

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 9, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, July 9, 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; Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Director, Bureau of Finance; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Kenneth A. Keen, Director, Information Services; Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department; Mr. J. Kenneth Hales, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Jan Heffner, Executive Officer, Sheriff Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; Ms. Lucretia Taylor, Director, Office of Affirmative Action; and Ms. Linda M. Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Bill Stanhope, 101 W. Chicago, Colwich, Kansas
Mr. Duane Jones, 1530 N. Smith Circle, Wichita, Kansas
Mr. Burton Pell, President, Wichita/Sedgwick County Arts & Humanities Council
Ms. Judy Frick, Director, Communities in Schools
Ms. Pam Doonan, Chief Operating Officer, Kansas World of Trade
Ms. Valerie Gates, Representing Medical Service Bureau
Ms. Louise Pierpont, Representative, Medical Service Bureau
Ms. Margaret McHugh, Advisory Council on Aging
Ms. Karen Shrank, Office Specialist, COMCARE
Ms. Linda Goetz, Employment Specialist, Personnel Department
Ms. Maria May, Administrative Assistant, Appraiser's Office
Mr. Todd Exley, Correction Worker, Department of Corrections
Mr. Rolf Penner, Correction Worker, Department of Corrections
Dr. Eugene Hughes, President, Wichita State University
Mr. Joe L. Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell

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INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Chuck McCoy 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, June 18, 1997

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of June 18, 1997.

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 June 18, 1997, as presented.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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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CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Finance Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have previously received the certification of funds for expenditures on today's Regular Agenda. I am available for questions if there are any."

Chairman Winters said, "Becky, I see no questions. Thank you very much. Next item."

APPOINTMENT

A. RESOLUTION APPOINTING KENT H. KOSTER AS TRUSTEE OF MORTON TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Richard A. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have prepared a Resolution to appoint Kent Koster as Trustee of Morton Township. This is to fill a vacancy that was created due to the resignation of Don Guetschow, which you accepted on May 7. The Resolution is in proper form and we recommend it for your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder 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 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, "I don't believe Mr. Koster is in the audience this morning. He is going to be in the courthouse later today and will be sworn in in the Clerk's Office later this afternoon. Next item."

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

B. RECOGNITION OF FIVE EMPLOYEES FOR MONETARY AWARDS RECEIVED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARD PROGRAM.

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Commissioner Miller is very active in working with this program, so she is going to do these awards. Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Good morning, thank you. We have five individuals this morning that, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners we would like to extend a very humble thank you for your suggestions and how it is that they do benefit Sedgwick County as an organization. What I would like to do is call each of you up individually, but yet I'd like you to come up at the same time collectively and then I'm simply going to say who you are, what your suggestion was and how it has been implemented. Then I'd like for you to actually give the detail on it."

- 1. AWARD OF \$500 TO KAREN SHRANK, OFFICE SPECIALIST, COMCARE, FOR HER SUGGESTION REGARDING DEVELOPING A MORE CONCISE, DEFINED MEDICAL CLINIC.**

Commissioner Miller said, "I'll begin with the first individual, which is Karen Shrank. Karen is an Office Specialist with COMCARE. Her suggestion was regarding the development of a more concise, defined medical clinic. Karen, I'm going to let you give all the details, but hold for just a moment please."

- 2. AWARD OF \$100 TO LINDA GOETZ, EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST, PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, FOR HER SUGGESTION REGARDING RECYCLING PAPER IN FAX MACHINES.**

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“The next individual is Linda Goetz. Linda Goetz is an Employment Specialist with the Personnel Department, and her suggestion is utilizing recycling paper in FAX machines.

- 3. AWARD OF \$101 TO MARIA MAY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, APPRAISER'S OFFICE, FOR HER SUGGESTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE CHANGE OF ADDRESS IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM.**

“The next individual is Maria May. Maria is an Administrative Assistant with the Appraiser’s Office and her suggestion is changing the address in the computer. How to change the employees’ addresses in the computer. Maria will tell us how that has benefited Sedgwick County.

- 4. AWARD OF \$400 (\$200 EACH) TO TODD EXLEY AND ROLF PENNER, CORRECTIONS WORKERS, CORRECTIONS, FOR THEIR SUGGESTION REGARDING REPAIRING GRAFFITI ON BATHROOM STALLS.**

“The fourth is Todd Exley and Rolf Penner. They are with the Corrections Department. Their suggestion is going to be with repairing graffiti on bathroom stalls. I’m going to have to stop. When I was driving in, I don’t know how many of you were listening to MPR, but what was the individual’s name? I see someone else saying Herring was the last name. I can’t remember the first name. This man made millions off of graffiti and I want to hear how it is that you’re going to turn that dollar too. That is kind of interesting there. I believe that’s it. Let’s go ahead and begin with the first individual, Karen Shrank. Can we give all of them a round of applause first.”

Ms. Karen Shrank said, “Our building is very big. I’m located in the lower level of the Twin Lakes Shopping Center and before we initiated this change, we had doctors and nurses strung down the hallway and I was in a separate area. There was no real coordination with the Med Clinic, so I recommended that we open up an area off of the front desk, in the front of the building, where we could use the same reception room for patients who were coming in for appointments. Now we’ve drawn all the nurses and doctors together and they check in with us at the front desk, close to the other front desk, and it saved a lot of time.

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“It has helped us to not lose patients running through the building trying to find a particular desk. It helps us to make follow up appointments with them and catch them before we lose them out of the building.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Very good. Thank you Karen. Linda.”

Ms. Linda Goetz said, “Well, our recycle boxes are always filled with blank paper on one side anyway. I thought why not flip it over and use it in the FAX machines? You can only use each side once anyway. So that is what I recommended.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Savings, definitely.”

Ms. Goetz said, “That’s right.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you Linda. Maria.”

Ms. Maria May said, “By changing the address through the Personnel systems, what I suggested is that it flows down to the Accounting Department and to the Purchasing Department, so that when we do requisitions or payment vouchers, the address is correct for everybody to receive their mileage checks or an expense check. That was my suggestion.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you. Let’s have Todd and Rolf.”

Mr. Todd Exley said, “We work in a fairly new facility, a juvenile residential facility. When they put in the facility, the bathroom stalls that they put in were made out of plastic basically, the hard plastic that you find in Walmart or the Coliseum has them. Well, used to be the graffiti, with the residents that we have, you have a lot of what they want to write on everything and you could just paint over it. Well, with this material, you can’t. So the only way you could fix the graffiti is to replace the stalls at \$5,000 for a unit. So, we tried to devise a way that we could do something. We started out trying different heat techniques and stuff like that to remold it back to its original state, but with the light graffiti we could do that but with the really deep stuff that they really gouged in there, it lost its memory. What we did, we retextured the panel and then used a heat texture kind of thing where it brought back the shine of the panel and it seemed to work out pretty good.”

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Mr. Rolf Penner said, “There is a little interesting sideline to this, and that is, we called the supplier in Kansas City, and they recommended we use a hot spoon. I thought well, okay, so we called the company up in New Jersey and they said the same thing. The manufacturer recommended a hot spoon. So I called maintenance and said let’s try a hot spoon, but it didn’t work. I also heard about that \$25,000,000. that man made and can I withdraw our suggestion so we can make money off ours. Brenda is real great to work with.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Where is Brenda? Why don’t you step up here just a moment Brenda. Individuals within the organization simply we know the talent we have here, but we don’t always say it. I’m the one who typically comes up and actually gives the awards, but the person behind me is Brenda Stocklin Smith. She does the work. I needed to give you that accommodation.”

Ms. Brenda Stocklin Smith said, “Thank you very much. It is a pleasure working with you.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you all. We know that we do have a lot of good folks here and we appreciate Commissioner Miller and others on that Committee recognizing them. Madam Clerk, call the next item please.”

DONATIONS

C. DONATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$274.10 TO THE BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE'S (COMCARE) CRISIS SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have received several donations. Two of them were from memorials. One has been an ongoing kind of donation from a family who had a youth who committed suicide several years ago. I would recommend that you accept the donations and authorize the Chairman to sign the letters.”

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MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to accept the donations and authorize the Chairman to sign letters of appreciation.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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 Debbie. Next item."

PRESENTATION

D. PRESENTATION REGARDING WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY'S (WSU) MILL LEVY BUDGET.

Chairman Winters said, "We are pleased to have Dr. Eugene Hughes with WSU at our meeting today. Welcome Dr. Hughes."

Dr. Eugene Hughes, President, Wichita State University, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is always a pleasure to have an opportunity to appear before you on behalf of the University and the Board of Trustees in regard to the mill levy budget. As you know, the mill levy budget goes back 33 years. It is a rather unique opportunity. As you think about this whole nation, as far as we know, this is the only state university in the country that still has a relationship with city and county, that includes support from the city and county through a mill levy. We tell our colleagues in other institutions about the pride that we have because of that relationship. There has been a very close relationship between the university and the city and the county for a long time, as I say, 33 years."

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“Actually, if you look back in history, it goes back probably to the founding of the university over a hundred years ago. The particular effort of the mill levy is the one that we are talking about this morning.

“I think about one of the most recent efforts that we have utilized. In 1987, when WISE was formed, the university was called upon to be a vital part of that particular endeavor and as it has gone away, we know that the University will continue to be called upon to work with the city and county during the time that we determine what we are going to do in terms of economic development. If you look at the 1998 mill levy budget, we began this particular budget year by taking a zero base budgeting approach. We felt that it was a time that we look at our budget from an all funds budgeting viewpoint and look at funds that come to us from the state appropriation, funds that we might receive through our endowment association, but also from the Board of Trustees through the mill levy.

“I had two objectives in mind as I worked with my staff on this particular budget. I indicated that we wanted to increase the commitment of resources for financial aid for students, particularly from Sedgwick County. Secondly, we wanted to identify the programs that were well established that had been funded through a mill levy and to the extent that we could convert those to programs funded through the state budget. So as you analyze the budget this year, you do see a number of programs that have been funded for a number of years through the mill levy, they are now going to be funded through the state budget. The thing I want to assure you is that there will be no reduction in services from the university, but that we just felt that mill levy in this case was more like seed money, that if the program is important, the state should be supporting it and let’s see if the state won’t support it. Of course, we were able to reallocate within the state budget to do that.

“Since its inception in 1964, the university has applied three principles in utilizing the mill levy. One has been to utilize the mill levy for bonded indebtedness and we do continue that with a number of projects. The most recent, of course, has been the Cessna Stadium renovation. But we also have sought to really provide as much as we could in student support. As I have indicated, we have increased that for this coming budget year, to support programs that particularly apply to a metropolitan area. One of the challenges that we have had is to convince the Regents and Legislature that metropolitan universities are different than a traditional residential campus that is located in smaller communities. What kind of services should we be providing. So, I think we’ve made good progress on that and part of what you see in this budget recommendation is one that is built on those three principles.

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“If you look at the current year, just to give you an idea of percentages. Debt service within this budget is about 41.2%, student support, 32.5%, economic and community development, 10.3%, faculty research and services, 8.7%, and university support, 7.4%. If you look at a few of the highlights in the budget, the student support line has been increased by 61% over last year. We feel that is particularly important as we recruit and retain more students at Wichita State from this particular metropolitan area. We are also targeting some of that scholarship support for working adults, single parents, others who have not had an opportunity for financial aid in the past because again we recognize the importance of funding those people for part time work as well as students who come to us full time. We are also looking at the whole area of economic and community development. We continue to provide that support not only through the mill levy, but as I indicated, through the state budget and we are looking at increasing that level of support and working with the county and the city as we continue to enhance the economic development opportunities within Sedgwick County.

“As I indicated, 33 years ago, the citizens of this area, gave an asset to the State of Kansas. It was the University of Wichita, which became Wichita State University. Like the administrations of my predecessors, we have continued to try to maintain the philosophy that was expressed at the time the mill levy was created and I think that you will find that our stewardship of the mill levy continues to be of utmost concern to us and to all of the people at the University, faculty, staff, and students. I’d be glad to answer any questions that you might have about any particular items, but I thought this morning that I would present that overview to you of the mill levy and its history and philosophy.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you Dr. Hughes. Commissioner Schroeder.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, “Dr. Hughes, no questions, just a general comment that in ‘87, when this process began with the county, it was one of those new trials where we didn’t know exactly where we would go with it and what actually it would produce for us other than it has produced a lot of wonderful things, obviously. I don’t know of anybody that has been on this bench that has not been supportive of WSU mill levy. Wichita State University does provide a lot of wonderful things for this community other than just a chance to go to school and get a degree. There are a lot of support services that come from Wichita State University that we all rely on and we appreciate that too. Just as a general comment. Thank you for being here today and for providing the overview and all that you do for your university and for us as a community.”

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President Hughes said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Dr. Hughes, being a non-traditional student when I returned to WSU, I started there and then went on to the University of Houston, but being a non-traditional student, meaning being married and having children, working, and then attending school, I'd like to hear about some of the metropolitan or urban programs that you say the university is going to be targeting, that non-traditional student."

President Hughes said, "Let me indicate that we do work with a number of the community organizations and provide scholarships through them, Family Preservation and a number like that. But we're also looking at a special program for this fall in which we will target students who have not been in school for some time to offer them an opportunity to come to the university with a scholarship for one course, three hours, and encourage them to continue their education. We're trying to identify at the present time about a hundred students to encourage them to continue their education. If they do that, we know that we can encourage them to stay in school and work beyond that to find additional scholarship support and ultimately lead them to a degree. I might indicate, we have just received authority from the Board of Regents to begin, once again, offering Associate Degrees. You might think about the fact that students at Wichita State, not having an opportunity for an Associate Degree, have been able to take work, but whenever they leave the university without something to show what they've accomplished, it is almost as if they are a failure. The Associate Degree will give them recognition at that point and we particularly plan to do that at the west side center and then let them work beyond that for their Baccalaureate."

Commissioner Miller said, "Very good. Thank you. I think those are not so much novel, but certainly attuning yourselves to the need of the community. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

President Hughes said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Gwin."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Dr. Hughes, again, thanks for being here this morning. One of the big expenditures that this mill levy supports is your bond indebtedness. Is there any indication that that expense might be covered under state funds and if the mill levy locally could be used for more student support or other programs like that?"

President Hughes said, "We attempt to use state funds to the maximum. As you know, Kansas has been hesitant to do much in terms of bonding for buildings. We recently have had approved the project known as 'crumbling classrooms' and over time, the state will sell about \$165,000,000. worth of bonds, somewhere in that neighborhood. Our share is a little in excess of \$20,000,000. That is all committed to repair and renovation projects. I think the likelihood of additional funding for the next decade is not very good and of course, what we try to do, is to assure that we use mill levy only if there is not some other source. We try to combine mill levy, normally, with other fund raising efforts so that we do have private support along with the mill levy funding."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Dr. Hughes, I see no other questions. We certainly appreciate you taking time to come and visit with us about the WSU budget and about how the mill levy is applied to your budget. We appreciate that very much. Again, I think Commissioner Schroeder is right in that I think you've got good support from this Board of County Commissioners and we hope to continue that."

President Hughes said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. We do appreciate that and I'd like to indicate also that we appreciate the efforts that the County Manager and his staff have made on behalf of the University and the mill levy and the work that we have done together in terms of the Board of Trustees. We plan to have a long continuing fruitful relationship with your staff."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Do I hear a Motion to receive and file this report?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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 please."

PUBLIC HEARING

E. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED 1998 BUDGETS.

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I thought it might be helpful for us to brief this issue a little bit this morning. There has been lots of discussion and I thought it might be helpful to just take a minute or two to have a brief review of where we are and where we are headed.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

"I thought it might be helpful to understand that we have a \$171,000,000. budget that we are looking at. I also thought it might be helpful for you to recognize the top ten services provided by Sedgwick County. These services will be continued in 1998. What we've done is taken the expenditures and the cost of employees and debt service and showed the public that these are the things that we are spending, what tax dollars are being spent for. Highways, the Sheriff, and detention, are the first three.

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“Community Care, formally the Mental Health Department, with addition programs and other programs for youth, are the fourth largest expenditure. Corrections, and that would be youth and juvenile detention facilities, Emergency Medical Services, the EMS, our ambulance core, District Attorney, Appraiser, District Court, and Aging.

“I thought it also might be interesting to talk a minute about total expenditures by function. You’ll see, between 1997 and 1998 what is occurring. In the Public Safety and Justice area, that expenditure is increasing by 9.17%. Public Works or Public Services area is increasing by .5%, a very tiny increase. Health Services are increasing by 2.5%, mainly because of grants and the switching of funds for developmentally disabled from one area to another area which has increased their cost, so in fact COMCARE’s cost has gone down and the increase in grants and the moving of funds internally have caused that increase. Taxation and elections are decreasing. The central core of government is increasing almost by 4%. Recreation is down almost by 1%. Administration is down almost by 3%. Education increases by a tiny percent. Education, as you are reminded, is the money that President Hughes just talked about to WSU. It is also our out-County district tuition, plus a few other programs. Those are the two major areas that we fund. Community Development is going down by almost 4%. So the central core of government is decreasing while we continue to pay for public safety and the jail.

“Highlights of the financial plan, I would remind the annual jail operating costs are five mills. It is going to cost one mill for debt service, a little more than \$2,000,000., and 4 mills, a little more than \$8,000,000. for the hiring of 130 some employees and the food, bedding, and the ongoing costs of the jail. That is going to be the increased cost. We projected previously 7.5 mills. We are recommending, because of those decreases that you saw on the previous page, we believe we can bring a budget in with an increase of 3.7 mills for 1998 and no increase in 1999.

“There has been concern about those issues, but I wanted to just briefly touch upon that. We are hearing some concern about the cost of why we are doing it now and why don’t we wait. You can see the recommended budget here of 3.704 mills. You see that in 1999, the mill levy would be 31.765. You see under Option B, if we did it under that proposal that we reviewed and rejected, we would raise it half a mill this year and 4.4, it would raise the same amount of money to do what we need to do over the next several years with the jail.

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“The mill levy would be higher than it would be under the recommended. In Option C, we could take it down to zero, we could try to do that, and then in 1999, to pay the bill, we’d have to pay even more and you can see that the mill levy would be at 33.2, which is higher yet.

“What did we do? We reduced cost. Almost every department absorbed those increases. We held budgets to the 1997 levels, the personnel benefits and motor pool. We reduced positions, 34 ½ positions were reduced and we adjusted one employee benefit. There has been concern about those position reductions and we took a look at grants. We took a look at the grants that ran out and said we weren’t cutting the programs, especially the one in Oaklawn, the community policing, we just didn’t fund the continuation of that program. Let me tell you, the Sheriff and I have exchanged information. We have a meeting scheduled next week. He’s provided us information that has been very helpful. We are both trying to solve this problem. We’re looking for \$213,000. out of his \$33,000,000. that he is responsible for. We think we can probably find ways in which we can fund this program. At least we hope that he can. If that’s not possible, we’ve created a prevention fund of a \$1,000,000. of which certainly this program would qualify. So, I think there are alternatives to that.

“I just thought we would take a comparison of where we are with other counties just to put this into perspective. Currently, our property tax per capita is \$140. per person and that is a lot of money. Compared to big counties in Kansas, Johnson County is \$213. per capita and Shawnee County is \$190. per capita. So I think if we remind ourselves of where we are in the world, that may also be helpful. Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, I thought that may be helpful for you to have an overview again of where we are and where we are headed. I’d be happy to answer any questions you may have. If not, I’d suggest you open the public hearing for comment.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Mr. Buchanan. I see no questions at this time. The Board of County Commissioners is always willing and wanting to hear from citizens, so at this time I will open the public hearing concerning our 1998 budget discussion and would be pleased to have anyone from the public who would like to address the Board to come forward and do that. At this time, the public meeting is open and if anyone would like to come forward, please do so.”

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Mr. Burton Pell, President of Wichita/Sedgwick County Arts & Humanities Council, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are appealing to the Commission to reinstate funding for our council for 1998. We are an umbrella agency, the Arts for Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita. We represent all of the art organizations in the county, just as the Kansas Arts Commission is the umbrella agency for the state. We cannot give you statistics to prove how many people we keep out of jail, but it is a known fact that the arts have encouraged young people to stay in school. If we keep the drop out rate low, it goes without saying that we are helping to reduce crime in our county. Please reconsider your decision to discontinue funding, because every dollar that you give us is well spent. Thank you for your time.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. We appreciate you being here. The next speaker who would like to speak, please come forward.”

Ms. Judy Frick, Director, Communities in Schools, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I believe that our services have also been cut and we are a drop out prevention organization. Basically, we are a very comprehensive organization in that we try to address the root causes of the things that are affecting children and families so that they can be successful. We work with the entire family. We work with trying to find families jobs and job training and family literacy and we work with the children in areas of tutoring, mentoring, counseling, health services, recreation, and we get the children involved in community service so they can give back to the community which we think is very important. I think the other thing that is so important about Communities in Schools is we are trying to change the delivery system so that it can be more efficient and more effective and more collaborative. Further, we leverage community resources. Right now, the schools are in dire need of resources and what we are doing is leveraging those resources so that there can be more and what it really takes is a connector. Communities in Schools serves as a connector between the community and the schools because people really are willing to get involved. We do have very positive outcomes and I was going to give you some information this morning on one of the tools we use is called a referral follow up form. When children are referred to the program, they are referred for certain reasons and then at the end of the year, teachers are given a referral follow up form and asked did the children improve, stay the same, or get worse. What is really interesting is where they seem to make the most gains are in academics. It takes a little bit longer sometimes to change behavior, but we are making very positive gains in those areas as well. We consider the outcome a very important part of what we do.

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“Lastly, I’d like to say that I’ve been involved in this area for about twenty years and I have obviously a number of opinions on these things, but what I am really excited about is the fact that you are creating a prevention fund because I really believe that unless we start focusing on prevention we are going to just keep building jails and you all know how costly that is. I think the other thing that I’ve concluded is that I really have always hoped that there would be a more thoughtful approach in the way that money is given away and money is allocated. I think so many times it is kind of helter-skelter and I’ll give to your program if you give to mine and I think it is really time to look at this in a more comprehensive approach like you are trying to do with your prevention fund and I really applaud your efforts and I’d like to say we’ll be first in line.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Judy. Commissioner Miller has a comment or a question. Commissioner Miller.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Hi Judy, how are you? When you were talking about changing the delivery of services and being more collaborative, I thought I was listening once again to either a news article I read or something I heard, but has Communities in Schools merged with another larger service renderer?”

Ms. Frick said, “We changed our name from Cities in Schools to Communities in Schools. We collaborate with everybody, but we haven’t merged with anyone.”

Commissioner Miller said, “So you are still stand alone. All right, thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Judy. Please come forward. State your name and address for the record please.”

Mr. Bill Stanhope, 101 W. Chicago, Colwich, said, “First thing I want to do is to thank the Commission and the County Manager for the 1997 budget for the Department on Aging. I appreciate it very much. The second thing I want to do as Chairman of your Advisory Council to the Department on Aging, I read in the paper that you all want to know where your money is going, who is being served, how many and so on and so forth. Well, this is exactly what your advisory council has been gaining the information for years. For every provider and every senior center, they submit a proposal. That proposal of course has the amount of money they want. It also provides us with information of how many people they serve and what their programs are, and where all the money comes from.

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“Because the mill levy budget does not provide all the money that is needed. Any senior center that would depend upon mill levy money to operate, they just disappear. They have fund raisers. Some of the cities contribute and so on. We have that information when we make a recommendation to you.

“We are divided into three committees, senior centers, in home service and community service. Here are the proposals. As the Chairman, I thought it was my duty to attend all the committees and it is quite a job. Just to read these proposals and analyze them is a job in itself. The thing I wanted to stress is that we, as an advisory council, try to provide you with a budget that you can live with and that the elderly can be provided for. I thank you again for 1997 and I hope we have as much good luck in 1998. Are there any questions?”

Chairman Winters said, “I see no questions Bill, but I certainly want to say thank you to you and the advisory committee. I know that your advisory board works very hard and we do appreciate the work that you do. Thanks again for your hard work and thanks for your input today. Before I start, let me just interject here. I didn’t indicate before and we haven’t bumped up against this, but we’d like for you to try to limit your remarks to five minutes if you could, but we certainly want to hear everything that people have to say. Please give your name and address for the record. The next person who would like to comment, please come forward.”

Mr. Duane Jones said, “I live at 1530 N. Smith Circle #501, Wichita, Kansas, out by Zoo Boulevard. No, I’m not in favor of the tax mill levy increase. I’m a public school teacher. If you want the facts on the public schools and how they have been decimated by budget cuts, you could probably talk to most anybody back here. I want to thank you for this opportunity, first of all, to speak before you. I want to compare three budgets very briefly. The City of Wichita of course has not increased their mill levy or budget. You probably already know about that. In 1990, they had 2,770 employees in the City of Wichita and today it is 2,944, probably due to crime and increased police personnel. Their budget was about \$62,000,000. ten years ago, it is up to \$126,000,000. now. Accumulative percentage change of 51.6% change. The mill levy has gone from 34 down to 31.274 mills.

“USD 259, I’m talking about the September 20 official reporting school date, not only for students but for personnel also. \$4,931. ten years ago, \$5,292. today. An increase of \$361. I guarantee it is probably allotted to special education. The budget was \$183,000,000. ten years ago, currently it is \$256,000,000. They want to pass an increase up to about 5 mills.

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“I believe to get teacher raises and special education increases and to reduce class sizes. The mill levy in 1988, 86 mills, it is not 51.874 and it will go down slightly if the LOB (Local Option Budget) passes. Sedgwick County budget, \$85,000,000. in 1987. A few months later it went up to \$90,000,000. It is now up to \$164,000,000. with an increase of \$171,000,000. supposedly, something like that. Cumulative percentage change of 130.7%. That is a huge increase. The county mill levy ten years ago was 19.3, today it is 28.061. Personnel, 1,432 ten years ago up to a little over 2,000 today, another increase for the jail expansion, it should go up to about 2,173, an increase of 741. By the way, Commissioners Winters, thank you for being my Commissioner. I wanted to say that first, but I forgot, I just remembered. I seriously mean that, I’m serious because I live up in your area.

“Just the facts, I gave you some information on the Wichita Public Schools and what has happened in the past four years, that was from me. We’ve lost almost 500 employees in the last four years, almost 500. You have no idea what it is like going to school on the last day and being told that another one of your teachers has had a reduction in staff, that they’ve been fired, the position eliminated. You have no idea what it is like in special education to lose a curriculum budget. You can’t buy curriculum. If you want to buy curriculum for your students you have to buy it yourself. It was \$150. six years ago and three years ago it was taken away completely. There is no money. Many teachers haven’t received raises in five years. Don’t give your employees any raise. If the public schools can’t do it, don’t you do it either. Don’t give any merit, don’t give anything. Let your employees understand what teachers have to go through because I’ve had to go through a lot also. A lot of emotional problems. In public schools, the reduction of so many people I can’t even tell you how many people have been lost. It is not funny, but if that is what you have to do, that’s what you have to do. I’d like to thank the people of Wichita and USD 259 for supporting us with monetary and any other support that you can give us. That is all I have to say. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Mr. Jones. Next speaker.”

Mr. John Ortiz, Executive Director, Mid-American All Indian Center, said, “I’d like to thank you for having me today. In hearing everybody else and listening so far, I just want to impress to you all that each and every day, the Indian Center is in the business of crime prevention. We are at that end of this situation that you all are facing. The side that truly prevents the necessity for more jails and so forth, but in what we do, I could list off alcohol treatment service or emergency services and so forth. What is really most important is what we do on a day to day basis, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is instilling family values.

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“When we hand down traditions to the young from the elders, these traditions take time, time to learn. That is time when you are learning these traditions, when you are handing them down these values, you are not committing crimes. It is a very important social contribution that we are making on a day to day basis. I just want to urge you to maintain your support for the center.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you John. Appreciate your being here. Next speaker.”

Ms. Pam Doonan, Chief Operating Officer, Kansas World Trade Center, 350 W. Douglas Avenue, Wichita, said, “I am here to appeal for allocation of funding for 1998. As you know, the World Trade Center provides a service to the community generating significant economic dollars. We have followed your advice by generating more dollars from the private sector. In 1994 through 1995, we generated approximately \$25,000. from private revenue. In 1996, we generated over \$100,000. in private revenue and expect the same this year. We did not increase our staff nor budget during this time period.

“What is the impact on the return for your investment, which we think is the primary question. Well, since 1994, the Kansas World Trade Center has helped 1,500 companies and individuals work with 60 countries generating \$134,000,000. in international sales value and \$6,000,000,000.-\$13,000,000,000. in projected sales that support nearly 2,000 Kansas jobs. I very much want to thank you for your contributions to the World Trade Center and the community. We couldn't have provided the proven valuable services without you. Again, I ask you for your support for 1998 in the amount of \$50,000. Thank you. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have.”

Chairman Winters said, “Pam, I see no questions now. Thank you very much for being here. Anyone else like to speak? Please come forward.”

Ms. Valerie Gates said, “I am representing the Medical Service Bureau, at 1102 S. Hillside, Wichita. We assist low income citizens of Wichita and Sedgwick County with the purchase of prescription medicines, vision exams, and glasses. Our main focus today to talk to you about was your citizens. We are affiliated with the Medical Society of Sedgwick County and we are funded by the United Way and the Sedgwick County Department of Aging. In 1996, we helped 1,313 seniors with medications, vision exams and glasses, totaling \$45,387.88.

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“These costs have gone up dramatically. Already, as of June 30 this year, we have helped 932 senior citizens at a cost of \$32,087. We have already used \$9,152 of our Department of Aging allocation. Daily, I see senior citizens who have gone weeks, sometimes months, without their blood pressure medication, their heart medication, sometimes even their insulin. Most of these senior citizens are people who have been hard working productive citizens all of their lives. I would just hope that you would work with us to help continue to provide these services.”

Chairman Winters said, “Ms. Gates, tell me again the name of your organization.”

Ms. Gates said, “The Medical Service Bureau.”

Chairman Winters said, “I see no questions. Thank you very much for being here, we appreciate it. Anyone else like to address the Board? Please come forward.”

Ms. Louise Pierpont said, “I am also at the Medical Service Bureau. I am obviously a senior, but I work there, I’m not a client. I work there now and worked there previously and people who cannot provide for themselves and their own needs medically I feel sorry for. I feel lucky. I’ve been able to do it. I’m a senior citizen. I’m on Medicare. I’m a worker. It would be awful to know that if you had a chronic disease and one month you couldn’t buy your medicine. Our limit for seniors is \$120. Some medications, that covers one month. What do they do? We have lots of referrals, but whatever you have granted to this program in the past, we thank you for. Hopefully you will continue or make it a little bit more for a few more people who do need it. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much for coming today Ma’am. Anyone else who would like to address the Commissioners?”

Ms. Margaret McHugh said, “I live at 4700 West 13th, in Tom’s District. I am also on the Advisory Council for Aging. I have been on it since the early eighties. I thought I was going to get off this June but I got put back on, so you’re stuck with me for another four years. Anyhow, as they were talking, that is just one of the dilemmas that we face when we try to bring you an overall budget, how we are to spend our less than a mill for the Department on Aging. I thought I’d tell you a little bit about how the Department on Aging did the reduction that you asked us to do. They had a full day long meeting, giving all the providers the opportunity to come in and say how shall we reduce our budget by this much?”

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“Shall it be an overall percentage reduction? What do you suggest? How can we live with the reduction? It was amazing what the different offers that were made. One said, let’s just meet the essentials, the housing, the food, and the medical. Let’s cut out everything else. Some said we cannot do our program if you cut us at all, we’re down to bare bones anyhow. Some said we need every penny that is in the budget, but if we have to be cut, cut us here rather than here. So I think the Department on Aging, with that help, came up with a budget that is really, at least we can live with but what I would like to say, for heaven’s sake, let’s not cut it again. We’ve not raised it for several years and we have cut it this year and we are operating as efficiently and as well as we can.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much Margaret. We appreciate the energy and effort that you put in with all the advisory members. Is there anyone else who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners before we close the public meeting? At this time, we’ll close the public meeting and limit discussion to staff and Commissioners. Commissioners are there any comments? Mr. Buchanan, do you have any other closing remarks?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “No sir.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, if I hear no questions, we’ll move on to the next item. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item.”

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

F. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD).

- 1. CASE NUMBER V-2030 - REQUEST TO VACATE A BUILDING SETBACK LOCATED NORTH OF MACARTHUR ROAD, WEST OF HOOVER.**

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have two items on the planning agenda for you this morning. This first item is a public hearing. It is a vacation case. This case concerns three single family lots that are in the Wheatland Place Fourth Addition. That addition is a single family addition located on the west side of Hoover Road and north of MacArthur in the southwest part of the county.

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“These three lots, when the plats were originally recorded had an extra wide building setback that was placed on them in the red area that you can see outlined on the map. There was a 51-foot rear yard setback that was established along Hoover Road, the rear of those lots, because there was a gas pipe line easement, partly in the rear of those lots as it was platted and also partly in the extra wide right-of-way of Hoover Road. There is a gas pipeline today that exists that is in the Hoover Road right-of-way, but the easement before the property was platted had extended into these proposed lots. So the building setback was established to make sure there wouldn't be any interference with the pipeline companies' easement and these properties have been developed. Since that time, the pipeline company has decided that it can live within the Hoover right-of-way in terms of access to its facilities and they have released the portion of the easement that is in the red shaded area that exists on the rear of the private lots. So these three homeowners are requesting a vacation of 51 foot building setback so that they can have the setback released and they will be able to place accessory structures in the rear of their lots. This was reviewed by the subdivision committee with the County Engineering and the utility companies present and the subdivision committee and the Planning Commission have all recommended that you approve this vacation case. Be glad to answer any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, I see no questions right now Marvin. At this time, we will open the public hearing and receive public comment on our item today, Planning Department F-1, Case Number V-2030, concerning a vacation. Is there anyone here in the audience that would like to speak to the Commissioners on this item? Anyone want to address the Commissioners on this item? Seeing no one, the public meeting is closed. Commissioners, you've heard Marvin's report, what's the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Vacation Order and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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."

2. CASE NUMBER DR 97-6 (PORTION OF) - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED ZONING CODE CONCERNING COMMUNICATION TOWERS AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THOSE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Krout said, "Commissioners, this item concerns proposed amendments to the zoning code regarding communication towers, both in the City of Wichita and in Unincorporated Sedgwick County. The Planning staff had originally tagged these proposed amendments along with some other amendments regarding mobile homes in the unincorporated area and we started out with the Planning Commission with hearings devoted to both of those subjects. The two subjects got unhooked during the hearing process, probably a good idea. The tower issue went forward and in a couple of weeks you'll be hearing as much as you probably want to hear about mobile homes in the county. For now, we're concentrating on the towers issue.

"For the past several months, the Planning staff has been conducting a number of workshops with interested parties. You may have read the Minutes from a workshop with the Planning Commission where we did invite all of the current and merging wireless telephone providers, USD 259, who is in the process of constructing a microwave tower system for their facilities and also a local developer of towers, who builds towers speculatively and leases the space to telephone providers. There was some interesting discussion in that meeting about input. We also solicited input from other interested parties and I think you have a response from at least one of those in your package. The changes which have been recommended by the staff and the Planning Commission would clarify and strengthen the existing standards for commercial communication towers. Very briefly, let me go over what is in this package.

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“One, a prohibition of strobe lights for new communication towers. Existing towers would continue as non-conforming uses and could keep those strobe lights on them. There would also be an exception process for someone to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals in case of a unique situation and a hardship, but the basic rule is nighttime or daytime, strobe lights are not something that we want to see on top of any new towers in the community. So locations and other options for communication should be sought before looking for strobes. Right now, we do prohibit nighttime strobes but, it is possible under the current code to have what the industry calls a dual strobe system which is the daytime strobe light and the nighttime red light. While that is preferable to having a strobe at daytime and nighttime, strobe lights have been one of the main sources of complaints about towers that we have heard in the last year or so as we have been dealing more and more with the issue of towers in the community.

“Second, we are strengthening the wording that has to do with trying to encourage people to locate on existing towers. Right now, it says you must prove that you can’t feasibly and financially locate on an existing tower. We are proposing to amend it to say existing or proof tower, so that they can look at towers that are in the pipeline and about to be constructed and also look at other structures besides towers as possible locations for antenna systems. There are buildings, water towers, stadium lights, church steeples, all kinds of possibilities out there and we want to make sure they are all explored before saying yes to another tower.

“We have a new wrinkle that I haven’t seen in anyone else’s standards that would require that a property owner who builds a new tower would allow his tower to be rebuilt to accommodate an additional provider, if it wasn’t originally designed to do that. Also anyone building and wanting to build a new tower would have to prove that he can’t, as an alternative to building a new tower for himself, rebuild somebody else’s tower in the area and accomplish the same purpose. The Planning Commission has recommended the strengthening of the co-location requirements. We now require that you build a tower that will accommodate at least two users. The Planning Commission’s recommendation is to increase that to three. That it will be designed and the tower developer will certify that he is building the tower to accommodate at least three antenna systems. The Planning Commission has recommended a reduction in the time that an existing tower can remain standing, but not be in any use from 24 months to 12 months. We have a foot thick stack of ordinances from other communities, researched how other communities look at that issue. Twelve months is the average period of time for a tower to be in disuse. This will encourage the maximum utilization of existing towers and that is the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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“Finally, we are proposing to close what is a potential loophole in what we call the compatibility standards. The compatibility standards say that if you are close to a single family neighborhood that is zoned single family, that any structure needs to be set back at least three feet for every foot in height. So a one hundred-foot tower would have to be three hundred feet away, a two hundred-foot tower, six hundred feet away from that residential zone. We are just improving the language in that provision to make sure that someone doesn’t flat out or rezone an intervening lot that may be just fifty or a hundred feet into a commercial or industrial district and expect for that provision, that three to one setback not to apply. We are saying that it would still apply even if there is an intervening lot by this proposed amendment.

“The ordinance that went to the City Council was approved by the way yesterday, by the City Council and the County Resolution, both of those have been reviewed and approved by the attorneys for the city and the county as to form. We think that this is a good strengthening of the code with regard to towers. We did hear a little bit of grumbling from the industry about this but I think that they are having to make compromises and try to accommodate to communities desires to protect themselves from over proliferation of these towers so we didn’t really get much opposition. There was a suggestion for opening up the possibility of allowing towers in light commercial districts. Right now they are permitted by conditional use only. That means a public hearing in the county’s rural and suburban residential districts, but are also potentially allowed by right in the heavy commercial and industrial districts both in the city and in the county. This suggestion was to open it up and allow it in the light commercial districts as well, possibly subject to a public hearing process, but to us, light commercial districts are always going to be closer to residential neighborhoods. This would really open the door and send the wrong signal to the industry about the way that we are trying to confine and encourage existing towers and structures to be used. So our suggestion would be to not make any changes to which districts these towers are going to be permitted in. I’ll be glad to answer any questions that you have about the proposed standards.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Marvin. The City of Wichita yesterday approved these as we have them here? Did the county make any changes?”

Mr. Krout said, “No changes.”

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Chairman Winters said, "I see no questions now. We would take public comment on this item. This would be a time that we would open a public hearing for comment."

Commissioner Miller said, "Excuse me Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "I'm sorry."

Commissioner Miller said, "You weren't looking at the light, but I do have one question Marvin and we are going to take public comment. I know one member of the MAPC or other members of the MAPC recognize that this is a very complicated and constantly evolving issue, meaning that more than likely this is probably going to be amended again."

Mr. Krout said, "I think you can expect that when we see a potential for closing a loophole or improving the standards, that we will look at that issue again."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay, so we're not done yet."

Mr. Krout said, "That's right. The vote of the Planning Commission was eight to one. The one descending vote said that he wished he had a little more time to study it and some more technical information. I think, as I said, it is an ongoing process and that was our response. We do have a consultant who is a sort of third party person who looks at these towers and helps us negotiate with individual applicants and as we see changes or improvements in the horizon, we'll be sure to bring them back to you."

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. At this time, we'll open the meeting for public comment. Is there anyone here who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners regarding Planning Department Item F-2, concerning towers? Is there anyone who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners? Seeing no one, we'll close the meeting to public comment and limit discussion to staff and Commission. Marvin, the only question I had was to talk about the strobe lights, because that is where I hear a great deal of concern about the towers that have strobe lights on it and it appears that this adequately addresses that problem."

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Mr. Krout said, "I think we have partially closed the door last time and I think we've closed the door this time."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, are there any other questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the amendments to the Unified Zoning Code and authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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 very much Marvin. Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFER FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A, 1997 AND TEMPORARY NOTES, SERIES 1997-1 OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS.

Mr. Joe L. Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., greeted the Commissioners and said, "For your consideration this morning is a Resolution that would authorize the advertisement for bids of those two bond issues described in the agenda item."

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“The bond issue is in the amount of \$9,625,000. and this would be used to permanently finance ‘97 road intersection and bridge projects of the county in the approximate amount \$4,835,000. and to permanently finance 22 special assessment projects for Capital Improvements to roads and sewers which were previously the subject of special assessment proceedings of the county. During the pay in period property owners paid in approximately \$300,000. of those special assessments to reduce the size of the bond issue for that project. Those special assessment projects will be amortized over 15 years and the county at large projects for the roads, bridges, and intersections, for a ten year period. The temporary note issue in the amount of \$1,950,000. will provide temporary financing for eleven special assessment projects which the county has previously authorized, 100% of the cost of which will be levied against property as special assessments when those projects are complete. That note issue has a maturity of approximately 18 months with the opportunity to redeem early if those projects are completed and anticipated to be bonded during one of the county’s general obligation bond sales in December of either 1998 or 1999.

“The Resolution approves the form of the notices of sale which establish July 30 as the sale date, 9:30 a.m. for both of these series of obligations, authorizes the Manager, his designee and the Department of Finance to solicit ratings on the notes and bonds from the three rating agencies, which is somewhat of a departure from past experiences. The note issues have not been rated and we have now determined that it is advisable to seek a rating from Fitch Investors Rating Service, which is one of the services that is gaining recognition nationally. This would give us an opportunity to provide additional market opportunities for these bond and note issues in the market.

“The Resolution also authorizes and approves the distribution of the preliminary official statement. I think you have draft copies of this. It is hot off the press with a logo cover on the front of it now. This is a document that would be disseminated to the investment public, the rating agencies, it sets forth the parameters of the bids for the bonds and the notes, provides information about the County. It contains a portion of the CAFR and its audit reports and this has been a document that has been very well received in the investment community in the past and we anticipate it will be in the future also. The Resolution also authorizes the Chairman and Clerk to sign the appropriate documents necessary to effectuate the sale. I’d be pleased to address any questions that you might have at this time.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioner Gwin.

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Joe, my pet project is not included in this because of recent litigation, is that correct?"

Mr. Norton said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Gwin said, "How does that effect the pay-in period for the people who have paid their specials in full? Does the pay-in period change? Do we hand the money back and tell them to wait until we get closer to when we can actually sell the bonds for their project? How does that affect them?"

Mr. Norton said, "I believe those property owners who have paid in in full have retired their obligation on the assessment so when those projects are spread on the tax roles, those properties will not receive a special assessment. One property owner, out of 170 some property owners has filed the litigation and at this point in time, proceedings have not progressed to the point where we can give any kind of indication as to what will happen. Assuming that the county is favorably received in that litigation, than we would anticipate that this project would go forward and we might eventually have a special bond sale to get that done yet this year if the timing and the courts would permit that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "If we were able to resolve this in a timely manner, we wouldn't have to wait until next year?"

Mr. Norton said, "Our hope is that it could be resolved in time that these would meet the tax statement timings like we normally would do."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you. Are there other questions or comments? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder 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 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. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) AUTHORIZING SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS TO ENTER INTO LEASES WITH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.

Mr. Norton said, "As you may recall, several years ago, the Board of County Commissioners incorporated the Sedgwick County Public Building Commission. To date, they have issued one series of bonds to provide for improvements to county structures, which was the Forensic Science Center. In that context, the Public Building Commission issues its revenue bonds and leases the facility to the county and the lease payments are sufficient to retire the debt service on the Public Commission bonds. For your consideration this morning are two items for two additional projects. One is for Exploration Place, Inc., and the other is for an administrative building for the Bureau of Public Services. They are in reverse order, but the simple one is the Bureau of Public Services and let's take that one up first for general discussion purposes.

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“We anticipate the Public Building Commission will meet later this afternoon pending your action this morning, to authorize the sale of bonds in the amount \$4,100,000. to provide financing for the Bureau of Public Services administration building on South Seneca in the City of Wichita. That particular project is on property currently owned by Sedgwick County and we would anticipate that the county would enter into a site or base lease of the raw ground to the Public Building Commission. The Public Building Commission would fund the construction of the building in accordance with plans and specifications of the County Engineer and then the county would lease that building back from the Public Building Commission for a term of twenty years with a lease payment being sufficient to amortize the Public Building Commission revenue bond debt.

“The Resolution on this particular item would authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary base lease and financing lease and any documents necessary to accomplish this financing. This in essence is a security for the Public Building Commission revenue bonds and they want County action prior to them going out for bids on the bond issue.

1. LEASE AGREEMENT - EXPLORATION PLACE, INC. PROJECT

Mr. Norton said, “The other item is for Exploration Place. This one is a little more complicated because we have a variety of parties involved. This is a cooperative effort between the County, Exploration Place, Inc., and with respect to the land of which it is going to be located, the City of Wichita. The land is a site adjacent to the Arkansas River. It is just northwest of downtown. The city is the owner of that property and they will enter into a lease with the Public Building Commission for a term of 50 years for the land in which the building will be constructed. The Public Building Commission will issue revenue bonds in the anticipated amount of \$16,700,000. to provide a portion of the construction financing for this building. Those revenue bonds will be supported by a lease with Sedgwick County. As you may recall, the county made a commitment of \$20,000,000. to support this project. They previously budgeted and appropriated monies being the difference of the \$20,000,000. and the amount of the bond issue net proceeds. Those monies have been given to Exploration Place in the past. This will finalize the commitment of the county for \$20,000,000. for this program.

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“In addition, the county will then in essence enter into an operating agreement with the Board of Trustees of Exploration Place, Inc., to operate the facility. Exploration Place, Inc. will also provide the additional capital funding for this project. The additional funds necessary for the completion of the capital costs of the project are approximately \$10,000,000. Those monies have been received or commitments received by Exploration Place, Inc. and they are working with a line of credit with two local institutions to make sure that money will be available at the time we close the bond issue so that it will be there for construction purposes.

“In addition, they will raise sufficient monies to provide for the exhibits and operating endowment fund. The total cost of the project with these other items is approximately \$40,000,000. The County is spending about one half of the total project. In this particular case, the site lease is with the City of Wichita. The authorization is for the Chairman to sign the lease with the Public Building Commission to provide revenue sufficient to support the debt and any other or all documents necessary to accomplish financing, which will include an operating agreement with Exploration Place, Inc., which will in essence provide that they will operate and maintain the facility and run it on behalf of that governing body.

“The term of the bond issue is 25 years. We anticipate that at the end of that 25-year period, the county will have an option either to in essence take out the Public Building Commission and assume the site lease from the city and keep going the operation of Exploration Place, Inc., or if the county does not want to do that, they can drop out of the loop and the Public Building Commission will assume the operating agreement with Exploration Place, Inc. All of this being subject to the 50-year site lease by the City of Wichita. At the end of that term, all the property, unless something has been negotiated between now and then, would revert back to the City of Wichita. That one is a little more complicated so I thought we would take a little time to go through that.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay. Commissioner Schroeder.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, “Joe, restate what that last part was about the site reverting back to the City of Wichita. Would that include the improvements?”

Mr. Norton said, “Yes, it would.”

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Commissioner Schroeder said, "Let me ask this question then. Why wouldn't that revert back to both the City and the County since we have a \$20,000,000. investment?"

Mr. Norton said, "In essence, as I understand it, I was not involved in some of these negotiations, that they were unwilling to deed the title of the property to the Public Building Commission. They only entered into a long term lease. The maximum term of the lease that can be entered into by a Public Building Commission is 50 year by statue, so that's the longest that they could have the term."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "So the city becomes the owner of the property after 50 years and its improvements."

Mr. Norton said, "Unless an amendment were negotiated at that point in time or sometime between now and then to extend the term of that lease, but it cannot be for more than 50 years by statue."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "What if the Exploration Place, Inc. decided that they wanted to expand the facility itself and came back to a future Commission and said would you contribute another \$10,000,000. to the project, what happens to the lease at that point?"

Mr. Norton said, "I think it would be practical at that time to enter into an amendment that would extend the term to another total 50 years. Say for example that happened ten years from now, there would be forty years left, you try to do an amendment of another ten years to have a total of 50 years. The maximum term cannot be more than 50 years by statue. It would be prudent to extend the term, but again, it can't be for more than 50 years."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Joe, I need to be able to understand and I think you probably stated this but it flew right by me, exactly what Sedgwick County earmarked the \$20,000,000. to be spent for. Is it a hodge podge of things or is it operating solely, or is it building and operating? What was it earmarked for?"

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Mr. Norton said, "My understand is that the \$20,000,000. was not earmarked for a particular purpose, that the money in fact that has been appropriated over the past several years has been going to pay for operating expenses. This \$16,700,000. net will go into capital construction."

Commissioner Miller said, "So \$16,700,000. will be earmarked."

Mr. Norton said, "Yes, that is earmarked at this point of time in the bond issue."

Commissioner Miller said, "And that is where we are currently? How much have we expended out?"

Mr. Norton said, "Approximately a little over \$3,000,000."

Commissioner Miller said, "So the remaining will go to capital."

Mr. Norton said, "Yes, that is correct."

Commissioner Miller said, "I simply needed to know that. And the long term indebtedness. It is a twenty-five year lease at what amount on an annual basis?"

Mr. Norton said, "Well, we have had some projections. Obviously, the amount of the lease will have to reflect an amount necessary to debt service the bonds and the interest on those bonds will not be known until July 30. It is anticipated that if we have an interest rate of 5.5%, and that is just a number that we picked out of the blue sky, that will have an annual lease payment of about a \$1,245,000., or roughly a little over \$500,000,000."

Commissioner Miller said, "And this is based on the total \$20,000,000.?"

Mr. Norton said, "No, this is the \$16,700,000."

Commissioner Miller said, "So we have already expended out of our '96 and '97 budget the \$3,000,000. plus?"

Mr. Norton said, "I think it goes back to '95."

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Commissioner Miller said, “Back to ‘95, ‘96, and ‘97, we already expended that out.”

Mr. Norton said, “Approximately again about a \$1,250,000. a year. That will be consistent.”

Commissioner Miller said, “That’s what I needed to know, that it was a consistent figure.”

Mr. Norton said, “Approximately so.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “That amount is already included in the budget and has been the last couple of years.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. I don’t know whether this will make anything any clearer or not, but Joe went back to the point of Sedgwick County’s commitment to Exploration Place. The commitment can even go back one step further than that. I believe it was in 1992 the county made a commitment with the City of Wichita, I don’t know that it was a written commitment, but committed to spend \$25,000,000. in making sure that downtown Wichita experience the revitalization process. The City of Wichita, I believe, has done an excellent job in beginning that rebuilding process of the core area of our major city and really in south central Kansas. I think a number of folks, and I’m one of them, believe that to have a vital core area, a vital downtown in a region is extremely important. As we begin that process of fulfilling our commitment of \$25,000,000., we begin to see the request for \$500,000. for this storm sewer, \$500,000,000. for this project, and they were all good projects and good work, but we were kind of getting fragmented. I believe it was then 1993 the Commissioners made the commitment that we would focus on one project and what project should that be and at that time, we chose Exploration Place as where we wanted to see our commitment to downtown revitalization. So I think that again makes it certainly important to me to remember where this original idea of coming to working with Exploration Place was.

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“I know the 50-year lease was a little bit, I don’t really want to say troubling to me, but I thought about that and why couldn’t it be longer. I understand legally it can’t be longer, but I really think in 50 years, this place is going to be a roaring success or it won’t be quite so successful. If it is a roaring success, I don’t think I’m going to be too concerned about who is enjoying that success 50 years from now and I would anticipate that if it works as we project and plan, it will just continue long beyond the 50 years and I think our commitment to getting the project rolling will still be remembered as a significant contribution. My first concerns about the 50-year lease, I don’t see that as a major concern. I think it is going to be a community property that we are all going to be very proud of.

“I would just make one comment about the Bureau of Public Services project here. Our Public Services is working out of a remodeled laundry and once hardware store. I think anybody that has been in that facility can clearly think that David Spears and his group have put together a package for an efficient, modern working place, that is really going to be needed. There is not much doubt that we’ve got every dollar of use out of that building that they are in now. It has been remodeled and remodeled and remodeled and so I think it has served its purpose well and we’ve gotten every dime out of it that we need. Commissioner Gwin did you have a comment that you wanted to make?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Just briefly. I agree with you on the Public Services building. My interest in the new facility focuses not only on the people who work in it on a daily basis but on the public. I can almost find my way around down there now David, but I know as the citizens come to see you all that that labyrinth that you have to work in down there is real hard to negotiate. It is hard to figure out where you need to go and who you are trying to find. The thing that encourages me about the new facility is the floor plan that is laid out properly so that the public will be better served and certainly our staff will have a better work place. I’m certainly supportive of that. As a member of the Board of Trustees of Exploration Place, I guess I’m curious, it doesn’t inhibit my ability to vote on this lease does it? Yes or no?”

Mr. Norton said, “No, not that I’m aware of.”

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, said, “I don’t believe it does.”

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. I obviously have been supportive of Exploration Place and the county's commitment to it and so I'd like to see an ongoing relationship. I understand the limitations and the Board of Trustees too, upon understanding the financing limitations and the 50 year commitments. I think they too understand that at the end of that term the property does in fact revert back to the city. They are comfortable with that. I don't know that it was their first choice, but they understand the laws and the way that they have to work with it. They figure after a 50 year run, like the Chairman said, it is probably still going to be a booming success, but they understand that that is the way the rules are and those are the rules that they have to play by. I am very supportive of both Resolutions and both projects and know that from the public standpoint that both will serve them very well. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you. One other question Joe. Using a Building Commission is not an unusual event in the community. The city has a Building Commission that they utilize in like projects, is that correct?"

Mr. Norton said, "That is correct. That Building Commission, to my knowledge, has funded projects on the campus of the Wichita State University, the downtown State Office building was a project of the Wichita Public Building Commission. They have the authority to do other kinds of things. We have looked at that for other projects that have not yet come cohesion yet in the city and the county."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, if there are no other questions, let's deal with Item H-1, the lease with Exploration Place, Incorporated, project specifically."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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

2. BASE LEASE AND LEASE AGREEMENT - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING

Chairman Winters said, "We'll deal with Item H-2, the lease for the Bureau of Public Services."

MOTION

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Joe. Next item please."

I. AGREEMENT WITH INTER-FAITH MINISTRIES - WICHITA, INC. FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK OCTOBER 5, 1997 TO HOLD A "CROP" HUNGER WALK.

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Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Perhaps this agenda item will be slightly less complex than the last one. This is our standard form Agreement for use of Sedgwick County Park for the purposes of Inter-Faith Ministries to participate in the 'CROP' Hunger Walk, which is an international event and will be the local effort in that. This will be the second time that Inter-Faith Ministries requested the use of Sedgwick County Park. We have received their certificate of insurance, coordinated the dates with the Park Superintendent and recommend approval of the Agreement."

MOTION

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

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

J. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY REGARDING COMPENSATION DURING A TRANSITION PERIOD.

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Mr. Kenneth Hales, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Juvenile Reform Bill passed this last session and requires that the new Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority assume responsibility for operating juvenile community corrections programs. The new authority is not yet prepared to carry out those responsibilities so it has entered into an inter-agency agreement with the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) to continue its role and providing over site technical assistance, data gathering, and program auditing for local community corrections programs. The Juvenile Justice Agency also agrees, pursuant to the Agreement, to allocate its funds for juvenile community corrections through KDOC. The third part to this Agreement are the local programs that agree to continue to provide community correction services to the juvenile offender population. There is no change in the services. That includes both the front end probation services and the back end after care services. This Agreement is the mechanism to continue this during this transition period. I recommend the Commission approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Ken, what will be the possibilities of having to extend this another six months? Do you have any idea when they are actually going to be on line?"

Mr. Hales said, "I think there is a very good likelihood that there will be a second extension to carry this out through the entire fiscal year. I do not know at this point how prepared the Juvenile Justice Authority is to carry these responsibilities. The contract does allow the KDOC in this agreement to carry this on for another six months if necessary."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. We have a Motion, is there any other discussion?"

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Commissioner Schroeder said, "Just a point that we are losing Ken Hales. It has been in all the papers and he is assuming quite a responsibility for the State of Kansas, and I personally wanted to congratulate you on that Ken. We talked about that quite a bit yesterday and we hope that you'll be able to take the experience and knowledge that you've gained from here obviously dealing with it first hand and use that at the state level and hopefully educate a lot of those people about how difficult it really is at a local level."

Mr. Hales said, "I appreciate your comments, yourself and the other Commission members of my departure. I have learned quite a bit with the County and I do think my experience with local government does allow me to bridge that gap between State and local governments with the delivery of correctional services and I'll do my best not to forget that once I'm up there."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. I would echo that also. I think you may have an agenda item next week, but I'm not going to be here next week, so I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank you for the work that you've done for Sedgwick County. Wish you the best working with the Juvenile Justice Authority. I'm pretty sure we'll have contact with you in the new place in Topeka, because I think we're going to go through a big transition change in how we deal with the juvenile justice system in this state. I certainly wish you the best. I know you'll be here next week, but congratulations on the new job."

Mr. Hales said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, we have a Motion, is there other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote."

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 Ken. Next item."

K. BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF KANSAS, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR A GRANT AWARD OF \$25,000 FOR OPERATION OF THE ROBERT WOODS JOHNSON FUNDED SELF-DETERMINATION PROJECT.**

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item simply is an addition of more funds to support the Robert Woods Johnson Self-Determination Project. Those funds come from the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities. I would recommend your approval and authorizing the Chairman to sign."

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 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. APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION FOR THE COMCARE ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES PROGRAM.**

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Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, this is simply a renewal of our licensure and certification with the state. Every year we have to apply for a new license and certification. I would recommend your approval of the application and authorizing the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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 Debbie. Next item."

L. GRANT APPLICATION TO U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS MORE OFFICE FOR PERSONAL COMPUTERS FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Jan Heffners, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, the COPS Office. This is to the Department of Advancing Community Policing. We are requesting eleven computers for a total of \$61,958. This grant, if successful, will cover the computers to be used in different sections of our department in the effort to support and enhance the community policing activities of the department. If you have any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you've heard Jan, any questions?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Application.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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 Jan. Next item."

M. ADDITION OF ONE PART-TIME POSITION, RANGE 22, TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES STAFFING TABLE.

Mr. Ken Keen, Director, Information Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are requesting a part-time position to be added to the IS (Information Services) staffing table for the remainder of this year to help us through a transition period where we've lost some key staff, particularly a designer with our tax system. We've identified a retired employee, retired from our department three years ago, who worked with the tax system, who is willing to return to work part-time in the equivalent range and step she was when she left. The budget impact for 1997 is zero. We would be funding this position, it would come from the salary dollars from positions that are in the process of being filled. Obviously, we recommend the approval of the addition of the position and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the addition to the Information Services Staffing Table.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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 Ken. Next item."

N. AMENDMENT TO THE 1997 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR LAND ACQUISITION RELATED TO THE CENTRAL MOTOR POOL FACILITY AT 1015 STILLWELL. CIP #PB355.

Mr. Ken Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This involves land acquisitions over a period of time and at an estimated cost of \$400,000, relative to the Central Motor Pool complex in the area down at Stillwell. I'd be happy to answer any questions. I would recommend that you approve the Capital Budget. Mr. Lamkey from the Central Motor Pool is here if you have any questions for him."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Ken. Are there questions or comments for Ken or Mr. Lamkey?"

Commissioner Miller said, "Just a clarification Mr. Chairman. Ken, when we amend the Capital Project, I guess that is what we are doing is amending the budget, basically for the public sake, would you tell them what we are doing? We're simply changing the year that these received monies are being expended?"

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Mr. Arnold said, "Actually this is being added to this years project CIP (Capital Improvement Project) program for our Capital Budget in 1997. We're adding that to that particular document."

Commissioner Miller said, "So this was not budgeted at all, we're not changing the year, we're adding it to the year."

Mr. Arnold said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Miller said, "Very good. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Schroeder."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Ken, this is coming from the leftover parking garage funding?"

Mr. Arnold said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "What was that total amount? I knew that at one time."

Mr. Arnold said, "I don't have that exact number off the top of my head, but I can get it for you. Don is flashing I believe \$823,000."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "So we're roughly using half of that for this purchase of land?"

Mr. Arnold said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Okay. Thanks."

Chairman Winters said, "Any other questions or comments?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Capital Budget amendment.

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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

Mr. Arnold said, "Thank you Commissioners."

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

O. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER FOUR, WITH CORNEJO & SONS, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 618-33; CENTRAL RELOCATION BETWEEN WEBB ROAD AND GREENWICH ROAD. CIP #R-76. DISTRICT #1.

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Bureau of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item-O is a modification of plans and construction for the Central relocation project designated as R-76 in the Capital Improvement Program. Five concrete panels were replaced in order to prevent cracked propagation into adjacent concrete panels. The total cost of replacement is \$3,060. Recommend you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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 David. Next item."

**P. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JULY 3, 1997
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Mr. Ken Williams, Assistant Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have three items that require BoCC action today and three that are tabled that do not require action.

**(1) BAGGAGE X-RAY SECURITY SCREENING SYSTEM-
BUREAU/CENTRAL SERVICES
FUNDING: 1996 CAPITAL PROJECTS**

"The first item is a baggage x-ray security screening system for the Bureau of Central Services. It was recommended to accept the low bid of E & G Astrophysics for the total amount of \$53,300.

**(2) TIRES - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL**

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Item two is tires for the Central Motor Pool. We asked the low bid for each individual item, Garrison Tire for group four and group five in the amount of \$7,482.04. Allied Oil for group one, three, and eight, in the amount of \$19,266.93. Kansas Tire group six and seven for \$12,129.24. Becker Tire for group two, in the amount of \$18,400. The grand total is \$57,278.21.

**(3) MICROSOFT TRAINING - INFORMATION SERVICES
FUNDING : INFORMATION SERVICES**

“Microsoft Training for Information Services, item three, accepted the only bid received from New Horizons, in the amount of \$27,429.30.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

**(4) PAVING & STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS-BUREAU/PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

**(5) DEMOLITION & SITE CLEARANCE/6800 E. SPRINGDALE DRIVE; DERBY, KS
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**(6) AMPHITHEATER/SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY DEVELOPMENT - KANSAS COLISEUM
FUNDING: KANSAS COLISEUM**

“I have three items that do not require your action. Paving and storm water improvements for the Bureau of Public Services. It was recommended to table this indefinitely for review. Amphitheater and Sports Entertainment Facility for the Kansas Coliseum, tabled indefinitely for review. The demolition site clearance for Emergency Management and it was recommended to table it indefinitely for review. That is the report of the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioner Miller.”

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Commissioner Miller said, “Yes, I have a question regarding item 3, Microsoft training, Information Services funding. It looks like Ken is not here, but is this for individuals who are currently our employees that are being trained?”

Mr. Williams said, “Yes and it is quite extensive too, our two network administrators I believe.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Okay. So they are each receiving the engineering training and the Novel Network?”

Mr. Williams said, “Yes.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Okay. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Commissioner. Any other questions or comments? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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 Ken. Next item.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Right-of-Way Instruments.

- a. Four Easements for Right-of-Way and three Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project No. 831-Z; Rock Road between 79th and 87th Streets South. CIP #R-235. District #5.
- b. One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 781-W-2236; Bridge on 311th Street West between 55th and 63rd Streets South. CIP #B-279. District #3.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V97040	\$405.00	5	Cottage Grove

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>
V95117	\$153.00	\$169.00
V95096	\$162.00	\$236.00
C96081	\$25.00	\$118.00
V96030	\$194.00	\$181.00
V96076	\$258.00	\$340.00
V95014	\$25.00	\$101.00
V862006	\$105.00	\$109.00

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4. **Conservation Reserve Program Documents.**
5. **Real Estate Purchase Contract with Mr. and Mrs. Neil C. Fouch in the amount of \$55,000 for acquisition of property located at 1127 and 1127 1/2 South Walnut, Wichita, Kansas.**
6. **Solid Waste Management Planning Grant Contract with Kansas Department of Health and Environment.**
7. **Order dated July 2, 1997 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
8. **Consideration of the Check Register of July 4, 1997.**
9. **Budget Adjustment Requests.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
970367	Emergency Management	Transfer
970368	Court Trustee	Transfer
970369	Parking Garage Addition	Transfer
970370	1997 Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
970371	Corrections	Supplemental Appropriation
970372	Corrections	Supplemental Appropriation
970373	Corrections	Supplemental Appropriation
970374	Alcohol/Drug Safety Action Program	Supplemental Appropriation
970375	Road and Bridge Sales Tax	Transfer
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970377	1997 Bridge Projects	Supplemental Appropriation

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no discussion on the Motion, 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, "Is there other business to come before this Board? At this time I will adjourn the Regular Meeting of the County Commissioners."

R. OTHER

S. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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