

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2001

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, January 3, 2001 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Bill Hancock; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jeremy Biltz, Deputy County Clerk; Dr. Mary Dudley, District Coroner; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety; M. Jackie Stewart, Major, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Paul Feliciano, Kansas State Senator.

Mr. Carlos Mayans, Chairman, South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mr. David Cline of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, December 6, 2000**

The Clerk reported that Commissioner McGinn was absent at the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2000.

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2000.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Abstain
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I'm going to move down to the podium so, Madam Clerk, don't call the item until I get down there. Okay, Madam Clerk, would you call the next item."

AWARD PRESENTATION

A. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION TO SENATOR PAUL FELICIANO FOR HIS SERVICE AS CHAIR OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION 2000; AND RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE CARLOS MAYANS AS 2001 CHAIR.

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Senator Feliciano, if you would just please step up to the podium. We recognize that we really have a partnership with our legislative delegation who serve us in Topeka. Among all the responsibilities that they normally have and their assignments, there is another almost thankless job they have of being someone selected to be the Chair and the leader of the South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation. As we go about the legislative process, we thought it appropriate that we recognize the leadership work that these legislators take on as an extra assignment to help coordinate the activities of our legislative delegation. This is the first year that we have presented this award and we'd like to begin this tradition of making sure that Sedgwick County and others in the community recognize the above and beyond the call of duty work that folks do for Sedgwick County and

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the South Central Kansas area.

"Senator Feliciano is an experienced legislator, having first been elected to the House of Representatives in 1973. In '77- '78 was elected to the Senate and has been there every since representing South Central Kansas and the southern part of Sedgwick County. This year, Senator Feliciano will be the minority leader on the Commerce Committee, the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. Senator Feliciano, we want to say to you thank you for the leadership in this past year that you have done for Sedgwick County and we wish you the best of luck in the future. We want you to know that Sedgwick County believes in this partnership of local government working with state government. If we can be of assistance or help to you in this coming year we'd certainly like to do that. We'd like to present this plaque to you and ask you to make a few remarks."

Senator Paul Feliciano said, "Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, it is indeed an honor and a pleasure to accept this award, not only on my behalf, but on behalf of the entire South Central Kansas Delegation. I think it is, to be quite honest, the first that this has ever happened and quite frankly, it is nice to be appreciated. It is a thankless job. It is a tough job. Someone has to do it and I would say that I truly enjoyed serving the citizens of this community and have the last 28 years. I'm starting my 29th year.

"I will tell my colleague, Carlos Mayans, who was my Vice-Chairman and did a fantastic job representing the House of Representatives, on behalf of the South Central Kansas Delegation, that as the new elected chairman of the delegation that I look forward to continuing to work with him and extend my whole-hearted support of my office. I will tell the new chairman that we have already reserved on your behalf room 526 where we've been meeting. So, you don't have to worry about finding a room to meet.

"I would also say that I'm excited, Mr. Chairman, to be working with your new lobbyist that is here, Mike Pepoon. I look forward to working with him. It is going to be a tough year, many new faces. Anything that I can do to extend my services of my office and myself to help you make your job easier, on behalf of the County, I look forward to working with you.

"Commissioner Hancock, it has been a pleasure working with you for the past 12 years. You've always been there whenever I've needed anything. Again, I wish you best of luck as you start your new life out there as a layperson, I would say, instead of a Commissioner. No more headaches I guess."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Can I tell a story about you?"

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Senator Feliciano said, "Please."

Commissioner Hancock said, "My first year as a County Commissioner I was Chairman. There was a hearing involving Community Corrections. The County was thinking about locating community corrections on Maize Street in the middle of Paul's district. Now Paul couldn't be there. He was up in Topeka doing his job as he was always doing. But he sent his lovely wife to do his job for him. Now Paul, let me tell you what, she is much better than you are, pal. She let us know that was not a good idea. By the way, we didn't do that, that particular thing. That was the first time I ran across Paul Feliciano in my role in politics. Paul, it has been a pleasure ever since. Thank you very much."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I wish I could be as complimentary. Seriously, I can remember ten years ago or maybe even longer when I first took over as Governmental Relations person for Multi-Media. I was having to go up to Topeka and I barely was able to find where the building was and trying to go around that rat's nest of everybody's office. I did come in contact with Senator Feliciano. He had a much bigger office than a lot of other people and I think that was because of tenure. Immediately, he took me under his wing. He offered me the office to be at least able to put my coat and hat down. He offered me the use of Kay, his secretary. That was really comforting. I would recommend to Mike, if you're up there and it is still bad and you need a place to put your coat and hat, I'm just really comfortable in saying that Senator Feliciano will give you a place to put those things down. It's been a pleasure working with you, Paul, and looking forward to working with you again."

Chairman Winters said, "Senator, thank you very much for your work and leadership for the South Central Delegation. I'll ask Representative Carlos Mayans to come forward. Carlos, no plaque for your yet. You've got to make it through the year. We certainly wanted to recognize you and the leadership role that you are going to play in this coming session both for this local delegation and on a state wide level. Carlos is going to chair a new committee that has been established by Speaker Kent Glasscock, the Kansas Future, a Strategy for Demographic Change, looking at the growing older population in the State. He will also serve on the Ethics and Elections Committee and the Insurance Committee. We recognize that being the Chair of the South Central Kansas Delegation is a responsibility that you don't take likely and we don't take it likely either. That's why we want to say, publicly, that if there is any way we can be of assistance in working with the government partnership of local and state government we certainly want to be a part of that. As Senator Feliciano mentioned, we do have a new Government Relations person, Mike Pepoon, who is going to be our representative in Topeka this coming legislative delegation and we certainly hope that Mike will be of assistance to you and the entire South Central Kansas Delegation Committee. Carlos, thank you for assuming the Chair and if you'd like to make a few comments, we'd be glad to hear about this upcoming session."

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Mr. Carlos Mayans said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since I'm not getting a plaque, you don't get to say anything about me. Is that fair? I do also want to thank Senator Feliciano for his work as the Chairman of the Delegation. He did an outstanding job. You have to understand, this delegation, the Sedgwick County South Central Kansas Delegation, which is 44 legislators strong. Trying to have 44 senators and representatives from 44 different districts agree on anything is one heck of a job and we have done that many times and that shows the type of delegation that we have that loves to work together.

"I'm also very elated by all the good folks who have come into the arena of politics, all the new freshmen. We have teachers. We have computer experts. We have accountants. We have banking folks coming in. All kinds of new people and they certainly will bring the richness of their passion and enthusiasm and we, the folks with more years in the legislature, welcome them also because I think they will be a great addition to our great team that we already have. I think that this is a great thing for you folks in Sedgwick County to recognize that we are here to work together. I look forward to working with all of you. My office is always open. I do have also a big office. I do have a coat rack and hangers on the first floor. You don't have to go all the way up. We do have, Commissioner Sciortino, it is for people like you that we have the north, south, east and west on the first floor. I just thought we'd give you some of that information. Again, I want to thank you for taking the time out to recognize members of the delegation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Carlos. I anticipate, Commissioners, that we will begin doing this annually, recognizing the leaders of the South Central Delegation because they are very important to us. Madam Clerk, if you could give me just a moment I'll go back to the bench. Before we proceed to the next item, I would like to recognize Dr. Don Biggs, President of W.S.U. is in the audience today. Welcome Dr. Biggs, we're glad to have you here. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

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APPOINTMENTS

B. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING 12 MEMBERS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

- 1. BILL ADSIT**
- 2. ANNEKE ALLEN**
- 3. GARY BLACK**
- 4. JAMES BREITENBACH**
- 5. MARTY CORNEJO**
- 6. RANDY DORNER**
- 7. DEAN FRANKENBERY**
- 8. KAREN GALE**
- 9. CHARLIE HAWTHORNE**
- 10. BRYAN JAAX**
- 11. MARGARET MILLER**
- 12. DEBBIE TRAVIS**

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, we have a Resolution to adopt the appointment of these people to the Solid Waste Management Committee. What's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

C. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) APPOINTING DISTRICT CORONER AND DEPUTY DISTRICT CORNER.

1. MARY DUDLEY, M.D.: DISTRICT CORONER

Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Division of Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Last month the Forensic Science Center celebrated its fifth anniversary and as we reviewed the last year, it was apparent that the level of service, community outreach, and professional relationships have never been better. Strong Commission support, County Manager support, excellent center leadership and dedicated professional forensic scientists and staff support made it possible. So it is with great pleasure that I bring two resolutions to you. First, Dr. Dudley's initial appointment as the District Coroner ends on January 8. The Resolution before you appoints Dr. Dudley as the District Coroner for four years, in accordance with K.S.A. 22A-226. Recommend you adopt the Resolution."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Bob. Commissioners, questions or comments?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Continue."

2. JAIME OEBERST, M.D.: DEPUTY DISTRICT CORONER

Mr. Lamkey said, "The second Resolution is to approve Dr. Oeberst's appointment as Deputy District Coroner by Dr. Dudley, the appointing authority. Dr. Oeberst term of appointment is for two years, matching her employment contract. Her initial appointment also ends on January 8. Dr. Dudley is here for her oath of office but Dr. Oeberst is unavailable. Her duties required her to be in court today."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay. We need a motion and a second on Dr. Oeberst."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Mr. Jeremy Biltz, Deputy County Clerk, said, "Raise your right hand and just say 'I do swear after I administer the oath.

"I, Mary Dudley M.D., do solemnly sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will faithfully, impartially, and to the best of my skill and ability discharge the duties of District Coroner for Sedgwick County, Kansas, and this I do under the pains and penalties of perjury."

Dr. Mary Dudley, District Coroner, said, "I do swear."

Chairman Winters said, "Would you like to make a comment, Dr. Dudley?"

Dr. Mary Dudley said, "I just thank you very much for my reappointment for four years. It is a pleasure working for Sedgwick County. I believe that the Center is doing quite well. We are fully staffed now and we're covering, in addition to Sedgwick County, 44 other counties in the State and moving forward and doing well and keeping very busy. Thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. We're certainly pleased to have you in Sedgwick County. We do have confidence in your skills and abilities and that of the staff at the Center. As I was continuing to think about Bill Hancock, I remember the day he and I sat in my office and talked about the Quonset hut that we had formerly been in. Bill certainly had a leadership role in developing the Center that you work in today. I think we're all proud of that facility but that can certainly be another tribute to the work that Bill Hancock has helped accomplish in this County. Dr. Dudley, we appreciate your being an employee of the County and we wish you the best success in this coming year. Thank you. Next item."

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NEW BUSINESS

D. REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.

1. AGREEMENT WITH MARY DUDLEY, M.D. TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS DISTRICT CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Lamkey said, "In concert with the termination of her initial employment, as did her contract, so this is for a new contract for four years to cover the period of her appointment as District Coroner. There have been appropriate adjustments in compensation, other terms of significance in her previous contract remain unchanged. My recommendation is that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

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2. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH JAIME OEBERST, M.D. TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS DEPUTY DISTRICT CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER.

Mr. Lamkey said, "This amendment nominally adjusts the vacation benefit of Dr. Oeberst to place her on par with her peers in the organization and it also provides additional protections for Sedgwick County in the unlikely event of a termination. Recommend you approve the amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Amendment to Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Bob. Thank you, Dr. Dudley. Next item."

E. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT E. WARNER FOR OFFICE SPACE AT 3369 EAST 47TH STREET SOUTH TO HOUSE THE OAKLAWN STOREFRONT OPERATION.

Ms. Jackie Stewart, Major, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to propose the adoption of the lease agreement for another year for the Oaklawn store front area. I'm here to answer any questions that you might have."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions on this item? Pretty straight forward deal."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "My sense is that we're going to approve this and I just think they've done a tremendous job down in the Oaklawn area. I think that the one key element to having the reduction in crime that has been steadily going down is the fact that because of our presence in the Oaklawn area it has made the residents more comfortable and I can say it has probably made the criminals a lot more uncomfortable. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Are you prepared to make a motion?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

F. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. PROPOSED SEDGWICK COUNTY SUICIDE TASK FORCE.

! KEVIN BOMHOFF

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- ! **HAROLD CASEY**
- ! **RANDY CLASS**
- ! **DEBBIE DONALDSON**
- ! **IVONNE GOLDSTEIN**
- ! **DR. CHARLES MAGRUDER**
- ! **LIZ MCGINNESS**
- ! **TERRY MILLER**
- ! **DR. ROSE MARY MOHR**
- ! **TERRY MOSES**
- ! **MARY NAVARRO**
- ! **DR. TONI PICKARD**
- ! **DR. SHELDON PRESKORN**
- ! **GARY STEED**
- ! **DR. ELSIE STEELBERG**
- ! **JOHN SULLIVAN**
- ! **DOUG WINKLY**

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am very pleased to bring this item to you today. It is a creation of a Suicide Prevention Task Force. The purpose of this task force is to bring the call to action from the Surgeon General to the community level. We have been involved in this effort at a federal and a state level and now we are bringing it to the

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community. The mission really is to implement the model that has been outlined by the Surgeon General, which is called A.I.M., which stands for Awareness, Intervention and Methodology.

"The move is to raise the community's awareness to intervene with proven strategies and to use scientific methodology to research the effects of this program. The goal will be to utilize community input and resources to implement suicide prevention strategies in the Sedgwick County community and the ultimate goal is to reduce suicides. The Surgeon General did, in fact, issue a call to action in 1998 and published in 1999. I would like to read a short excerpt from that report:

Many fail to realize that far more Americans die from suicide than from homicide. Each year in the United States, approximately 500,000 people require emergency room treatment as a result of attempted suicide. Suicidal behavior typically occurs in the presence of mental or substance abuse disorders. Illnesses that impose their own direct suffering. Suicide is an enormous trauma for millions of Americans who experience the loss of someone close to them. The nation must address suicide as a significant public health problem and put into place national strategies to prevent the loss of life and the suffering suicide causes.

"This particular task force has agreed to serve for, initially, one year with regular reports to the Commission which may need to be extended, but we will continue to share with you the successes and the strategies and the next steps that they take. We're very pleased with the group of individuals who have agreed to serve on this task force, which includes myself, Kevin Bomhoff, Harold Casey, Randy Class, Ivonne Goldstein, Dr. Charles Magruder, Liz McGinness, Terry Miller, Dr. Rose Mary Mohr, Terry Moses, Mary Navarro, Dr. Toni Pickard, Dr. Sheldon Preskorn, Gary Steed, Dr. Elsie Steelberg, John Sullivan and Doug Winkley. I would recommend the approval of the creation of the task force and would be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Debbie. It sounds like an excellent group of individuals. I'm not sure I heard you name Dr. Magruder. You did. Dr. Magruder is, of course, the Director of the Wichita Sedgwick County Health Department and I think in working with them will certainly be very important. As you read off some of those statistical facts, I think we tend to often overlook suicide as really a health issue that we need to be greatly involved in. Commissioners, any comments about this task force before

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we make these appointments."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve creation of the Suicide Task Force and its members.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Debbie, you did indicate that there will be regular reports coming back to the Commission and there will be a community-wide effort to inform people of these issue. Commissioners, you've heard the motion and second, is there other discussion? If not, call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

2. AGREEMENTS (39) FOR MILL LEVY-FUNDED PROGRAMS.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I bring before you today 39 contracts for Aging mill levy services for 2001. Twenty-one of these contracts are for Sedgwick County senior centers and the remaining 18 contracts are for a variety of Aging service provisions. Sixteen are existing programs and two are new programs. The two new ones are the Alzheimer's Association Adult Care Connection for \$15,203 and the other new one is Wichita Lifeline Incorporated for \$9,000, which is to replace the transmitters in the homes. They have to replace a certain number of them every year.

"The other services, besides the senior centers, some of those include like the Catholic Charities Adult Day Care, which provides day services in a facility for elders in our community. Guadalupe Clinic, which provides prescription assistance and Senior Services Roving Pantry, which provides grocery shopping

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assistance for elders who can't get out of their homes to do their own. These contracts total \$1,012,877. These were previously approved in the BOCC's budget contracts for 2001. I bring these before you today, recommend approval and authorize the Chairman to sign, and will be available for any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Annette. Certainly an important item as we deal with senior citizens here in Sedgwick County through our Department on Aging. Annette does an outstanding job, with her staff, in making sure that these contracts are fulfilled in a proper manner. Again, this is a way we like to do business in Sedgwick County is by contracting with individuals, groups, and organizations to make sure that services are delivered. Commissioners, are there questions or comments? It would really make an interesting meeting, we would be here quite a while, but if we would go through each one of these 39 organizations that we're assisting with mill levy money, I think we would find a story behind every one of these organizations that is well worth while. Someday we ought to do that and I know that each of us as Commissioners . . ."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Let's not do that today."

Chairman Winters said, "It appears that we're taking this really kind of significant contracts and treating them very lightly and we're not, because we do work through each one of these as we go through the budget process, and each one of these organizations has been recognized in the budgetary process, but each one of them is doing just extremely good work. Commissioner Gwin, do you have a comment?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just real quickly. As you said, the number of these senior centers around this County and I think each of us have seen, during budget time, the concern that the seniors have when it comes to funding these centers that they find so important. You remember the days when bus loads of seniors would come and support their neighborhood center or, in one case, the roving senior director for the north and northeast part of the County.

"So, as the Chairman said, we're lumping these all into one big approval here, but during the budget process, we do spend a great deal of time and learn more about them, presentations are made to us. The seniors in this community and others who receive these services remind us how important these services are to us. Our approval today is kind of after the fact, but for the public's edification, I think the Chairman

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is right, these are very vital programs. The legislatures will know and Representative Mayans and his committee will know that there will be real demands as this State ages and some of these programs will become even more important to the citizens of this County. I do appreciate the services that are provided. I'll tell you, a million dollars seems like a lot of money and it is, but the truth is that these programs impact hundreds and thousands of folks and enrich their lives. They are very important to us."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Commissioner. Are there other questions or comments?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to comment very briefly and add to what Commissioner Gwin has said. If there is anything we are about here in Sedgwick County, it is the delivery of human services. We do that for the feds, for the State of Kansas. Legislature gives us the money, empowers us to do so. We hope that we carry out our mission in such a way that it benefits the citizens. These are basic things that people need, on a daily basis, that many of us take for granted. If no one is around to do that, if we don't do that, if we don't provide that money and carry out that mission and Annette is leading that effort every day, I don't know who is going to do that. We need to be in partnerships with these organizations and these agencies. This isn't all the money that they use to do their mission, this is just part of it. They go out and they raise other money from other resources. We thank them, from the bottom of our hearts, for everything they've done. It is just basic good government right here. Thank you very much for bringing that to us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye

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Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

G. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' DECEMBER 21 AND 28, 2000 REGULAR MEETINGS.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I've got two sets of Minutes to present today. First as the results of the Regular Meeting from December 21, 13 items.

**(1) LIFTBAGS AND CUTTERS - SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

"First item is for lift and cutters for the Sedgwick County Fire Department. The recommendation is to split the bid between Danko Emergency Equipment for items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 in the amount of \$8,062, item 6 would go to W.S. Darley for \$8,803, Roberson Fire & Safety for items 8 and 9 in the amount of \$1,087.35. Total value is \$17,952.35.

**(2) SUPER RAM WITH REMOTE; SPREADER AND CUTTER - SEDGWICK COUNTY
FIRE
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

"Second item, super ram with remote with spreader and cutter for Sedgwick County Fire Department. The recommendation is low bid for equipment and accessories of Conrad Fire and Equipment for \$15,202.56.

**(3) PORTABLE WHEELCHAIR RAMPS - DEPARTMENT ON AGING
FUNDING: DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

"Third item, portable wheelchair ramps for the Department on Aging. Accept the only proposal received of AlumiRamp, Inc. for \$18,055.

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**(4) REPAIR SLIDING DOORS - EXTENSION SERVICE CENTER
FUNDING: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

"Fourth item, repair of sliding doors for the Extension Service Center. Accept the only proposal received of Claco Supply for \$17,400.

**(5) GROUND MAINTENANCE - DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FUNDING: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

"Fifth item, ground maintenance for the Department of Corrections. Accept the low bid of Complete Landscaping for \$11,040.

**(6) SOFTWARE UPGRADE - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION/SHERIFF
FUNDING: SHERIFF**

"Sixth item, software upgrade, Emergency Communication & Sheriff. Accept the sole source bid of Vision TEK, Inc. for upgrading and adding to existing mobile computer terminal software for \$15,500.

**(7) EXTENDED CAB TRUCKS - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL**

"Seventh item, extended cab trucks for Motor Pool. The recommendation was to split the bid between Don Hattan, one vehicle at \$15,400 and Rusty Eck Ford, one vehicle \$15,400. Total value, \$30,800.

**(8) WIRE CAGES - RECORDS MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

"Item eight, wire cages for Records Management. The recommendation is to re-solicit the bids next year because no proposals were received based upon time constraints, end of the year activity for vendors.

**(9) SHELVING - RECORDS MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

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"Item nine, shelving for Records Management. The recommendation was to accept the only bid received of Records Retrieval for \$6,478.

(10) FORD EXCURSIONS (U41) - FIRE DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT

"Item ten, Ford Excursions for the Fire Department. Accept the low bid of Rusty Eck Ford with trade-ins for a value of \$90,400.

(11) IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEM - SHERIFF
FUNDING: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

"Item eleven, in-car video system for the Sheriff's Department. Accept the sole source bid of Kustom Signals for \$22,096.

(12) SITE PLAN STUDY FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS - FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 4299 5359 089

"Item twelve, site plan study for Emergency Communications for Facility Projects. Accept the on-call services of Wilson, Darnell & Mann not to exceed \$6,800.

(13) SITE PLAN STUDY FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - FACILITY PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 4299 5446 018

"Item thirteen, site plan study for Emergency Management, Facility Projects. Accept the on-call services bid of Wilson, Darnell & Mann not to exceed \$3,550.

"The second meeting held on December 28 produced the following results.

(1) SANITARY SEWER - KILLENWOOD POINTE ADDITION
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

"Item one, sanitary sewer for Killenwood Pointe Addition. Accept the low bid of J.J. Westhoff for \$109,868.

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(2) PRINTING & SCANNING SYSTEM - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

"Item two, printing and scanning system for Public Works. Accept the only bid received from Kansas Blue Print for \$24,664.

(3) CONCRETE DRIVE - FIRE DISTRICT
FUNDING: FIRE DISTRICT GENERAL FUND

"Item three, concrete drive for the Fire District. Accept the low bid of Caro Construction for \$18,320.

(4) SCANNERS & DOCUMENT FEEDERS - DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING - DISTRICT COURT

"Item four, scanners and document feeders for District Court. Accept the only bid received from Automated Business Systems for \$28,124.

(5) PRODUCT MAINTENANCE & TECHNICAL SUPPORT - COMCARE
FUNDING: COMCARE

"Item five, product maintenance and technical support for COMCARE. Recommend the sole source bid of Boston Technologies, Inc. for \$10,100.

(6) TEMPERATURE CONTROL CARDS - FACILITIES MAINTENANCE
FUNDING: FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

"Item six, temperature control cards for Facilities Maintenance. Accept the sole source bid of Rothco for \$81,607.50.

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(7) NETWORK PRINTER - DIVISION OF OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF OPERATIONS

"There was one item tabled for further review at this meeting. It was network printers for Division of Information and Operations. I would recommend approval of these items as presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Iris. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Iris, I want to go back to the first item on the December 21 meeting where we split the bid. My question is, did the vendors understand that they were bidding all of these individually and if they only got one, that was still their bid?"

Ms. Baker said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's all I have. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Any other questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts for the meetings of December 21 and December 28, 2000.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

H. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V20140	\$516.00		Andover Crossing Apts.
V20143	\$329.00	2	William Favreau
V20144	\$116.00		Andover Crossing Apts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V200101	\$158.00	2	Springcreek Apts.
V200102	\$387.00	2	Springcreek Apts.
V200103	\$348.00	3	Brentwood Apts.
V200104	\$239.00	2	Springcreek Apts.

2. The following Section 8 Housing Contracts are being amended to reflect a revised monthly amount due to a change in the income level of the participating client.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V94120	\$271.00	\$455.00
V2004	\$171.00	\$245.00
V2000	\$216.00	\$336.00
V2009	\$442.00	\$40.00
V98004	\$105.00	\$199.00
V2008	\$183.00	\$000.00
V98000	\$99.00	\$219.00

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V2002	\$176.00	\$268.00
V2001	\$233.00	\$213.00
V2007	\$210.00	\$190.00
V2090	\$433.00	\$428.00
V97056	\$500.00	\$297.00
V2075	\$375.00	\$397.00
V98000	\$99.00	\$219.00
V2053	\$290.00	\$284.00
V97048	\$211.00	\$206.00
V94034	\$213.00	\$207.00
V96061	\$445.00	\$43.00

3. Application for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>d/b/a</u>
Donald R. Albers	Gambino's Pizza/Cheney Lanes

- 4. Orders dated December 20 and 27, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 5. Payroll Check Register of December 29, 2000.**
- 6. General Bills Check Registers of December 22 and 29, 2000.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

I. OTHER

Chairman Winters said, "Is there other business to come before this Meeting?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I believe there is, Mr. Chairman. It is the last meeting of Commissioner Hancock and I'd appreciate it if you would appreciate it if you would come down here, Commissioner. There is some business we need to take care of."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Get the key to the office, the parking pass, credit cards and any evidence he might have against me."

Mr. Buchanan said, "There are a number of things that are going to happen, so Chairman Winters and I have tried to orchestrate it to see if it flows at all and maybe it will and maybe it won't. There are lots of stories we could tell about Commissioner Hancock. Some of them are appropriate and some are not appropriate and some of those have not passed the statute of limitations yet. So we won't go there.

"But it has almost been ten years since I first met Bill Hancock in an interview process. Commissioner Hancock, at that time, started to talk about the future of Sedgwick County and his dream of what it might be. He thought in long term. He thought in terms of having the organization think strategically and act tactically, how to go about making a plan and executing it for that vision. As we began the strategic planning process, Bill became very frustrated at the pace and he called me in for a meeting and said I want you to give permission to the staff to stop doing stupid stuff. This is the stupid project. I want you to reexamine your departments. I want you to reexamine how you do business. I want you to reengineer and stop the stuff that doesn't make sense, that is idiotic, that we've always done before, stop the stupid

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stuff.

"In honor of that project, we have prepared a plaque. The plaque reads stupid, brainless, silly, pointless, dumb, foolish, dim-witted, thoughtless, idiotic, ridiculous, and worthless. Thanks for making us think and changing our world. To Commissioner Bill Hancock from the Sedgwick County staff. Now when you read 'Sedgwick County staff', I want you to think of it in terms of this. It is out of admiration and respect and affection. Bill, you have listened to us. You have led us. You have told us what to do, yet you've delegated. You worked with us. You told us when we did a good job. You expressed your frustrations with respect and dignity and for that we are thankful."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Hancock, we routinely and this is no routine stuff up here. This is certainly no routine, but in the past several weeks, we have had a number of senior County employees retiring. We do present them with this clock. So, on behalf of the Commissioners, we want to make a couple of these token presentations, both of this clock and a plaque to Bill Hancock for dedicated service to the citizens of the Second District of Sedgwick County. We certainly have appreciated the work that you have done and I just want to make a couple of just quick remarks, one personally and then one a little more professionally.

"Certainly, when I arrived in Sedgwick County, in 1993, you were the person I looked to for guidance, help and learning the system. I think I must have asked you thousands of questions from what to read, what not to read, what to throw away and what to attend, what not to attend. Just really learning how to become a Commissioner. On a professional standpoint, certainly you've brought a tremendous amount to the Commission. It seems like there are times when all the other four of us, whoever that might be, were pretty clear on where we were and then you could be off out in the field some place, not knowing exactly where you were. But what is remarkable about Commissioner Hancock is that then there are other times when the four other Commissioners could be off in outer space and yet Commissioner Hancock was well-grounded with where we were and what we should be doing and would bring back together a cohesiveness that would let us accomplish our work.

"Just one quick story and I think it exemplifies the way Bill has been a Commissioner. I remember the first really controversial zoning case that we had, my first controversial case. As I was walking into the room I asked Bill, I said I don't know what to do, what are we going to do? What are you going to do? He said we're going to go in and we're going to listen to all of the comments that all the people make that they present to us. We're going to listen to staff and listen to the citizens who are here and then we're going to talk about it and make a decision. Bill has led us through that many, many times. Bill, I certainly appreciate your work here and am certainly going to miss you. Commissioners, are there others of you

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who would like to make a comment?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yes, I would. He does nice things, but I have a copy here of a letter that Bill wrote to us back in '95, I think. In the spring of most years, the Commission and some of the staff are privileged to go to a NACO, National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. And it is really worthwhile. We have a chance to interact with our federal legislatures to talk about issues of County government with folks from all over the country, other counties and how they're dealing with them. In the spring of '95, it was Chairman Winters, Mark Schroeder, Melody Miller, Bill Hancock and I were on the Commission. During that time, I was undergoing chemo-therapy treatments for my cancer so I had earned the nick-name chemo-head, lovingly, and I accepted it. So, when I read that in here don't be offended, because I wasn't. I was too goofy to be offended.

"I was privileged to have made an appointment with Senator Nancy Kassebaum to talk to her about money for cancer research. So, I got permission from my oncologist to skip that week's treatment and go to Washington. Tom went, I went, Melody went and Mark went. We left Bill here alone. I don't think we've done that since and this letter will indicate why:

Dear Sedgwick County NACO diner's out. (*We have a wonderful dinner while we are there*). I hope all of you enjoyed your dinner and you thought of me often. I, of course, will be having left over Jello, a slice of cheese and the usual road-kill. I've had the opportunity to enjoy three County dinners while in Washington and I know you must have had a wonderful time. However, as you begin to enjoy your dessert or after dinner drink there are some things you should know. There will have been some changes made while you are in Washington. As you may know, I never felt my office was large enough and at the same time felt it was despicable to covet the space of my colleagues, so in order to stop the guilt, I've ordered the removal of my south wall effectively doubling my allowed office space. (*That is my wall*) This will, of course, relieve my conscience and at the same time make room for the sofa that now occupies the Fourth District Office. The files will be removed from the hall. I agree with the Chairman in that they are unsightly and they should not be seen, right Mark? Therefore, they will be stored in the northwest corner of the Third District Office. I thought about the Fifth District Office but I'm using that space to expand the conference room. So as not to disturb the Third District Commissioner while we use the files, he will be moved to the fifth floor next to the old jail mechanical chase. I don't think there is any electricity in any other part of that area except next to that wall. By the way Tom, take a space heater. I was up there recently and you

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won't need that dam fan.

I would also like to see the Commissioners have a greater opportunity to enjoy their work while reflecting on the difficulties of County government. Therefore, I'm having a bar and pool table installed in the Fourth District Office now that there is room for it without the sofa and desk. I almost forgot, the Fourth District desk will be located in Public Works. The weed director has graciously given the Commission some space that will allow the Fourth District office space but without any phone service. However, I found a pay phone just outside the front door at about 150 feet east. The new Fourth District private number is 683-FOUR.

To complete the project, it will be necessary to find space for Mark Five and for Chemo-Head. For now you will be located just outside the elevators on the mezzanine level. This will allow constituents the ability to find you until we can find a permanent location. I do want to thank each of you for your help. It was just not possible for me to continue to live with these feelings, knowing that I was violating the Tenth Commandment. I no longer covet. All is much better.

In closing, I want to wish you a good dessert and hope you have enjoyed your trip to Washington. I still cannot believe how cooperative you've been to help me organize my physical facilities in which to better serve the people of the Second District. Oh, by the way, before you attempt to park in the compound, please stop by Eula's desk to pick up your new parking cards. They will get you into the employee parking area near Mental Health. If you need directions, please ask the Manager, whose office is now located just outside probation intake, next to the exit.

"That's the Bill Hancock I'm going to remember."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I'd just like to make a couple of comments, Bill. First off, I'd just start with all seriousness, it has been a privilege and an honor to have at least two years to serve with you. I agree with Tom, having a senior Commissioner on board has been very helpful for new Commissioners. I know we leaned on you often and always ask for your advice and what to do. Sometimes your advice was quite interesting and I'm not sure that I was going to follow through on all of it, but I enjoyed listening to it. I appreciate your support, too, as a new Commissioner. Bill was always encouraging us to go forward and do the things and share our ideas and visions as well.

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"The other thing is I'd reiterate Tom's comment about you being out in the field. There were times I thought we were clear of where we were going and then you started going off and we're sitting here wondering where you were going and when are you coming back. But it seems like about 80 to 90% of the time you came up with a point that we never even thought about. That was certainly great for us to have that insight up here. Speaking of making a point, I'm wondering who the next Commissioner is going to be when we're sitting here having a discussion and all of a sudden they get up and leave, come back with something they pulled out of their file from six or seven years ago just to make a point. We appreciate the history that you have here.

"The last thing I have to say that I'm going to miss and that is the stories that you share. I hope you'll come back and visit with us more and share more stories as we can't tell all the stories here, I just want to say thank you for giving that historical insight. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill, on a serious side, when I first came on board you were very warm. You took me into your office and explained the ropes to me. I will truly miss your statesmanship and your mentoring. I agree with Commissioner McGinn, occasionally I didn't quite understand what you were telling me, but most of your ideas have a nucleus of reality in them. The one thing that I have always admired of you is that you deal with reality. You don't deal with the should haves would haves and the dream world because I guess of your experience of 12 years, you pretty much know what will work and what won't work. That has helped me tremendously, because I'll have an idea and maybe based upon my business past I think something can be done today and you've let me know that it will take a little bit more time than today and you've held me back on a lot of items. I truly will miss the mentoring. Since your business is located in my district, I hope that you'll allow me to feel free to call upon you to ask your advice. I've got four appointments on some boards that I'd like to talk to you about, too. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner Sciortino. Well, Bill, we've all had an opportunity to make our comments and now we'd certainly like to hear from you. I would like for you to begin by introducing your family that is here. I know several of them are here. If you'd introduce them and then

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we'd certainly like to have a few words from you."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you. I'd like to get even first. It takes thousands of people to elect an elected official, no matter what level it might be on, from the smallest city council to the President of the United States, thousands of people are involved, including the voters. Then for that person to carry out their mission, they have to have a lot of help. The most important people in my life are those folks that stay at home and support me as I went about the job of County Commission. Here today, first and foremost, if my lovely mother Dena Mahoney, she is here and her husband, Paul Mahoney. Mother and Paul were my number one supporters when I first started this business. My son is here, Jeff Hancock. I have another son who lives in Denver with his family and my two grandchildren. Of course I couldn't have done any of this without my lovely wife, Kathy. Two other folks I want to talk about but I'm going to save those guys for later.

"As I said, it takes thousands of people to do this and first and foremost I've listen to other folks who have left the County and spoke to us and they've all been great. It is amazing how these folks who have never got up before the Board of County Commissioners and individuals like yourselves and said wonderful things. I've often sat there in that corner wondering what am I going to say when it comes to my turn. I guess all you can really say is thank you to everyone who has been there for me.

"The first ones are of course my constituents, the guys who voted for me in the Second District and the ones who didn't. It has been a privilege for me to serve those people in that district. I've the best district guys, my folks are better than your folks. But they're all wonderful people in Sedgwick County and all of them did their part to help us be successful and it has been a real joy and a real pleasure to have the opportunity to do what little I could to make their lives a little bit better here in Sedgwick County.

"Secondly are the folks that I work with every day, beginning with Bill Buchanan and his staff and all the folks who work so hard for us. You can't imagine the hard work, when I look around I see County employees everywhere. You can't imagine the hard work these people do to make us look good. I'll tell you, that's hard work, folks, to make us look good sometimes. They have to go the extra mile. They've done it over and over and over again. I have never met a single employee here in Sedgwick County that wasn't gracious and, in my view, was hard working and doing the best they can do. Whether they are the brightest, the most well paid, the most educated or the best trained, it was always important to me that they did the best they could do and that is all we can ask and they all did. It has been a real pleasure for me and a real privilege for me to have the opportunity to work with folks. You guys have taught me a lot about how to live and how to do work and I'll take a lot of that information and knowledge to my next job

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and I'll use it. So, I'm borrowing from you from what you've trained me.

"Bill Buchanan, I can't say enough about this man, has brought to this County a level of professionalism that we have never had before. That was I was about, as a Commissioner, and I can't say enough about the people he has selected and the work that he has done to create a County that, in my view, is one of the premier governed counties in the United States, absolutely is, there is no doubt about it in my mind. I've met Commissioners, elected officials, talked to people in Washington and the State of Kansas and other states and folks, we have a lot to be proud about here in Sedgwick County.

"I didn't notice this man standing over here in the corner being so quiet. Also with us today is Mayor Bob Knight. And Bob, it is one of the biggest things we've done over the years and one of the most important things we've done over the years is work with the City of Wichita on so many projects. I want to thank you, especially, for the things you've done and tell Chris thanks for me also.

"Getting back to our staff, they're wonderful. Thank you all very, very, very, very, very much. To the people of Sedgwick County, you've been gracious and patient with me. You've helped me more sometimes, I think, than I've helped you. To all of you, thank you very much. It has been a pleasure and a lot of fun.

"Calm down guys, one more thing. I forgot to mention one group and I had this in my mind driving to work this morning. When I first came here, Commissioners weren't able to speak to one another. Legally, we were bound by the open meetings act to not speak to one another about County business. So in the mornings, it was hello, how are you, nice to see you, go to your office, goodbye. A few months later, in April or June of that year, we won a case in the Supreme Court and it changed our quorum and allowed two of us to speak.

"One of the best things that happened, as a result of that, is that we began to learn about each other and we began to become friends. In my time as a Commissioner, I think the best thing that happened is that we, as Commissioners, changed their view of one another over those years. I've made a lot of friends on the Commission and they've been very, very, very special. I've served with a lot of great Commissioners, a lot of wonderful people and people that I've enjoyed being around. One of them is here today, Mark Schroeder. I'm glad he is here, he's a very special person, one person who I have become really a good friend with and the other four are right here with me today. This is probably the best Commission that I've had the privilege to serve with and I'd be amiss if I didn't thank you for everything you've done for me. I'm a pretty hard guy to keep in line and you guys did it. It's amazing. We have here in Sedgwick County, we actually have a department of our own, the Department of the County Commission. I think that we

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have here the best department the seven people who work in this department than any other department. I'm a little prejudice, I'm sorry, but these guys are great, including the two folks who worked out front, Jama Carlton is one I asked to sit with Kathy today and with Mark today. Jama has been very special to me. She taught me a lot, an old farm kid coming in trying to be a Commissioner, about the right protocol of what to do and what not to do. She has guided me through a lot of difficult times and kept me from making a lot of mistakes. A special thanks to her, too. Appreciate everything you've done. Commissioners, staff, everyone else, thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you again, Bill. From all of us, we wish you the very best and we hope that there will be an opportunity that we may see you in public service down the road. Thank you. We'll certainly part as friends. You're all invited to a reception that will be held at the other end of the hall in the County board room. It is ready to start, immediately. Is there any other business to come before this meeting? Seeing none, we're adjourned."

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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Fourth District

BEN SCIORTINO, Chairman Pro Tem
Fifth District

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Second District

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Third District

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James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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