

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**May 7, 1997**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, May 7, 1997, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Paul W. Hancock; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Melody C. Miller; Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Daryl Gardner, Controller, Bureau of Finance; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE; Ms. Diane Gage, Director, Emergency Communications Department; Ms. Shelley Duncan, Director, Family and Children Community Services, (COMCARE); Mr. Brad Sherard, Hearing Coordinator, Appraiser's Office; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Linda M. Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Ms. Patsy Pennington, Principal, Great Lakes Strategies, L.L.C.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Mr. Bob Bruner of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that all Commissioner's were present.

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:      **Regular Meeting, April 16, 1997****

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting, April 16, 1997.

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Minutes of April 16, 1997 as presented.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

**CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**Mr. Daryl Gardner**, Controller, Bureau of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I certify that there are funds available for those items that we have identified on today's Agenda. A list of those have been provided to you previously. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Alright. Daryl, we have the list and at this time I see no questions."

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

**APPOINTMENT**

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**A. APPOINTMENT.**

**1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING NELDA GUTZMAN (CHAIRMAN WINTERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING.**

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have prepared a Resolution that would appoint Nelda Gutzman to a vacancy on the Sedgwick County Council on Aging. This is a four year appointment, which will expire on February 10, 2001, and we recommend this for your approval."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Nelda is here this morning, and she is standing at the podium and we'll ask a representative of the clerk's office to swear her in."

**Mr. Mitch Faroh, Deputy County Clerk** said, "Repeat after me."

*"I do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sedgwick County Council on Aging Board, so help me God."*

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**Ms. Nelda Gutzman repeated the oath.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Nelda, we certainly do appreciate you serving on this Board and as Board of County Commissioners do very seriously consider the recommendation and actions of those Boards, so thank you for serving."

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

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

**2. RESIGNATION OF DON GUETSCHOW FROM HIS APPOINTMENT AS MORTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Mr. Guetschow submitted his resignation and asked that you accept this resignation at this time."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the resignation .

Chairman Winters seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

**PROCLAMATION**

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**B. PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE, 1997 AS "ARSON AWARENESS MONTH."**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation that I would like to read for your consideration and read into the record."

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, June is "Arson Awareness Month", A month set aside to focus public attention on the crime of arson, the malicious and willful burning of property; and

**WHEREAS**, arson fires are a problem in Kansas and are occurring at the rate of 6.3 fires a day, injuring or killing 2.2 people per week and causing property damage of over 27 thousand dollars per day; and

**WHEREAS**, annually, arson destroys lives, property, neighborhoods and businesses, and raises the cost of insurance more than all natural disasters combined; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sedgwick County Fire Department, in conjunction with the state of Kansas, has a goal to inform the public of the responsibility to report information dealing with arson fires to help in the fight against the crime of arson;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 1997, as

**"ARSON AWARENESS MONTH"**

in Sedgwick County, and encourage all citizens to increase their awareness on the toll that arson takes in both lives and property.

**Chairman Winters** said, "That is the Proclamation. What's the will of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Here to receive this Proclamation is Chief Curmode."

**Mr. Gary Curmode**, Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today, we appreciate the Proclamation and we bring this to you annually. It is a very important situation that affects all Americans. Particularly, in our State of Kansas, we try to stay on top of this. I have Division Chief, Kenny Cox, from our Fire Prevention Bureau, to bring you some statistics from the past year. Kenny."

**Mr. Kenny Cox**, Division Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of Sedgwick County Fire Department of South Central Kansas Arson Strike Force, I would like to thank you for reading the Proclamation into the record for Sedgwick County. In the State of Kansas, last years rate was 6.3 arson fires a day. We also suffered 2.2 injuries or deaths a week in the State of Kansas from arsons. The cost per day for arson loss was \$27,919.00 per day. The Sedgwick County Fire Department of South Central Kansas Arson Strike Force, on a daily basis, we put all our knowledge and skills on the line to try to prosecute these folks that do these kind of crimes. We would like you to know, we'll endeavor to maintain what we do as long as Sedgwick County allows us to do that. Thank you."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. We certainly appreciate the work that you and all of the department does that regards arson. It is very important work and thanks for your efforts. Thank you Chief. Commissioners at this time we have had a request to take an off-agenda Proclamation.

**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to take an Off-Agenda Proclamation regarding 'Law Enforcement Memorial Day.'

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**OFF-AGENDA ITEM**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, it is really at a most serious like, that I would like for you to consider this following Proclamation and I will read it into the record.

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, to serve the public requires dedication, commitment, integrity and a desire to help others; and

**WHEREAS**, Law Enforcement Officers take an oath to uphold the constitution and laws of the United States and Kansas; and

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**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 1997 we honor and remember the brave men and women who have given their lives in protection of the citizens of Wichita and Sedgwick County;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 13, 1997, as

**“LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY”**

in Sedgwick County and encourage all of our citizens to remember the Law Enforcement Officers who have made the Supreme Sacrifice in the line of duty.

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioners, that is the Proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, “Here to accept the Proclamation is Sheriff Mike Hill.”

**Mr. Mike Hill**, Sheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Every year at this time we have ‘Law Enforcement Memorial Day’ on May 13th.

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“The last couple years has been a very special day for us because we have lost a couple of our colleagues. It is a time that we reflect back, not in sorrow, but in remembrance to remember the good times and remember the individuals. Sedgwick County, there has been six times that a deputy has stepped up when the ultimate call had given the ultimate sacrifice. The first was Deputy Frank Hill on August 16, 1927, over across the street when he stopped a jail break in the old jail. Then Detective Vance Johnson, one floor down, on the west side of this building, late morning hours of October 31, 1974, when a prisoner got away from a city detective and got the city detective’s weapon, and we, that were there that day, and those of you that were in the court house remember there was quite a commotion, we had gun fire on the second floor. Then on February the 2nd, early morning hours, Detective Terry McNett, he meet the ultimate sacrifice on a crack house raid serving a DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) search warrant and then Deputy Chris Williams at 31st and Seneca on May 17, 1991, at shift change, at the end of second shift on a car stop. We all remember Kevin Easter on January 8, 1996, a little over a year ago, also on a car stop, in the Pawnee/Hillside area. Then, a couple weeks ago on a domestic violence down in Oaklawn/Sunview area on April the 18th, when Ken Snyder answered the ultimate call. I invite all of you tomorrow at 2:00 p.m., the community of Oaklawn/Sunview Community has gotten together and there is a memorial dedication at the corner of 47th Street South and Cedardale. It shouldn’t last anymore than 15 or 20 minutes. Then, a week from yesterday, or next week, May 13th at noon, we have our formal annual dedication, and again this year it will be at City Council Chambers. On behalf of the men and women of all law enforcement in our community, I thank you for this recognition, I thank you for the Proclamation.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you very much Sheriff. Next item.”

### **AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

#### **C. RECOGNITION OF THE KANSAS CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS.**

- **FIRST PLACE: LINDA STAATS**
- **FIRST RUNNER-UP: JACKIE SMART**
- **SECOND RUNNER-UP: CANDICE SHOURBAJI**

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**Ms. Diane Gage**, Director, Emergency Communications Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have been very fortunate, and this is the first year that Kansas Chapter of Apco has offered a Telecommunicator of the Year Award. We are one of the largest centers in the state. This award is not only based on a call that the dispatcher took, but also on the dispatcher’s overall performance, how well they perform as a team member and what they contribute to the department. It was actually about a six page document that their supervisors filled out and sent in to the state committee. We are very very happy that the first three awards that went out in the state went to people from our department. I think we have a very good group of people working for us down at 911 and are very fortunate that their peers actually see it the same way. The person that was selected as Telecommunicator of the Year is Linda Staats. Linda has worked with our department for over six years. She handled a call back in 1996 involving the death of Kevin Easter. She was able to help keep things going in a communication center. There was a lot of team work that went on with her co-workers to make that go just as smooth as it possibly could at a time when things are not really going very well. She is also someone we really depend on third shift to help keep things going. She is a team player and works with her co-workers very well and we are really tickled that Linda got chosen for Telecommunicator of the Year. I would like to introduce you to Linda Staats.

“The first runner-up was Jackie Smart. Jackies’ not able to be with us today, but Jackie is someone who has been with the department for approximately 12 years. She has been heavily involved in training. At the last minute when we ended up with overlapping classes here a few months ago, Jackie was able to step in and help take over one of the training classes and has done an admirable job. She is working for a shift right now, and is someone we depend on heavily in the Communication Center to really keep things running smoothly. She works very well with her co-workers, is very supportive of new people and helps make Emergency Communications a better place to work. Unfortunately, she couldn’t be with us today.

“The second runner-up is Candice Shourbaji. Candice has been with us for a little over nine years and right now is working first shift. She has worked all the shifts down there. The call that Candice took that really brought her to the attention of her supervisor and helped get her nominated for this award was a large disturbance that happened down in the Clearwater area where she, involving off-duty law enforcement officers, plus having officers responding and her quick thinking and her ability to coordinate her resources made things go much smoother.

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“She is right now, one of our training officer’s, so when a new person gets out of training class and is assigned to someone, she serves as their mentor and works with them for about the first eight weeks that they are out of class. She recently came back from a training class and is now working with another dispatcher, training the other people that are doing the continuing training program. So, she is a real asset to the department. I would like to introduce you to Candice Shourbaji.

“I really appreciate the time today. We work with a very good group of people down there. We are honoring three of our dispatcher’s, but that’s not to say that I don’t have other people down there that do just the same quality of work. We have a very good group of people and we’re really glad to recognize these three, but everyone else down there I think is deserving of an award as well. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Alright, thank you Diane. We appreciate you bringing these awards to our attention and Candice and Linda we are proud of the work you do. We realize that that can sometimes be a very tense operation. We have lots of good folks at Sedgwick County and you certainly exemplify that. We are very proud of these awards also. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Diane. Commissioner Miller has a comment.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Thank you. Didn’t we also get some national recognition, or not? Maybe I’m thinking of . . .”

**Ms. Gage** said, “Recently, we did receive some national recognition that hasn’t aired yet. Back towards the end of March we had a dispatcher flown to New York to be on the Sally Jesse Raphael Show for the way she delivered a baby on Kellogg in the middle of a snow storm in January. They did a reunion with the family. Valerie Jones had never met the family of the baby that she help deliver on the highway. She talked them through the delivery and everything went well. A baby boy was born on Kellogg somewhere near Hillside. So, they flew the family and Valerie to New York and did a reunion on the show, however, it has not aired yet and we’re trying to find the air date, and they just keep postponing it.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Well, let us know.”

**Ms. Gage** said, “We will. Thank you.”

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Next item."

### **D. RECOGNITION OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED DEPARTMENT BY THE NATIONAL ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AS THE NATIONAL WINNER OF THE 1996 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT, COUNTY CATEGORY.**

**Mr. David Spears**, Director, Bureau of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is my privilege to make you aware of a very prestigious award the Sedgwick County Weed Department has won. The award which recognizes organizations for contributions in roadside vegetation management is based on safety, economics, aesthetics, environmental compatibility and innovative techniques. The National Roadside Vegetation Management Association (NRVMA), is the only association of its kind in the roadside maintenance industry. It is a national organization for agronomists, horticulturists and engineers who are responsible for landscaping, wildflower programs, turf establishment and maintenance of native grasses and shrubs along the nation's streets and highways. This award titled 'Excellence in Roadside Management' is given only to one city, one Department of Transportation (DOT), and one county program each year. We can all be very proud of Mr. Brunk and his staff. Not only are they being the very best they can be, but they are the best. So here is Joe. He has a few more words and there is the award."

**Mr. Joe Brunk**, Director, Noxious Weed, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This award was for the year 1996, but over the last several years our operation has changed tremendously. Twelve years ago the Noxious Weed Department sprayed weeds. Today, we still spray weeds, but we also plant wildflowers and trees. We do all the maintenance on the K-96 bike path. We recede ditches and right-of-way areas. We have a complete brush control program and we do a lot of other little things. We do this with the same size staff that we did 12 years ago. The success of our department is the sole result of the people who work there both now and in the past. Every time we took on a new project instead of grumbling about the added work load, they accepted as a challenge, an opportunity to learn and do something different. That attitude and work ethic is the reason we won this award. That is something I'm very proud of and I think we all can be."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Joe. I see you have your staff here. Would you mind just asking them to stand and would you introduce each one of them to us, so we might know who they are, too."

**Mr. Brunk** said, "I sure will. We have Rhonda Thomas, Jim Springer, Dale Kissinger, retired now, he was very much a part of this operation, Shane Whickham, Doug Gregoire, and Jason Titus."

**Chairman Winters** said, "To think that there was only one county in the nation to win this award, I think speaks very highly of you and the operation you do and the staff that puts the work together. You know sometimes we see a lot of awards and we wonder about them, but I mean if this is the only one, and you were picked out of all other competitions in the nation, it is very significant and congratulations. We are proud of you and the department. Next item."

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**E. CASE NUMBER SCZ-0739 - ZONE CHANGE FROM "SF-20" SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO "SF-6" SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, ON PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF SUNDANCE, EAST OF 143RD STREET EAST.**

**Mr. Marvin Krout**, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "One item on your agenda this morning, and if I could have the first light. . ."

### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

"This is the. . . area of black tape, is 29 acres. It is located in the four-mile creek area. The top of that outlined area is the Burlington-Northern Railroad, it would be 17th Street North, 143rd Street. This is on the east side of 143rd and Sundance. This is undeveloped, except for a stable located on the property now. As you can see, it is platted, it was platted as the Fifth Addition of Savanna at Castlerock. Part of the Fifth Addition and now is going to be re-platted into smaller lots. Actually, not more lots, but smaller lots with more common open space. I'll show you a picture in a minute. This is in the Savanna Castlerock area. Several additions that are all with development underway.

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“The current zoning is SF-20, which is the Suburban Residential zone, which allows the minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet. These lots are all going to be in the 17,000 square foot range. They need to re-zone to an urban category. The wide areas on the map have already been zoned to SF-6, which is the Urban Density Residential category. It allows smaller lots. Water and sewer are both available in this area and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. This area has been gradually re-zoned as large parts of the four-mile creek area for Urban Density Residential development.

“This is the aerial photograph and you can see to the south and to the west are some of the other additions of Savanna that are under development. The red taped area is the area that’s under question. There is little exception area that is not in this ownership off of 143rd Street. That 28 acres is represented inside the red boundaries and this is the sketch plan for the proposed re-platting of the area in question, and also a little bit of the area to the east. As you can see there is some common open spaces that now will be running both along the entrance street and also in between the lots in the middle of the sub-division. That is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and planners generally like to see is private open space and smaller lots. We think this is a better plan than the original plan. Just some slides of the area.

“We’re looking now at the very left hand of the screen is, we’re looking north on 13th Street and this is the entrance at Sundance, within the background, the area that's in question. This is looking east, down Sundance at the entrance and on the left side of the screen is the area that's in question that will be re-developed for these lots. We're now looking south and east at the area that's developed to the south, that is part of Savanna. This is looking south and a little bit west across 143rd Street at another portion of Savanna that is developed again. Lots that are developing on the west side of 143rd Street and again to the north and west. This is looking further up the street, up 143rd further to the north.

"Now we're looking at the stable area that is on the site off of Sundance, looking north from Sundance across the site. The railroad tracks in the background, looking north and east. You can see some homes in the background, further to the east and again east down Sundance with residential development to the east and south. This is looking south at the portion of Sundance across the street that is already developed again to the south. Those homes you can see just below the red line on the bottom there.

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“The Planning Commission had their public hearing last month. There was no opposition at the Planning Commission hearing. The staff recommended approval and the Planning Commission was unanimous. Their vote was 12-0 to recommend approval, subject to platting. There were no protest petitions that were filed after the Planning Commission hearing and so it just takes a simple majority to approve this request. The applicant's agent is here this morning if you have any questions of him.

Chairman Winters said, "All right thank you. Marvin I see no questions of you at this time. Commissioners, anyone have any questions? At this time I will open the meeting to anyone who would like to speak regarding this Planning Department, Item E. Either for or in opposition. Is there is anyone here who would like to speak to this item? Is there anyone who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners on this item? Seeing no one. We'll limit discussion to staff and the Commission. Commissioners are there other questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the findings of fact of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and approve the zone change subject to the condition of platting; adopt the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign; and instruct the MAPD to withhold publication until the plat has been recorded with the Register of Deeds.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G Winters	Aye

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much Marvin. Commissioners, at this time we've had a request to have the manager just brief us on the WSU (Wichita State University) decision.

### **MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to take an Off-Agenda Item

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

### **VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G Winters	Aye

### **OFF-AGENDA ITEM**

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you know Commissioner Schroeder and I met sometime ago with Mike Oatman and began some discussions with him regarding this issue and then Saturday, Commissioner Bill Hancock and I met with President Hughes and Mike Oatman to resolve this issue. As you have been briefed and as the public is aware, we have come to a conclusion that I think is in the best interest of both WSU (Wichita State University) and certainly Sedgwick County. WSU gets more money for scholarships than they currently have. We have consented to go back to the pre-1995 formula and I chose the word consented because that's what it was. We think our argument was correct. We think we are in a position to press forward with that argument, but the cost of doing so, the cost in terms of time and effort and energy did not appear to be worth it to us. Not worth it to us for a couple reasons. One, the money is going to WSU for scholarships and for this community, and that is a good thing. We understand that their mission is important to us. We understand what is on our plate. Certainly, lots of things are on our plate for the next year or two. Real metropolitan issues.

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“Issues that affect us all. Issues of how we will dispose of our trash, how it will be collected, who will do that, how that will be done. The issue of working with the railroad's, and with the city on how to solve the train problem and the disruption that will occur in this community. We will continue to work on economic development issues and how to enhance the quality of life in this community. We will continue to work on such things as providing the quality of life issues that we do throughout this community. That's the major issues, beside what's occurring with us in a program that you will hear that follows me and the kinds of issues that we are dealing with because the state and federal government continues to give us more opportunities to solve problems or difficulties from which ever point of view it is. But, it is an opportunity to solve problems. It is in the best interest for this community to do. You know the details of the agreement, we will go back to the pre-1995 formula. We will pay them \$352,000.00 soon. Probably by the end of this month. Those payments were to have been, what would have occurred had we not changed the formula. We are going to continue down that road.

"I want to just take a moment to talk to you about things that we have talked about in this organization a lot. That's about relationships and processes, and how important that is. You have adopted as one of your goals to develop partnerships. One of the principles of partnership is treating folks the way you would like to be treated. It is a simple principle of how people get along. In this relationship with WSU, we've had Becky Bouska and Frank Rajewski, their accounting person for the Board of Trustees sit down and over three or four different meetings, come to a conclusion about what the differences were, what the argument was about, and that's healthy and that's a way in which business should be done in a non-accusatory manner, but in a way that is very helpful for both parties, because in fact, the university has a much clearer understanding of our position, as do we to theirs. We have sit down with the Board of Trustees of the university and the president and worked through these issues together. In as relationships have been tied and grow and get weaker, we know that conflicts are the ones, the difficulties that happen in a relationship. We know because of this conflict, the relationship between WSU and Sedgwick County is much stronger. We have better understanding of our positions, we've worked through it in a very mature professional way, which was a way in which you conduct business with your partners. So, for that we are thankful. We are wrapping up some of the final details. Becky Bouska, the Finance Director, and the Board of Trustees, Mr. Rajewski will in fact work out the details of the agreement, the form they have already done that, we need to formalize that a little bit and we'll proceed from that point forward. From my part I think this issue is closed."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you very much for that update of the latest meetings and how this has been resolved. Commissioners, I want to thank all of you for your thought process in this, particularly Commissioner Schroeder and Commissioner Hancock who did visit with the Board of Trustees and the president several times. Thank you all. Thank you. Next item."

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **F. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE'S (COMCARE) FAMILY AND CHILDREN COMMUNITY SERVICES.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Shelley Duncan will introduce the program, but let me tell you how it came about to be on the Agenda. It is one of those opportunities that I had to visit one of the Boards and at that Board Meeting, I heard a presentation about kinds of services that we deliver. You sit in your office and you pass papers back and forth and you crunch numbers and you do those sort of things, but we forget sometimes, or need to be reminded about what our business is. Our business is about helping individuals who live in Sedgwick County. They may live in Oaklawn and they might live in Cheney or they may live in the City of Wichita, but we help folks who live here. This is one of those stories."

**Ms. Shelley Duncan**, Director, Family and Children Community Services (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm happy to be here today to talk with you and to give you an update about Family and Children Community Services, and also to talk with you specifically about someone who we have served in the program. I think it is very timely because this happens to be 'Children's Mental Health Awareness Week' and would like to remind you and the citizens of Sedgwick County that children do suffer from mental illness. Estimates are that one out four children will suffer from some sort of emotional or behavioral problem during the course of their childhood, and of those kids about 33% will experience a severe emotional disturbance. Those of the kids that we serve in Family and Children Community Services, these are kids that are perhaps the most needy in terms of mental health problems. Now as you know, we have been in operation for approximately the last five years and we operate utilizing a philosophy whereby we do whatever it takes to serve the kids and families and hopefully be able to help those families stay together or at least to keep a child in the least restrictive setting possible. Now, about three years ago, we received a large federal grant that allowed us to expand our services and add some new services. With that federal grant included a program evaluation. We have some initial data now that has really shown some of the success and some of the things that we've actually done."

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"I thought it might be helpful to look at some statistics and just show you kind of who we've served and what we're doing. Now over the past five years we've served over 500 children, but the collection for the program evaluation, the data looks at only about the last two years.

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"You can look here at the overhead and see the majority of kids that we've served are male. The average age is about 11 ½ years and the majority of the kids fall in the 6 to 11 and 12 to 15 year age range. However, we do serve children that are 0 to 5, as well as the kids 16 on up to 22, 23 years old. There we have a racial breakdown as you can see and then we have the family composition, which I won't talk about that because the next overhead will look at that a little closer. You can see right here on our pie chart, that 58% of the children that we serve live with their mothers. 75% of those are single mother families that are living in poverty with incomes less than \$15,000.00. You can see here at the bottom, right here, these are the number of kids that are living with both parents, you can't really see the bottom here, but this is below poverty, and so obviously the kids who are living with both parents are less likely to be living in a poverty situation. However, here with mothers only, you can see there is a greater likelihood that they are living in a poverty situation. Interestingly, we do have a few families whereby the kids live just with the fathers and they are kind of in the middle with poverty.

"Our next overhead looks at the changes that we have seen taken place with the kids that we are serving. Our national program evaluator's, we utilize tools where we measure that and they have provided those tools to us. One of those is what we call a child on adolescent functional assessment scale. That basically measures how kids are functioning in their community kind of externally and then also internally with symptoms. You can see the first one right here, and this blue bar looks at where they measure at the time of intake. Then the pink is where they are at their six months of being in the program. Here we have the functioning in the school setting and you can see they are getting better, when it goes down and in this particular area, it shows that they are getting better in school. We move over in the home and this is how they are functioning in the home setting. You can see likewise, they're getting better after six months. They are having less problems. Over here we have in the neighborhood, kind of how they are doing with their peers, and in the neighborhood they are getting better. The dangerousness to self, and we do have a lot of kids who do harm themselves, they self mutilate that sort of thing and we can see there is quite a significant difference in how well they are doing with that after six months. Going over here in their ability to think clearly has improved as well.

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"Then we come down here, the run-ins with law enforcement, and we see down here that there is reduction in the number of times they have run-ins with law enforcement. I might just add that we really believe that our program serves as a preventive program in that the kids we serve we feel like are less likely to enter the juvenile justice system. We don't see a lot of our kids in that system because we're able to divert them.

"Then we look at the education over here and we can see these indicate when they go up that means that there is improvement. On the grades, they are getting better after six months, not a huge difference, but we see a small difference in increase. Likewise, their attendance has increased, and over here are suspensions. These are kids that are likely to get suspended or expelled from school and we see that there are less suspensions and here down at expulsions they are less likely to be expelled from school.

"The last overhead I would like to show you, and again our national program evaluator's, one of the goals of the grant and there are 22 grant sites across the country, but one of the goals is for us to develop systems of care where we have integrated systems and that we're functioning in a system. They measure what they call a systemist scale and I have a hand out for you that will explain that in more detail, but basically it's how well our system is doing. The first bar here is basically the vision. Again, the blue depicts the national average of all 22 sites and the pink is our individual site. So, you can see on the first one here, vision, that we're well above the national average. Likewise, that is the vision of the program, how well we're doing with that. The agency coordination, and that is how the different agencies are functioning and coordinating together. We're way above here the national average on the available services. We have a very comprehensive array of services here in Sedgwick County. Probably, more so than any place in Kansas, and even in the nation.

"Now, down here we also are above the national average on cultural competence and that's how culturally competent we are. The next one is the strength of case management and we're above the average. Family centered is very important to us, we are also above the average. Unfortunately, the only one that we are below the national average on is funding. That looks how well the different sites will be able to sustain themselves when the grant is over. We are entering the fourth of five years. Unfortunately, in our community right now with things that are going on in the state, we aren't able to pull funds and so that obviously is an issue for us and we're not doing as well as some other sites across the country. Anyway, I thought it might be helpful to look at some of these statistics and outcome so that you can see what we have been doing and in the fact that we have been successful. I think as Mr. Buchanan said earlier, this is nice to see this and see the bars and graphs, but probably what's more important is to actually hear about a case, to hear about somebody that we have served and that we have really made a difference in their lives.

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"I have with me today Sheri Rasmussen who is one of our case manager's who is going to present a case, a child and to tell you a little bit them and what we have meant in the life of that child. I'm going to hand out these program evaluations for you to look at later."

**Commissioner Hancock** asked, "Shelley, what does FCCS stand for?"

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Family and Children Community Services."

**Mr. Sheri Ramussen**, Case Manager, Bureau of Comprehensive Community Care, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My job as a case manager is to coordinate and create community services, to fit the needs of these children. My job is also to be an advocate for them to ensure that their living in the least restrictive environment possible. Most often times we deal with children and their families together, but unfortunately in this case, Jeff, his behavior's and his mental illness was more than what his parents were willing to deal with. This is a child who has been diagnosed with attention deficit, hyper-active disorder. At about the age of two he began displaying very aggressive, violent physical and verbal behaviors. Again, it being more than what his parents were willing to deal with, about a year and a half ago they relinquished their parental rights.

"I don't know if you can imagine being seven years old and losing your mom, dad, brother's and sister's because of something you think that you have done, but Jeff was completely devastated. He was placed at Prairie View Hospital where he stayed for two weeks, spending more time than not being restrained and isolated and unable to maintain. We as COMCARE (Bureau of Comprehensive Community Care) staff had somewhat of a history with Jeff and knew the kind of kid that he was and that probably Topeka State Hospital wasn't going to be the best place for him. He was so severe that Prairie View had referred him there. So, we as COMCARE staff went up, our psychiatrist, individual therapist, we went up with SRS (Social Rehabilitation Service) to talk to Prairie View staff.

"To let you know how severe he is, one of the psychiatrist stated that he was one of the three most extreme cases he had ever seen and that if we were there that day to defer him from Topeka State Hospital it would be complete insanity. So, we came together as a team and Prairie View AMA, knowing the kind of kid he was and deserving of a second chance we placed him at Wichita Children's Home. He was wrapped with 24 hour services and placed him back in his regular school. This kid is truly an incredible kid who can rise to the occasion and an example of that, he had been placed in the behavioral disorder room. Everyday he would walk in, pick up a chair, throw it across the room, scream, yell, kick and do just about anything, but do his work. A regular ed teacher walked in and said, 'why don't we just place him in regular education, just to see what would happen.

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“We main streamed him into regular ed classes and oddly enough, he sat in his chair, he followed directions, he received above average grades and he was respectful to himself and others. So, he is truly an incredible kid.

"Unfortunately, to stay at Wichita Children's Home lasted three weeks, for whatever reason. There was absolutely no placement for this child, and SRS had instructed us to pull some of our wrap around services. As we did that, Jeff became out of control, harmful to himself and others. He had to be placed in crisis' stabilization bed and then was placed at Topeka State Hospital. This kid sat at Topeka State for six months. During that six months time, he regressed drastically. He was at an emotional state of about a four year old. He was being restrained and isolated on a daily basis. I don't know if any of you have been to Topeka State Hospital, but their isolation room is four cement walls, a locked door and a pad on the floor. After him losing his entire world, that's where he spent the majority of his time.

"While we were getting reports back from our diversion specialist and we hadn't heard anything about a placement for him so we came together as COMCARE staff and we knew we needed to get him out of there. The only way to get him out was to find him a home. So we created one for him, we created a family. We went out and called anyone, and everyone we knew that had had a relationship with him that would be a possible placement. As we would call people, Caring Connections, Therapeutic Foster Care would call them and teach them the details of what Therapeutic Foster Care was all about. So, we called and ended up with three potential therapeutic foster placements. His teacher, his counselor and his attendant care worker. His attendance care worker ended up being his therapeutic foster placement, but his teach and his counselor became his extended family, if you will. We had his family, so we went up as a team with SRS, affiliates, COMCARE and we met with Topeka State staff. Jeff's behavior at that time, again, he was being in isolation everyday, was not going to warrant him one step out of Topeka State Hospital's doors.

“We came to an agreement, and we knew the kind of kid he was, we knew what we could do as a community and we came to an agreement that no matter how he acted, he was coming out of Topeka State Hospital. So, we started transition. We started one day at a time. First, one week we took him out for one day on campus. The week after that we took him one day off campus. The weeks after that we took him one day, one night and brought him back to this community. He stayed with his therapeutic foster parents. Each week we increased that one day and one night until we had transitioned him out for a whole week. As we transitioned him out, we plugged in services everyday that increased.

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“By the end of the week being transitioned out, this child was accessing three attendant care workers from Wichita Child Guidance Center, Emergency Respite in Individual Respite for Mental Health Association, all the therapeutic foster care service's and parent advocacy, COMCARE service's with Crisis, individual therapy, medication management and case management. We were also accessing SRS and our natural support system which was his teacher and his counselor. So, this child, we knew what he was doing 24 hours a day, every minute of the day. We had crisis plans to back up Crisis Plan. People service providers to backup service providers, and we had him wrapped very tightly. He had to be that way. As he grew and changed, we changed our services. As he grew out of a service, we closed services. This child currently is maintaining is behavior's. He is receiving above average grades, he has been put on the adoption list, and all services have been closed except for therapeutic foster services, individual therapy and medication management. I just found out not to long ago that he is possibly going to be adopted in August. Now this is an incredible story about collaboration and what a community can do in individual efforts. But, this is something that we do every single day with all of our families. You know the plan is different, because each plan is individualized, but the process is the same. I guess the one thing I want to get across to you guys is that it works. Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you. Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Thank you. I do have a question. When you said that SRS required that the County pull the wrap around services, which sounds as though it inevitably landed Jeff in Topeka State Hospital, how can that happen?"

**Ms. Rasmussen** said, "Well, I know that he was placed in Wichita Children's Home and with his behaviors and his severity, there was absolutely no placement for him. I know that SRS was putting in funds and money to support individual one on one. . .we had to wrap him with 24 hour services. That means every minute of the day someone had to be with him.

**Commissioner Miller** said, "So they pulled their . . .

**Ms. Rasmussen** said, "Yes. They pulled their one-on-one that they were paying for and it just sort of . . . he needed it."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Okay. I just needed to understand that. Thank you."

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

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I have a question for Shelley. Shelley on the data and information you gave us, I appreciate that. I mean it's nice to be able to start seeing some outcomes. We have been waiting for that. One of the questions though, that I don't see answered is, do we keep track of the residency of these children, do we know how many of them live in Wichita vs. how many of them come from Reno County, or somewhere else?"

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Yes. We do have that. Now that will not be in your report. It's looking more of other kinds of clinical, if you will, outcomes and behavioral. Yes, we do have that. We do have that information."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I would be interested in seeing that."

**Ms. Duncan** said, "Okay. I can get that to you."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "All right. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Are there other questions, comments? It was a good report, a very good job. Keep up the good work."

### MOTION

Chairman Winters moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

### VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you again for sharing that information. Next item."

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**G. PRESENTATION OF FINAL RESULTS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SEDGWICK COUNTY FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN, "SEDGWICK PREMIER," EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1997.**

**Ms. Patsy Pennington**, Principal, Great Lakes Strategies, L.L.C., greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have the opportunity in coming back and visiting with you guys again this year and I'm very happy to be bringing you great results again. We implemented your flex plan January 1, 1996 and I came back last year and expressed to you what we saw happening with your employees. We have even more exciting news I think for you this year.

"The County set very specific objections when we implemented your plan in 1996. We wanted to be able to manage benefit cost. We wanted your employees to have a better understanding of what their benefits were and what those costs were that were associated with them. We also wanted to be able to offer benefits to your employees, but they didn't necessarily find 100% in that the County may, or may not find at all. In addition, you have a variety of employee's. You have employee's with different needs. You have single employee's, you have couple's, you have single mom's, you may have single dad's and you have families and all of those individual's have different needs. From that stand point this program would allow us to meet those objectives.

"As you may have remembered in 1996, we subjected a lot of change on your employees. Your employees had gone from living in a very parental type of environment, to all of a sudden they were accountable for making their very own choices. Now some people were not very pleased with that opportunity. Others, I think thought it was a great opportunity. But, we went through the process, and we diagnosed where our areas were and we worked on what we could do to improve those areas. So, for 1997 which was our second plan year, we decided basically it should be a year of fine tuning, those things we put in place in 1996 and that's exactly what we did. We did not subject the employees to the type of change that they experienced in 1996, but instead we began fine tuning those processes.

"One of the things we did was we changed the enrollment process. You went from a paper enrollment to an interactive voice response enrollment which meant that instead of filling out a sheet and turning that in to your human resource area, you instead called up a 1-800 number and keyed in the information and made your selections via that type of response.

"In addition to that, we changed your vision plan, which some of you I'm sure participated in and others may not have. That allowed an individual to voluntarily pay for those benefits.

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“Well in 1996 the County actually had self funded that program, which of course means that we pay the claims. We, meaning the County for that process. In 1997, due to the amount of exposure and the amount of claims that came in, I think everyone that joined that plan purchased glasses in 1996. The premiums were going to be very very substantial. So, what we did was negotiated with an outside carrier and moved your vision plan to the outside vs. having the County manage that internally.

“The communication process was very similar to 1996. Your employees tend to respond very well to written communication because that is something they can look at, lay down and think about, and perhaps go back and look at again. So, we continued the newsletter, the work books, and of course we had to revise the election form because now that it was on interactive voice response, you needed some other additional information. We spent three days back here in Wichita. We had beautiful weather back in October. Remember I’m from Michigan and we don’t have a lot of beautiful weather there. So, we were here for three days. We conducted 10 to 12 employee meetings. We had wonderful response downtown in the Human Resource Training area. We packed them in every meeting that we had. There were some meetings that we had people standing against the back wall, and my understanding is will hold about 100 people over there. So, that’s very very excellent attendance. The main goal of this is to educate your employees, because without them being benefit consumer’s, they’re not going to really understand the dollars that we’re giving them or how they can really spend those. The meetings that we had at the zoo, which was our other location, were not quite as well attended as the ones that were held downtown, but I believe you have more employees in this area. So, maybe the downtown location was just much more convenient for them to get to.

“One of the things I would like to share with you are the results and how that came out. Last year when I shared this information with you, I told you that 67% of the employees elected something other than what the County had provided as the standard plan for 1996. 83% elected something different for 1997. So, I think that it just goes to show that we are really needing those diverse needs and that people do have the opportunity to chose those things that are more important to them. In your medical plan area for example, we now have a split of 60% in your Blue Cross Plan and 40% in your HMO (Health Maintenance Organization) Plan. Now we continue to have approximately 4% of your employee’s opted out of medical coverage because they have coverage somewhere else.

“In the dental area, we continue to cover predominately 89% of your employee’s in the Comprehensive Plan, but there are 7% that are opting to go down to that lesser plan because they want those dollars to spend somewhere else. We have 4% opting out of dental this year, which was a brand new option for employees. They had never had that one before.

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“The Vision Plan continues to stay about the same at 12% participation, but remember that’s a plan that the County isn’t funding at all, so that’s an employee paying for that with pre-tax dollars right out of their pocket.

“Employee Life, we’re continuing to see more and more employees take something other than what’s funded by the County, whether they take less coverage or more coverage. We had 30% of the employees choosing something different.

“Dependent Life which you may all remember back before the Premiere Plan, you were required to take Dependent Life. Well, last year we had 63% of your employee’s taking it; this year that number dropped to 54%. What that tells me is people are beginning to understand what this choice is all about. They know now that they can do with that money as they see fit and perhaps they would rather have glasses, and maybe they have an outside Dependent Life Policy. They really don’t need this one any longer.

“Vacation is the one area that I would say is the least used. The people that use it, love it. But, you have to have a certain amount of vacation in your vacation bank to be able to sell vacation. Of that amount, we typically have about 1% that do sell vacation. I think that what that says is you have really great weather out here and why would anyone want to sell it. Let’s all take it.

“In addition in the Reimbursement Account area, you have just literally blown the statistics out of the water in this area. For those of you who aren’t participating, that’s the plan that allows you to pay for your medical, dental and vision expenses with pre-tax dollars. I know that many of you are participating because I just know. But, for those of you that aren’t, I just want you to know that there is 23% of your employee’s, or 444 employees that are using this. In our nation statistics is says that the average ranges about 10%. So, that means either we did an excellent job and everybody understands this, or else people really want to not pay those taxes. I think we all get in that boat sometimes too. I think that says a lot for the County and I think it also says a lot for the savings mechanism. Because, remember for every dollar an employee sets aside, they don’t pay their social security taxes and neither does the County on that money. That provides us with a substantial amount of savings coming in. The average employee puts \$609.00 into that Health Care Reimbursement Account.

“The Dependent Care Reimbursement Account, which of course allows you to pay for dependent care expenses for a 13 year old child, or if you have a disabled parent or spouse, we don’t have as high a participation, we’re only at 3.9%, but the average there, across the country, is 2 to 3%. So, you’re still above average there as well.

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“So, I think from an educational standpoint, you should be very proud of this. Because you really are breaking the statistics in our area. I had the opportunity to share your information with other clients that I go out to see, and I go ‘let me tell you about this County I have out in Kansas’ where we were expecting about 10% and we have 23% participating.

“Now, I’m very sure you’re interested in this savings. You get savings from employees that opt out of medical. You got savings this year for employees who opted out of dental. You got the FICA (Federal Insurance Compensation Act) savings from the Reimbursement Accounts, as well as anyone that purchases additional benefits. For instance, the amount of contribution that your employees pay towards their medical plan are paid with pre-tax dollars. You don’t pay any social security on that, neither does the employee, obviously. Your savings this year net, of all of your consulting fees. Those are fees that went not only to Great Lakes, but also to Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, right here locally that manages your reimbursement account and to take care of all of your production costs, which would be the printing of all of your materials, gave you a final net savings of \$220,000.00.

“For 1998 our plan design that we are working on currently would allow us to perhaps offer other choices to employees that are not offered by the County and are not funded by the County, but would allow them to pay for them in a pre-tax manner. As well, we’re working very diligently with your providers here to enable us to electronically feed them all of your information next year to eliminate some of the time involved with your employees trying to provide that information on a paper bases. As you can see, I think your employees are continuing to understand this program. I think it is working very well for us. We believe that we are measuring very well against the objectives that you set for us. We look forward to 1998, which will be our third year with you guys. Thank you so very much and I’ll be more than glad to answer any questions you might have.

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Thank you Ms. Pennington. We certainly appreciate that report and it sounds like there is a number of good things happening there. Commissioners are there any questions? I don’t see any at this time. You did a good job with your presentation. Thank you very much.”

**Ms. Pennington** said, “Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board on this item?”

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

**H. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA FESTIVALS, INC. FOR USE OF CERTAIN SEDGWICK County FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT MAY 9-18, 1997 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WICHITA RIVER FESTIVAL.**

**Mr. Jarold D. Harrison**, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's party time in Wichita again and as usual, River Festivals has approached the County to help support that event. It's the 9th through the 18th of May. This is the Agreement that we have worked up with them for use of County facilities. For the Sundown Parade, we still have the phrases in here about available parking lots, and as you all are painfully aware, we have no available parking lots. That will get revised in next years agreement. We did call River Festivals and remind them that those lots were not available and they're painfully aware of all the construction going on around Wichita and how that's impacting their programs. It also calls for the use of secured parking compound on May 9th from approximately 1:00 p.m. to Saturday, May 10th. It calls for the use of snow fence on as available bases through Mr. Spears. They will coordinate that with the Bureau of Public Services. You will recall, we did a separate agreement with them moving the Wicked Wind Bicycle Tour and Road Races to Lake Afton. Sunday, May the 18th, is also the date for the picnic at the zoo. In addition they are asking for use of any available barricades for street closings for various events, as available. We have received the Certificate of Insurance from the River Festival Group and we would recommend your approval."

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

**I. AGREEMENT WITH LINCOLN County EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) ALLOWING SEDGWICK County EMS TO PROVIDE FIELD INTERNSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF ITS TRAINING PROGRAM.**

**Mr. Tom Pollar**, Director, Emergency Medical Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Agreement is with Lincoln County EMS for a training program they are providing so they can have some more volunteers and people available in their community. Again, this is a way for Sedgwick County to extend its knowledge and its experience and its wisdom to these smaller communities in providing pre-hospital medical care. This will be for 30 students and it's about eight hours in length. It's not a long time, but they will get an intensive time in, in which they would not be able to do in any other community in this State. I would recommend your approval and the Chairman to sign."

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Tom."

**J. BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE)..**

- 1. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES (SRS) FOR CONTINUATION OF A CONTRACT WITH SRS TO CO-HOUSE FOURTEEN SRS STAFF WITH COMCARE'S FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM LOCATED AT 7701 EAST KELLOGG.**

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson**, Director, Bureau of Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "This particular item is a renewal. We co-located with a unit of SRS (Social and Rehabilitation Services) with our children's program for several years now, which of course, we found really helps with the collaboration and coordination that you heard about earlier during the presentation. I would be glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** asked, "Commissioners, are there any questions. If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

**2. CONTRACT WITH HUNTER HEALTH CLINIC, INC. ALLOWING COMCARE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS POPULATION.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, this particular item involves money that flows through Hunter Health Clinic to us to provide services at our homeless program. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

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**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

**3. ADDENDUM TO AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC. TO ALLOW IT TO BILL MEDICAID FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL GROUPS AS INTENDED BY THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, this is really a minor technical change that was requested by Blue Cross-Blue Shield, who is the intermediary for Medicaid and so this just allows them to bill and we don't have any problems of a technical nature. I would be glad to answer any questions."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Addendum to the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

- 4. ADDITION OF ONE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST POSITION, RANGE 23, ONE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION, RANGE 18, AND ONE SELF-DETERMINATION REGIONAL COORDINATOR POSITION, RANGE 22, TO THE COMCARE STAFFING TABLE.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, these particular additions involve one, an Occupational Therapist which is paid for through state funds on hospital closure. This is someone that we have had working with us, but we needed to make the change to officially put them on the staffing table. The second, again is State funds and is a Range 18. This particular position will work on the bases program, which is the Data Collection Program that is required through the state for developmental disability reform. We have been trying to do this separately and the agencies and all of us came together and decided we needed to centralize that and make sure this is done correctly. We are all in agreement and the State funds are being used for that. The last position is a position we've already accepted the grant for and this establishes the position through the Robert Wood Johnson money which has been received to work on developing the self-determination project for developmental disabilities. I would be glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Commissioners, are there questions, concerns or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the additions to the COMCARE Staffing Table.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

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**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Deborah. Next item."

**K. RECOMMENDATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS THAT A FURTHER TAX REFUND BE GRANTED IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BROCARA FOR RELIEF OF A TAX GRIEVANCE IN SEDGWICK County, KANSAS.**

**Mr. Brad Sherard**, Hearing Coordinator, Appraiser's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a tax grievance that runs through the years 1989 through 1993. The land was incorrectly listed for the property and the tax affect of this is \$2,053.74.

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right. Thank you Brad. Commissioners, are there questions or comments?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the tax refund.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

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**L. BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES.**

**1. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF GODDARD FOR PAVING OF 23RD STREET SOUTH BETWEEN 199TH STREET WEST AND 215TH STREET WEST. DISTRICT #3.**

**Mr. David C. Spears**, Director, Bureau of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item L-1 is an Agreement with the City of Goddard regarding the paving of 23rd South, between 199th Street West and 215th Street West. This road is not on the County road system and is maintained by both Goddard and Attica Township. The township has prepared the road bed and replaced the culverts. It is proposed that Sedgwick County provide the labor, equipment and materials to construct a cold mix asphalt pavement. Goddard will contribute \$15,000.00 to partially off set our cost. I'll be glad to answer any questions you may have."

**Chairman Winters** asked, "David, what do you expect those total cost to be? Much more than that, significantly more, a little bit more. . ."

**Mr. Spears** said, "\$20,000.00."

**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	No
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	No
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

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**2. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CULVERT WEIGHT REQUIREMENT CHANGE FOR STRUCTURE NUMBER 795-N-2265, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS AND RESCINDING ALL PREVIOUS DESIGNATIONS OF CULVERT WEIGHT POSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SAID STRUCTURE. DISTRICT #3.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "Item L-2 is a Resolution which changes the weight requirement on culvert no. 795-N-2265 from a open no limit to 8/16/22 tons. This structure is located on 119th Street West, between 13th Street North and 21st North. Our bridge engineer has analyzed this structure and I recommend that you adopt the Resolution. I have a drawing over there in case you have any questions about what 8/16/22 means."

**Chairman Winters** asked, "Commissioners, does anyone have a question about 8/16/22 means?"

**Mr. Spears** said, "The Manager might hold that up. . ."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Oh. . . It's a. . . We got that. Show the television camera. Commissioners, you've heard David's report on this item. What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin Moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

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**M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' MAY 1, 1997  
REGULAR MEETING.**

**Mr. Darren Muci**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the May 1st Meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are five items for consideration.

**(1) STREET PAVING - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES  
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

"Item one, street paving for Bureau of Public Services, Wheatland Addition, Phase 4. It is recommended to accept the low bid of Asphalt Construction Co. for \$140,503.90.

**(2) WEED CHEMICALS - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES  
FUNDING: BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

"Item two, is weed chemicals for Bureau of Public Services, Noxious Weeds. It is recommended to accept the low total bid meeting specifications of Pueblo Chemical & Supply Co. In the amount of \$41,802.00.

**(3) PREMIUM #4 PAPER - BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES  
FUNDING: BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES**

"Item three, premium #4 bond paper for Bureau of Central Services. It is recommended to accept the low bid of Unified School District #259, in the amount of \$28,022.40.

**(4) MINI-VAN - CENTRAL MOTOR POOL/SEWER DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL**

"Item four, is a Mini -Van for the Central Motor Pool and the Sewer Department. It is recommended to accept the low bid of Rusty Eck Ford, in the amount of \$12,661.00 which includes a trade-in.

**(5) MINI-VAN - CENTRAL MOTOR POOL/CORRECTIONS  
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL**

"Item five, is a Mini-Van for the Central Motor Pool and the Department of Corrections.

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It is recommended to accept the low bid of Rusty Eck Ford, in the amount of \$13,687.00 with trade-in.

**ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION**

- (6) **SCANNER - APPRAISER**  
**FUNDING: APPRAISER**
- (7) **VAN - ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**FUNDING: ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
- (8) **AMPHITHEATER DEVELOPMENT - KANSAS COLISEUM**  
**FUNDING: KANSAS COLISEUM**
- (9) **DIGITAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM - COURT TRUSTEE**  
**FUNDING: COURT TRUSTEE**

“There are four items that do not require action at this particular time. Those were tabled for review. Those include a scanner for the Appraiser, a van for the Zoological Society, which was facilitated using our bidding process and will be forwarded on to the Zoological Society for determination. The feasibility study for the amphitheater at the Kansas Coliseum and a digital telephone system for the Court Trustee. I’ll be happy to take questions and would recommend you approve recommendations presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you Darren. Commissioner Miller has a question.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have a question regarding No. eight, the amphitheater development. You, it sounds though, recommended that it be postponed. Can you give me some background on that.”

**Mr. Muci** said, “Actually, it’s on behalf of the Kansas Coliseum. Those proposals were just received last Tuesday and we would expect it would take a considerable amount of time to review all those and perhaps conduct some interviews.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Okay. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you Commissioner. Are there other questions? Any other questions?”

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**N. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**1. Right-of-Way Instruments.**

- a. Two Temporary Construction Easements and two Easements for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 837-D-300; Bridge on 127th Street East between 93rd and 101st Streets North. CIP #B-274. District #1.
- b. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 610-12-2472; Bridge on 37th Street North between 215th and 231st Streets West. CIP #B-286. District #3.
- c. One Temporary Construction Easement and one Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 797-O-3132; Bridge on 183rd Street West between 4th and 13th Streets North. CIP #B-288.

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District #3.

**2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
C97031	\$222.00	4	Herb Callender
C97032	\$280.00	5	Coffey Properties

**3. 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>
V96063	\$325.00	\$324.00
V96062	\$497.00	\$343.00
C862008	\$238.00	\$222.00
V96050	\$195.00	\$193.00
C95082	\$266.00	\$257.00
V96059	\$214.00	\$210.00
V95142	\$347.00	\$471.00
C96025	\$315.00	\$168.00
C94094	\$300.00	\$165.00

**4. Contract with Unified School District #259 revising language of a previously-approved Contract without changing the intent of the Contract.**

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Consent Agenda before you 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 further discussion, the vote was called.

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** asked, “Is there any other business to come before this Board?”

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Regular Meeting of the Sewer District at 10:22 a.m.**

**Chairman Winters** said, “At this time, I will call back to order the Regular Board of County Commissioners meeting May 7, 1997. Let the record show that there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Is there other business to come before this Board? This meeting is adjourned.”

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

**BOARD OF County COMMISSIONERS OF  
SEDGWICK County, KANSAS**

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Chairman  
Third District

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**PAUL W. HANCOCK**, Chairman Pro Tem  
Second District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Commissioner  
First District

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**MELODY C. MILLER**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

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**MARK F. SCHROEDER**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**James Alford**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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