a waiting list now of almost 4,000 Kansans who wait for service, these cuts are deeply disappointing to those who need the most help and to those of us who are called upon to provide that help. Rainbows has also experienced reductions in educational funding and state-based aid in special education.

“So what does this mean for our agency, Rainbows? There is no question that the year ahead of us, has for most of us, that it will be as difficult as we’ve seen in many years. Staff and our board continue to work on our budget as we get more specific numbers, but we know that we are looking at a minimum of a \$500,000 reduction in our budget starting in July 1. More than half of this loss is from the loss of state-aid. We know that services will be impacted. We ask that when you look at your budget as you have done faithfully throughout the years that you look for ways to help fund the shortfalls that Sedgwick County providers are experiencing. And as I was listening to the minister’s prayer, I thought, and he was praying for the last and the least, and while the State has many challenges, and I know they have many budget challenges, individuals with disabilities and their families feel that they’re last and the least in priorities.”

**Ms. Voth** continued, “And as you consider your budget determinations, I ask that you keep in mind that one child with a disability whose life will be negatively impacted in absolutely every aspect of his life, and the ability of his family to buy diapers for a five year old or a 10 year old and other supplies, for ramps, for medical equipment, for case management, for school, for childcare, for in the home care, for respite, for before and after school latchkey; absolutely every aspect of that

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child's life has been impacted by the budget cuts. I thank you for your time, your consideration and your support."

**Chairman Parks** said, "And I thank you and Rainbows is a 501(c)(3), is it?"

**Ms. Voth** said, "Correct, correct sir."

**Chairman Parks** said, "And just thought I would throw that out to the people."

**Ms. Voth** said, "And we have great partnerships in the community and we appreciate that."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Okay [inaudible]."

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, "Mr. Chairman, if I can ask a couple questions for clarification, please?"

**Chairman Parks** said, "Sure."

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, "The state-aid dollars that you mentioned, the \$5.6 million, was that all SRS (Social and Rehabilitation Services) funding?"

**Ms. Voth** said, "Yes, it is, sir."

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, "Okay. Because you mentioned a little bit later, state-aid and you talked about state-based aid and special education aid, which would be education money, could you give me an idea, in terms of how much state-based aid and special education aid was impacted, or do you know yet?"

**Ms. Voth** said, "I can tell you that what we're expecting from our agency's perspective, we lost about \$400,000 in special education categorical aid. Now, all but \$150,000 of that is being made up by stimulus money. So there is infant, toddler federal stimulus money coming down to us, so our net loss is \$150,000 in state special education. We are losing about \$50,000 in state-based aid, and this is for our 3 to 5 year olds."

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, "Okay. When you said that you had a minimum loss of, let's see if I can find the proper line, looking at a minimum shortfall of half a million dollars for budget year starting July 1, 2009. Do you have an idea, in terms of how large that figure could be or you just know what your minimize size is, because that's one of the concerns we have in the County, in terms of finding out what the overall impact would be?"

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**Ms. Voth** said, "There is a meeting on Friday afternoon that Secretary Jordan with SRS is holding, and also next week we expect to receive spreadsheets from the State regarding the DD funding, and Chad will have that next week, so we have a better idea of what those numbers are. I think we're pretty good about the other numbers that I have down here: special ed[ucation] and state-aid. We, like other providers in the community and not for profits, are looking at less dollars from donors and contributions, so it's those funds along the way that we're not sure what the impact will be."

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, "Well, first let me establish, Rainbows is a United Way Agency, I believe?"

**Ms. Voth** said, "Correct, correct."

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, "So how much is your total budget for this year or last year?"

**Ms. Voth** said, "It's just right over \$10 million."

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, "Just over \$10 million."

**Ms. Voth** said, "And we are the second largest recipients of United Way funds."

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman"

**Ms. Voth** said, "If I could add, they've delayed their application process for this year. I would guess somewhat uncertainty about the economy and how pledges will be."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Due to those layoffs and those promises that may not be able to be kept. Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to make a comment that, as you have recognized, we appreciate your appreciation for Sedgwick County's involvement and our work with the developmentally disabled community through Chad VonAhnen and we are closely in contact with all of your agencies and the ACT team, I don't know how many different agencies are involved in that, do you know?"

**Mr. Fish** said, "About 15."

**Ms. Voth** said, "About 15."

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**Commissioner Unruh** said, “About 15, and I think it’s a positive thing, an encouraging thing, that these different groups have come together to try to make their voice heard. You know, Kevin has been real active in the leadership of that. We truly appreciate what you do and understand that you are facing challenges financially that you haven’t seen before from state funding and from community support. We are on your side, and we want to work with you as the full extent that we can, but this is a group of our population that does need support, both for parents and for those who have a disability, and I just want to say that we really appreciate your work.”

**Ms. Voth** said, “Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “That’s all I have, Mr. Chair.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “Thank you. What’s the will of the Board?”

**Ms. Voth** said, “And I believe now Ron Pasmore is coming from KETCH (Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped).”

**Mr. Ron Pasmore**, President and CEO, KETCH, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you, Deb, and thank you, Commissioners for time on your schedule for us to come speak with you about what’s happening in our area with persons with developmental disabilities. I’m Ron Pasmore, I direct KETCH, which is also a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving adults with developmental disabilities in our community. We are often identified with our direct mission of helping people with disabilities to live and work and have a better life in our community, but, you know, ultimately what we do contributes to the quality of life of all citizens, of all of our communities in Sedgwick County, helping people with severe disabilities to share their gifts with us in the community instead of our previous practice of isolating them in institutions away from their community. I want to reiterate thanks to you for your support for the programs and services that we provide. All the funding is critical, it all fits together to make the whole, and any one piece when it’s gone, it’s felt, it has a direct impact on services.”

“In the last year, the CDDO staff and Sedgwick County and providers, the service network, worked very hard together to try to fill gaps that we had in our community and serving people with severe and challenging behaviors. My organization was able to start two new programs this past year; one called Able, which is a day program, the other called Choices, which is a residential program. These two programs focus on serving people with challenging behavior, and when we’re talking about

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challenging behavior, I'm talking about individuals who physically destroy property or hurt other people. These programs have been pretty successful. The County, through grants, through new monies that you allocated last year, \$15,000 in startup costs help us start these programs, they're serving eight individuals with very challenging behavior, who were not successful before.

“And coincidentally yesterday we had our all staff meeting and one of the things we do is recognize employees for going above and beyond; and just happened to have this one yesterday of the person who coordinates the Able program, and I would like to read to you what was said, ‘Persons served in the Able program are productive, working, earning a paycheck and they are giving back to the community through volunteerism, such as volunteering at the Zoo, River Festival, and parks. Yesterday,’ the person who wrote this, ‘was at the food court,’ which was during River Festival, ‘two of the clients and staff yelled “Hi, Laura.” They were so proud to be volunteering their time to keep the food court clean. They had official River Festival badges and were smiling ear to ear. The clients at Able are exercising on a regular basis at YMCA, they are taking regular walks in their neighborhood and in parks, the program has a regular schedule of activities in the community, such as visiting fire stations, museums, eating out. While this program serves individuals with many behavioral challenges, there have been positive comments from the people served, staff, and members of the community.

“So we are turning things around for people, but it does come at a cost. Both those programs cost, on an annual basis, \$170,000 more than we receive in reimbursement from the State. The reasons for this are that individuals have to have one-on-one staffing. Typically, the state funding estimates that you're serving people one through five or one to eight level. These people need one-on-one. They're in physical settings where there's very few other consumers, and that's very important so people's behavior don't amplify other people's behavior. That's more costly to do that.

“As I said, every piece of funding is very important. Those two programs lose money; other programs make up the difference for it. When we lose money, it puts those kinds of situations in jeopardy, being able to afford that. The other thing we do that makes that program more costly is that we pay those staff higher than what we usually pay our direct care staff. We do that in an effort to lower the turnover rate, which, again, is important to the stability of the program and working with those individuals. High turnover makes it very, very difficult to serve people with challenging behaviors.”

**Mr. Pasmore** continued, “Aside from that program, KETCH participates in the County Finance Plan and in receiving funds that we receive from the County, we also agree to serve individuals in crisis when there is no funding available in both our day and residential programs. We also agree to serve anybody who chooses us for services. We don't screen out people, as a matter of fact; we have some very challenging folks that we're planning for right now. Every time we get a new person we have to start from the beginning and say, okay, how are we going to serve this individual? Because normally, it's not easy people we are talking about, we are talking about



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individuals who have been incarcerated, they've been released from prison, they have a developmental disability, they're either coming or in our community. Talking about children that have aged out of foster care, they have no family, they've turned 18, they're coming to us for services. Oftentimes these are children that have had multiple, multiple foster parent placements. We are talking about individuals who have a mental illness, in addition to the developmental disability; they've aged out of psychiatric residential treatment facilities, coming again to our community to serve.

"The funding we received from the County is an essential piece. I am not going to reiterate the cuts that Deb just told you about. We have those same cuts as well. Of the State Grant funding cuts, we serve 67 individuals in day and residential services that their funding is cut. The State, as Deb said, and you asked, we are not totally sure what the impacts of the cuts are going to be. We're estimating at KETCH that it will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$250,000 to \$300,000 a year, and we also have about a \$10 million budget, but those are direct service dollars used to support services for individuals. Also another thing, just to think about in terms of budget, the State has chronically underfunded these programs year after year after year. Statewide there's 4,000 people waiting for developmental disabilities services, that translates to about a thousand individuals in our County. There's no new money in the new budget to serve people off that waiting list. As people wait longer and longer on the waiting list, they get in the crisis, they come to the CDDO, they come to us through the crisis plan and that's serving them without funding.

"So, it's trying to shoehorn more people into the system with the same dollar, and it gets to a breaking point over time. I'll just close again by thanking for the leadership that you provided, particularly in helping us to serve folks with challenging behaviors. They are not going to go away, we are always going to have people that are difficult to serve, and it's very expensive to serve them. You can try to ignore them, but the costs aren't going to go away because the costs if they are not in our system, they are going to be in the prison, the police, and other systems in our community. So again, I thank you. And our last speaker this morning is Carolyn Hill with Starkey."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Just wanted to ask one question before you left the podium. You kind of hit on some of the things, right there at the last that I was going to ask you, about the keeping the people out of the jail that really don't need to be there because of their mental illness problems."

**Mr. Pasmore** said, "Right."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Do you serve out of county at KETCH?"

**Mr. Pasmore** said, "No. In the past, we've had a job placement program serving people with all disabilities and we serve multiple counties around the State. We closed that program, actually this

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month, because again it was losing money and contributing to losses in the agency and with the funding picture we just couldn't subsidize that activity anymore."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn."

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, "If I can ask a question, you mentioned a couple figures that I found very interesting and would appreciate a clarification on them. You said that basically one out of the 4,000 people who needed the services in the State, in addition that were on the waiting list, 1,000 were here in Sedgwick County. I was curious, because we have about 480,000 people in Sedgwick County out of a population statewide of about 2.7 or 2.8 million, so that seems like we have a disproportionately larger share than the rest of the State. I was curious if you had any explanation why that disparity would exist."

**Mr. Pasmore** said, "You know, that's existed for a long time. On average, studies will show that about 5 percent of the general population have a disability. For developmental disability in early childhood, it ends up about 3 percent of the live births have a developmental disability. I've lived in Sedgwick County most of my life, and in this profession 30 years, Sedgwick County has always had a higher, disproportionate rate of individuals seeking disability services, and I think studies have shown this of consumers of other services as well. Wichita has always been looked upon as having services in rural areas. The developmental disability system has these services statewide, but when families have very young children with very severe disabilities and they need medical services and early intervention services, such as provided by Rainbows, they move to Wichita."

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Very well."

**Ms. Carolyn Hill**, CEO, Starkey, Inc., greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. I am Carolyn Hill, the CEO of Starkey. We serve 435 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities here in Sedgwick County. I want to focus my remarks on serving people with developmental disabilities, mental illness and challenging behaviors, and Ron spoke to that very nicely as well."

**Ms. Hill** continued, "I want to particularly thank you for the funding you've given the last few years in an attempt to address the issues we're facing with this population. For example, the CDDO contracted with Dr. James Vincent, a clinical psychologist here in town, to work with us to serve particular individuals. He included in his team an occupational therapist, who has been most helpful to us. When we had the opportunity to apply for the grants late last year, we applied for funds to have the occupational therapist assess more of the individuals we serve and to assess all the

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programs, the day programs in particular, where she can talk to us about environmental changes that would assist in better serving individuals. We are very hopeful about the results of that effort.

“I also want to thank you for the funding of the Crisis Response Team, and I’m sure you’ve probably heard about that at this point, but it is a model that representatives of the CDDO and some of our community agencies visited in Wisconsin. We’ve had our starts and stops related to it, but it is underway, and it’s proven very helpful to us in relieving and supporting our staff when we are in the midst of trying to deal with challenging behaviors.

“I want to talk to you about two young men that joined Starkey from the foster care system in March, near the end of the month for both of them. Since that time, one of the young men has completely destroyed his room. All the sheetrock is gone, he has plywood on the walls at this point, he’s destroyed his furniture, he’s pulled up the carpet, he’s attempted to eat the sheetrock. The other young man has assaulted nine individuals to date: school personnel, Starkey staff, a police officer, and employees of a nearby business. He has charges pending against him, and we have a potential lawsuit pending against us. We received a letter from a lawyer representing one of the individuals at the community business indicating that we will be sued.”

“Now, this situation occurred even though Starkey did what the professionals, where these young men were served before, what they recommended. We started with one-on-one staffing, and that enabled us to have two individuals with them whenever they were out in the community. You know, despite that, we had elopements that resulted in people being assaulted and everything else that I described. We increased the staffing, and we changed the schedule of the staff that are trying to serve them, so that no one individual has to work with them more than three days in a row. That’s because of some of the things that Ron described earlier. We also pay a higher wage to these employees than we do other employees, because of the challenging nature of the work. We currently have eight full-time and two part-time staff serving these two young men. The cost of that are extreme, which you can imagine. The irony of it is, because we have not had any incidents since we increased the staffing, they are not eligible to go to Parsons [State Hospital and Training Center], and we are only seeking that assistance with one of them, and they are not eligible to have a letter sent to the Secretary that they can’t be safely served in the community.”

“So you know, we continue to have major challenges before all of us is in our system and trying to appropriately serve this population. We are constantly balancing our desire for quality services with the risk we’ve undertaken, and with diminishing resources. Like Rainbows and the other organizations, we don’t know the full magnitude of the budget cuts. Our estimates are between \$350,000 and \$420,000 at this point. We should know in the next couple of weeks what the final figure will be. We are not able to sustain the staffing level that we have with these two young men, and I’ve selected a date certain that we will discontinue some of the staffing. We obviously do that at some risk, but the other risk is financial. We can’t do it. We cannot absorb the cuts that we’re

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going to have and serve these young men with staffing; which the staffing cost alone is three times what we are currently paid.

“We will apply for extraordinary funding, which is something we do through the CDDO, and the State authorizes when the funds are available. We will still be thousands of dollars below our costs when we do that. So I know that you have many challenges before you as you look at the 2010 budget, but we would like you to keep in mind what is happening to our service system in Sedgwick County as a result of the reductions at the State level. And I, again, want to very much thank you for the support you’ve provided to us through the years. It has made a huge difference for the people we serve. Thank you very much.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “Thank you very much. What's the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Parks** said, “Next item.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESSIONALLY-DIRECTED GRANT AWARD OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2009 FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.**

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson**, Division Director of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This grant application for a Congressionally Directed Award is focused on the advanced

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education and general dentistry program that trains dentists who have completed dental school and are going on for advanced training, and that award is \$476,000. You might ask why the County has an interest in this and has been supportive of the development of this program throughout its inception and implementation? That's because of the great need in our community, and it kind of reminded me, listening to all the speakers today, one of the reasons why I was so interested, because of the great dental needs that the developmentally disabled have, and often are not able to adequately assess or have taken care of, because people with developmental disabilities are different, in terms of their dental needs; how they need to be treated and how those need to be taken care of. This program is going to be one way to help meet that need, and I could go on and on talking about folks with mental health issues who have those needs or our aging population.

“Anyway, this has been an exciting program. It was exciting to go through and actually getting to this point of what I'm bringing to you today and it truly was a team effort, and I would like to recognize people who have put effort into that, that are in this room today. Kristi Zukovich helped with this; Andy Schlapp, I'm glad to see him here, he put a lot of effort into it; Marvin Duncan helped with this and Brandi Clarke helped coordinate it. And then I want to also recognize Lora Hines, Lora waive, from Senator Brownback's office, because we certainly appreciate all the efforts from his office. And, also, he's not here, but I would also like to mention Marty Hughes, who has helped in this, so a lot of work. Now one person who's been involved with this from the very beginning is Dr. Charles Fox. He has basically written the majority of this proposal and he's an Associate Dean out at Wichita State University, where this program will be located in the College of Health Professions, and so I'd like to turn the mic over to Dr. Fox and let him say a few words.”

**Dr. Charles Fox**, Associate Dean, College of Health Professions, Wichita State University, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today. Oral healthcare is an unmet need for many in Kansas. Kansas does not have enough oral healthcare providers. Currently, according to national targets, Kansas is one-third below the national target level, in terms of dentists and oral healthcare providers. This is getting worse, and again, according to national statistics, by 2040 Kansas will be 75 percent below the recommended levels.”

“Another issue is that dentists and oral health providers in general, are poorly distributed throughout the State. According to federal statistics, 80 percent of Kansas' 105 counties, as well as the Cities of Wichita and Topeka, are designated as health profession shortage areas for dentists. Five years ago, Wichita State brought together a coalition that included representatives of the State of Kansas, representatives of Sedgwick County, as well as philanthropic foundation representatives, and community dentists and other public health representatives to create a vision to address this oral health crisis. In less than three months, by the time the children of Kansas are returning to school, this vision will be manifesting as the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Program begins its work.

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“However, to fully realize this promise to Kansans, there is much work still to be done, and this generous grant will further this work. Wichita State University, its College of Health Professions, and the Advanced Education and General Dentistry Program wishes to thank Senator Sam Brownback, Representative Todd Tiaht, and Senator Pat Roberts. Interestingly, both Senators were born in counties that are considered underserved areas and Representative Tiaht represents Montgomery County, Cowley County and several other counties that are designated as health profession shortage areas. We’d like to thank these individuals for furthering this vision of access to care for all Kansans through this generous grant and we also wish to applaud Sedgwick County for its unfaltering support of the AEGD program. Further, we are very excited about Sedgwick County partnering with us and securing these funds for much needed equipment, for the new state-of-the-art facility that will serve the oral healthcare needs of Kansans. I’m very aware that I’m taking your time, and so I will end here and I’d be happy to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “There are, just in general, no funds from this grant for the administration of the program through Sedgwick County?”

**Dr. Fox** said, “That’s correct.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “Commissioner Unruh.”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dr. Fox, I don’t have a question, but just want to express appreciation for your leadership in trying to help improve the quality of health for South Central Kansas and actually for all of Kansas and also, you know, express appreciation to Andy Schlapp and Debbie Donaldson and all her team who worked very hard to access this grant. We can’t have these programs without funds, without resources, so it’s important that we get this grant and then it appears that it will be used in the most effective and beneficial way possible, so we appreciate that.”

**Commissioner Unruh** continued, “In my education since I’ve become a Commissioner, I’ve come to understand how important oral health is, and how lacking we are in this area, so I think that this is a great opportunity and great benefit that we will see the results of this benefit for years to come. I appreciate your leadership. I’m very, very pleased that we are going to get this grant.”

**Dr. Fox** said, “Thank you very much.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “Thank you for those comments. Commissioner Welshimer.”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “I was interested in your figures that Kansas is 75 percent below...”

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**Dr. Fox** said, "By 2040, we will be."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "By 2040 we will be?"

**Dr. Fox** said, "Yes, currently we're a third below national averages, or national targets."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "A third below? What do you think it is we do that causes us to be a third below? What is it about Kansas?"

**Dr. Fox** said, "Well, one thing about Kansas is we have no dental education program in the state, and both some research, as well as the experience at the KU Medical School here in Wichita, indicates that healthcare providers tend to stay where they're trained. So at the moment we send people out of state to receive dental education and they tend not to return."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "[inaudible] Okay."

**Dr. Fox** said, "Which is one of the reasons why this program is so important, is if we follow what the research says, then people will tend to stay in Kansas, both here in Wichita and also in rural Kansas where it is much needed."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Okay. So this is, once a dentist graduates from dental school..."

**Dr. Fox** said, "They will come here for advanced training."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "It's advanced training. In specialties or?"

**Dr. Fox** said, "We will open just with general training. Our plan is to include specialties within a few years of opening. The first specialty will be pediatric dentistry. The reason for that is there's a great need for pediatric dentists, and the skills learned in pediatric dentistry are very applicable to special populations, such as the population we were just hearing about with developmental disabilities."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "And this grant is going to help us find the proper instructors?"

**Dr. Fox** said, "No, the grant will go towards equipping a new facility that is being located specifically on things like bus routes and so on, so that the people that most need to get to dental care facilities can easily access this one."

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**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “We don’t have those instructors now, they are going to have to come in here?”

**Dr. Fox** said, “No, we have, I’m sorry.”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “We do?”

**Dr. Fox** said, “We do have those instructors. The instructors are drawn from community dentists, and we recently had an accreditation visit, all programs in dentistry have to be accredited, and one of the things that the visitors said is in 30 years of evaluating programs they had never seen the type of commitment from the community dentists as they have seen from Wichita. I think that says a lot about the healthcare community here.”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “I think it does, too. Thanks very much.”

**Dr. Fox** said, “Thank you.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “Thank you. Commissioner Peterjohn.”

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, “Yes, could you take a minute and kind of explain how the system works for educating dentists here in Kansas? Well, let me rephrase it, from those who are from Kansas, in our region, since we don’t have a dental school and since we’ve had battles, I remember a couple years ago up in Topeka between, I believe it was dental assistants and dental hygienists...”

**Dr. Fox** said, “Yes.”

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, “...and to get an understanding of why we’re structuring in this area, we sometimes need to look a little bit back in the past, and I would appreciate some information...”

**Dr. Fox** said, “Sure.”

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, “...in terms of details on how we got to where we are today.”

**Dr. Fox** said, “Sure. Part of it, of course, is always turf wars; where dental hygienists want to do more than they currently do, and be able to do some of the things that dentists do. And in the State there is a limited practice license for dental hygienists who are in areas such as nursing homes and certain under-served areas, where they can, in fact, do some of the work that dentists do. In the



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State, there are several dental assisting programs, several dental hygiene programs. One of the dental hygiene programs is at Wichita State, but there are several throughout the State.

“We have no way of educating dentists in the State. Currently, what happens is students have to go out of state and either pay private colleges, such as in Nebraska, or they can use a program that the State runs to go to the University of Missouri School of Dentistry at reduced tuition, but there is no requirement that they return to the State. They go there, they receive reduced tuition, they complete their dental education, and then the statistics that University of Missouri give us, is about 13 percent of the people, Kansans that are educated there, actually apply for licenses in Kansas. And when we look at where they tend to practice, they tend to practice in Johnson County, usually just over the border, but still in Kansas City, Kansas, at this point. Is that responsive to your question? Did you want me to cover any anything else?”

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, “That covers those two main areas in brief and I appreciate it, because it sounds like we’ve provided an incentive so that the education at the University of Missouri Dental School is affordable, but we don’t have any incentives to have them come back here until this grant application this morning.”

**Dr. Fox** said, “That’s the aim of it, yes.”

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, “Thank you.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “What is the will of the Board?”

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the grant application and authorize the Chair to sign all necessary documents, including the 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.

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

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

### **VOTE**

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

**Chairman Parks** said, "Thank you so much for that presentation. Mark Reed."

**C. ZOO STAFFING ADDITION – ZOOKEEPER.**

**Mr. Mark Reed**, Director of the Sedgwick County Zoo, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Over the last few years, we've added a lot of major exhibits, and our animal collection has grown. We have found that our overtime has been averaging about \$120,000 the last few years. We are in dire need of removing some of that money and using it for hiring a new relief keeper. We do not have enough relief keepers right now to cover FMLA (Family and Medical Leave Act), sick leave and normal vacation time for the 38 keeper positions. These relief keepers are trained in all areas. I have run this through our internal Zoological Society, Finance and Executive Committee. I can say, definitely, that 80 percent of the cost of this will be covered by the savings in overtime. There is no additional cost to the County. This is coming out of the existing budget amount that's in our contract with the County and the Zoological Society operating agreement."

**Chairman Parks** said, "This may be a question of Finance, or Manager's Office, on our backup in page 33, the financial considerations here, is this the latest update that we have on this?"

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, sir."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Cost center? Thank you. Okay. Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to be supportive of this request. As you know, I'm the County's appointment to the Board at the Sedgwick County Zoo, and I just wanted to make the statement that Mark and his staff have done a great job of trying to manage the appropriate use of his employees that we cover all the requirements during a 24 hour period where we need folks out there. The Zoo has expanded its exhibits in the last several years with the gorilla exhibit, penguin exhibit and the tiger exhibit, and as we expand, it necessarily requires more personnel to take care of that facility. Mark has done a great job at this point. I am aware of the need and supportive of this request."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Okay. Commissioner Welshimer."

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**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “Well, you’ve also grown in memberships, haven’t you?”

**Mr. Reed** said, “We are having more people that care to come to the Zoo, we are on track for hopefully 600,000 this year. This last week alone, we’ve sold 800 more memberships, we’re over 18,000 family households in our community. And many people don’t realize, we actually have staff on 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so we have keepers that are working second and third shift and this is all part of why I need this additional relief keeper. But, again, I emphasize, it is no additional cost, it will come out of our overtime and other centers, but we think it’s important.”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “Okay. Thank you.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “Commissioner Peterjohn.”

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, “Mark, you mentioned the increase in the memberships over the last couple of weekends, which is a very impressive number, in terms of the sale, but isn’t it also true that you had for just last weekend over 24,000 people visit the tigers?”

**Mr. Reed** said, “We had probably a record week, and I haven’t checked, but we had 24,240 people over this holiday weekend. It beat the penguin, but as I tell the bird people, penguins the week before had a whole bunch of people from Cessna last come out, on the members’ time, so it is a neck and neck race, and we’ll see. The penguin opening was our biggest year ever, just 6,000 short of 600,000. I’m thinking the tigers, and with the addition of everything else we’ve added, will actually take us over the 600,000. Knock on wood.”

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, “You are well ahead so far for the first third of this year than you were over the same period last year, correct?”

**Mr. Reed** said, “Yeah. We’re approximately 36,000 people ahead. Financially we are in very good shape. People are staying closer to home are viewing the Zoo as good value to come and the parking lot has been full every weekend. It’s been great.”

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “Thank you. As I look over the national reports in some of the publications that the zoo organizations put out, they have Sedgwick County Zoo as constantly in that top 25, even in some figures and some of the different categories, top 10, so I think this is something we can be very proud of and I am going to be supportive of that. What’s the will of the Board?”

### MOTION

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Commissioner Welshimer moved to approve the staffing addition.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Mr. Reed** said, “Thank you, Commissioners. I appreciate it.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “Thank you so much.”

**D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**

**Mr. Glen Wiltse**, Director of Code Enforcement, greeted the Commissioners and said, “What we have is a Memorandum of Understanding that we have been working with the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation for probably in excess of two years, and also been working with the State Association, the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association, statewide also. This is coming from the fact that the State has been requested by HUD (Housing and Urban Development) to initiate new installation standards and also testing requirements for all contractors who install manufactured homes. So our Department in Sedgwick County was one of the only ones, if not the only one in the State, who currently had been licensing manufactured home installers. They came to us and asked if we would help develop, and actually offer, the testing statewide.

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“In all honesty, our initial thought was, no, we really didn’t want to do it, but the more we thought about it was, you know, we need to be in on the ground floor and this will help our local contractors since we have probably the most amount in the State, as far as installers in the State. So we went ahead and started working with the Association and the State of Kansas to develop this test, the test is approved currently, and we will have it available as of July 1, whenever people will potentially need that test in order to get the State accepted certificate. If you have any questions on this, but I will add one additional thing, there’s really no cost to the County. The test is developed, the only thing we will do is administer the test, there’s a \$100 fee per test and then we will print out a certificate and keep the records of that, send it to the State and the test will be in our department itself. There’s virtually no actual cost to us, because we’re there anyway.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “I think we’ve all been well briefed by Mr. Wiltse on this, what is the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the memorandum of understanding.

Chairman Parks seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Mr. Wiltse** said, “Thank you, Commissioners.”

**E. APPROVE THE 2009-2010 MID KANSAS AFFILIATE OF THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE GRANT APPLICATION.**

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**Ms. Pamela Martin Bevan**, Clinical Services Division Director, Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The Health Department operates a Kansas screening program that is funded by the Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer Initiative Early Detection Works Grant and a Susan G. Komen Foundation Grant. The Health Department has been a recipient of these funds since 1990. Komen Grant funds are used for payment for mammograms and breast sonograms, for women who are under the age of 50, who have no insurance, and whose income is at or below 250 percent of poverty level. Funds are also used to purchase educational materials to market the program to potential clients. Our proposed recommended action is to approve this Grant Award Agreement.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “What’s the will of the Board?”

**Commissioner Unruh** said, “Well, Mr. Chairman, we have been in this program for 19, almost 20, years and it has been proven that early detection works and I’m going to be very supportive.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Grant Application and authorize the Chair or his designee to sign all necessary documents, including a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the 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 Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Absent
Commissioner Peterjohn	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Parks	Aye

**Ms. Martin Bevan** said, “Thank you.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “Thank you so much.”

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**F. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' REGULAR MEETING  
ON MAY 21, 2009.**

**Ms. Iris Baker**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "A meeting of May 21 results in three items for consideration today. First item;

**1. CONTRACTING SERVICES FOR SAP SECURITY WORK – ENTERPRISE  
RESOURCE PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING – SAP UPGRADE**

"Recommendation is to accept the proposal from Visionary Integration Professionals and execute a contract for a not to exceed cost for the work of \$84,000 and travel costs estimated at \$10,080 to be billed at actual cost. Item 2;

**2. CARPET CLEANING SERVICES – TAG OFFICES  
FUNDING – TAG OFFICES**

"Recommendation is to accept the low proposal from K & B Cleaning, LLC and execute a contract for two years with three additional one-year options to renew, for an annual cost of \$2,010 and emergency services at \$75 dollars per hour. Item 3;

**3. TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES – VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS  
FUNDING – VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

"That recommendation is to accept the low proposal from Waste Connections, Inc. to establish contract pricing and execute a contract for two years with three one-year options to renew for an estimated annual cost of \$87,704.12. I would be happy to answer any questions and I recommend approval of these items."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "\$87,000"

**Chairman Parks** said, "I do see one comment. Commissioner Unruh."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Iris, on Item 1, the number of hours estimated to accomplish their project, there's a great deal of variance there and you all, I'm sure, have analyzed that and figured that 480 hours is enough time to do the job."

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**Ms. Baker** said, "Yes, and in the evaluation process, the vendor that we have recommended has basically guaranteed to do the work within that amount of time."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay."

**Ms. Baker** said, "And not to exceed cost. If he missed his target and it takes him more hours, we are not going to pay any more for it."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Alright, well..."

**Ms. Baker** said, "Others could not commit to that."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "Okay. Well, I see one vendor estimated 2,400 hours and so that's what provoked my question, but it looks like we've got the right answer, so I appreciate that."

**Ms. Baker** said, "Correct."

**Commissioner Unruh** said, "That's all I have."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Okay. And Iris, on number three..."

**Ms. Baker** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Parks** said, "...Item 3, the trash services. I know we are all aware of the recycling that we are doing here in the Courthouse with the paper and the other items."

**Ms. Baker** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Parks** said, "This does include some of that also?"

**Ms. Baker** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Parks** said, "And our final point for that, those items are with the Waste Connections facility then?"

**Ms. Baker** said, "Correct. They will be handling that work."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Okay. Thank you. Any other questions? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"



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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Ms. Baker** said, "Thank you."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Amend the 2009 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to Increase Upgrade Control System, Adult Detention Facility (ADF).**
- 2. Amendment to Rental Agreement with Northridge Friends Church for use of their gymnasium and several classrooms.**
- 3. Contingent Alley Dedication and Public Utility Easement related to Forensic Science Center Expansions Project Vacation Case.**
- 4. General Bill Check Register for the week of May 13, 2009 – May 19, 2009.**
- 5. Payroll Check Register for the week of May 9, 2009.**
- 6. Order dated May 13, 2009 to correct tax roll for a change of assessment.**

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**7. Order dated May 20, 2009 to correct tax roll for a change of assessment.**

**8. Plat.**

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes in 2008 and all prior years have been paid for the following plat:

**Smarsh Farms Addition**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda and I would recommend you approve it."

**MOTION**

Chairman Parks moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Parks** said, "Before we get into Item H, let's see if I can entertain a motion for Executive Session."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Welshimer moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes to consider consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return to this room from Executive Session no sooner than 10:40 a.m.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Parks** said, "We're in Executive Session."

**The Board of County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:06 a.m. and returned at 10:52 a.m.**

**Chairman Parks** said, "We're going take up the Fire District now. We're back from Executive Session, no binding action taken."

**The Board of County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District #1 Meeting at 10:52 a.m. and returned at 10:56 a.m.**

### H. OTHER

**Chairman Parks** said, "Now we're back to Regular Meeting May 27, and we have 'other.' Are there any 'other' discussions by any of the Commissioners? Commissioner Welshimer."

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, "Well, I just have one thing. We are going to be going into budget talks this afternoon, I believe. I just wanted to comment that I plan to introduce a proposal that, due to the economy today, that we not provide pay raises for management level employees this next budget year and that we make every attempt to roll the mill levy back another one and a half mills in order to erase that two and a half mill levy increase that we had several years back."

**Chairman Parks** said, "Okay. Commissioner Peterjohn."

**Commissioner Peterjohn** said, "Mr. Chairman, I was going to just make a report because I went down Friday afternoon and had a good visit with some folks down in Clearwater and visited their 118 acre facility that has a rail line with the short line Watco rail service provided to it. They have recently done some improvements; getting water and sewer treatments on to that facility, it's on the northeast corner of the City of Clearwater. I wanted to report on this because I think it's important

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that we have an inventory of all the resources and items that are available. The folks down in Clearwater have been working on and had listings for this land since the fall of 2008, according to what I was told during my trip last week.

“I would also like to add that, on a separate topic, if folks are living in an area where they’ve got a creek or stream bed in them, anything they can do to make sure that their stream beds remain clear and any tree falls. We have had a lot of damage done, in working with problems with flooding and drainage related issues across, at least in my district and I believe in other parts of the County too. Anything that folks have on their own private property that help expedite water flow within their property, in terms of they’ve got dead trees or trees that have fallen into any sort of waterway, that has been an issue and I think it’s given us some problems and that is certainly an item that folks can do to help improve the County.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “Thank you, and I have a couple of things. June 6, the 81 Speedway is going to be having the late models, and as I’ve said in the past, it’s the closest thing to NASCAR (National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing) in Sedgwick County. Those cars will be cooking down the straightaway about 120 miles an hour. It’s exciting racing at 81 Speedway on June 6th. Second thing is, little more towards the budget item, and things that I think that maybe if we have been a little bit lax on, and in my visit with Public Works and especially during the floods and the water flow time, I have seen some equipment that is kind of patch worked and other things. I think we really need to look at the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) or something, in terms of Public Works, to maybe get some new equipment rather than try to patch up some of the things that they have had.”

**Chairman Parks** continued, “I will get into particulars in the budget hearings, but I think this is important when you have a piece of equipment or don’t have a piece of equipment to go out and work with and it would certainly save time and effort and safety. I think it behooves us to look at buying some new equipment for Public Works. This would not necessarily have to be any kind of a tax increase; it could be out of the sales tax or something that’s over in the CIP. Commissioner Welshimer.”

**Commissioner Welshimer** said, “This weekend is ‘Derby Days,’ it starts Friday. And Friday early evening is the Derby parade. That’s always a great time for Derby and people who come from outside of Derby to participate in those activities. So I am hoping we have a good crowd and good weather.”

**Chairman Parks** said, “It sounds like it may be good weather for you. Any other thing to come before the Board? Seeing none, a motion to adjourn?”

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**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Commissioner Peterjohn moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Welshimer seconded the motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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**KELLY PARKS**, Chairman  
Fourth District

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**DAVID M. UNRUH**, Commissioner  
First District

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Second District

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**KARL PETERJOHN**, Commissioner  
Third District

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**GWEN WELSHIMER**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**Kelly B. Arnold**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

June 17, 2009