

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 6, 1997**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 6, 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. Michael D. Hill, Sedgwick County Sheriff; Mr. Mark Masterson, Interim Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department; Mr. Jim Weber, P.E., Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance; Ms. Kathy Sexton, County Manager's Office; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Linda M. Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Judy Frick, 412-418 South Main, Suite 50, Wichita, KS 67202

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Mr. Joe Stout 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, July 16, 1997**

The Clerk reported that Chairman Winters was absent at the Regular Meeting of July 16, 1997.

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

**MOTION**

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

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	Abstain

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

**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, "I see no questions. Thank you Becky. Next item."

**AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

**A. RECOGNITION OF VULCAN CHEMICALS FOR CONTRIBUTION SUPPORTING RECYCLING DROP-OFF BOXES.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Paul, welcome to the County Commission meeting."

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“As the community knows, we are in the middle of solid waste decision making time in this community. There are a number of aspects concerning solid waste that we are all dealing with. One of the most important is what component recycling plays and how do we make a system that really works well for the citizens of Sedgwick County. We’re still in the processing of determining what that best system is. Most of us know we do have a system of drop-off boxes in different parts of Sedgwick County that do allow citizens to take their recyclable products to the drop-off boxes. As we go through this transition phase of the way we do solid waste now and how we are going to do it in the future, there is always a transition of how do you make some things happen and how do you continue to make them happen. A lot of that revolves around finances. Sedgwick County asked a number of businesses to partner with us as we try to keep this system going until a real permanent in place system on recycling can be developed and a number of businesses stepped up to the plate.

“Vulcan Chemical is no stranger to recycling. I think probably has a track record as good as anybody in this area, maybe even in this country on your commitment to recycling. We see how you do that in a lot of your manufacturing processes so we know it is very important to you. So when we ask Vulcan to be one of our partners, they gladly agreed to do that. So we have developed a token of our appreciation of a crushed soda can and some office paper that was destined to be recycled. Paul, we want to say thank you to Vulcan for help in this program. We appreciate everything Vulcan does for this community.”

**Mr. Paul Robia**, Plant Manager, Vulcan Chemicals, said, “Thank you very much. I’m sure the over 700 employees at Vulcan Chemicals will treasure this I guess is the word I’m looking for. We’ll hang it in a prominent place. You are right, Mr. Chairman, we have been very active in recycling. We all know that once upon a time, Vulcan was one of the top polluters in this nation, to be blunt about it. Basically, the way we got out of that problem is we simply recycled. We took a waste and made it into a product that is actually a saleable product and that is basically the way we did it and that’s what we would like to encourage everyone to do wherever they can. Thank you again.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you Paul. Madam Clerk, would you call the next item.”

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**B. PRESENTATION OF SILVER MEDALS OF VALOR TO DEPUTIES  
MICHAEL M. MORLAND, WILLIAM E. STOUT AND MARK J. SMITH.**

**Mr. Michael Hill**, Sheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We come before you today to recognize some of our deputies. As you know, within our organization, we have an award program. There are six awards that the Sheriff’s Department can bestow upon our employees, other employees, and civilians. Today, we’re here to recognize three deputies and we are going to bestow upon them the Silver Medal of Valor. This is the second highest award that we can bestow upon one of our employees. To receive this particular award, it states a Sedgwick County sworn or detention deputy, other law enforcement personnel or civilian who shall in the line of duty perform an act or acts in furtherance of the principals of law enforcement at the risk of personal injury. In addition, that the individual performs this act or acts without regard for personal safety but in the best interest of the public welfare, displaying outstanding bravery, intelligence, or devotion to duty, or who shall at the risk of great bodily injury or death shall assist a Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Department while displaying outstanding public interest and self sacrifice. This person shall be eligible to receive and wear the Silver Medal of Valor, which will be the second highest award that the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Department bestows upon an individual. We all remember the fateful day of April 17, 1997. On that particular evening and early morning, members of the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Department, including the four men behind me and Sergeant Kenneth Snider, responded to a domestic violence call involving a knife in the Oaklawn Sunview area. In an attempt to subdue and arrest the individual, Sergeant Snider was stabbed and received fatal injuries. Under extreme duress, and I can’t imagine the duress, because the four men, the four deputies behind me, witnessed this incident. These four individuals, knowing their Sergeant had received serious fatal wounds, demonstrated bravery, intelligence, and devotion to duty. They secured, detained, and arrested the suspect without any further injury to themselves or anyone else. They did not go beyond what they were trained to do. The actions of Sergeant Snider, Deputies Morland, Stout, and Smith, conformed to the highest traditions of the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Department. Previously, Sergeant Snider was posthumously awarded the Gold Medal of Valor of April 19, 1997. That is the highest symbol of recognition bestowed by the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Department. So it is with great pleasure and honor today that I present to Deputies Mark Smith, Bill Stout, and Deputy Morland, the Silver Medal of Honor, the second highest symbol of recognition bestowed by the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Department. Congratulations. We also have a certificate that goes along with that. Do you want to say anything? They don’t want to say anything.”

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Sheriff and Deputies, let us just say that we are very proud of the work that you do. You are the first line. You are probably the most important reason we have local government. Sheriff, when you and your folks act in these manners, we are very proud. Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, next item."

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **C. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 1998 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET.**

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is the last of the public hearings that we will have for the adoption of the budgets. We will, and I would like to talk just a little bit about the process. You'll hear from the public on the general fund from Sedgwick County and then we will recess to the Sewer Agenda to hear the public hearing on the Sewer Agenda and then recess again to the Fire District and hear from the public on the Fire District, close the public hearings and come back to adopt the General Fund Budget and the CIP and then go through the sewer and fire again.

"This is how the agenda is set out. If we want to change that around, that's fine, but that is how it is scheduled to proceed. It is appropriate at this point, Mr. Chairman, to open the public hearing and hear from the public on the General Fund of the Sedgwick County Budget."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Clarification, just one more time. We're going to have our public hearing here, then we're going to recess into the Sewer District for public hearing, then are we going to complete the budget in the Sewer District or we'll do that at the end of the meeting when we have the Sewer District in its regular place and then the Fire District?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Well, we can do that."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Explain it to me again, maybe I just didn't hear right."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "We're going to open the public hearing and go through all the public hearings and then come back and do the General Fund and then you go to the Sewer and do the Sewer Budget and Fire Budget."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "So we're going to complete the whole General Fund budget from beginning to end and then recess to the Sewer and Fire District."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "No."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Then explain it one more time."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "You're going to open this public hearing. Then close the general fund hearing, then recess to the Fire District and open that public hearing, close that public hearing and open up the Sewer."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I got you."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Sorry for the confusion."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, at this time, we will open the public hearing regarding the 1998 Sedgwick County Budget. If there is anyone here in the room that would like to speak to that, please come forward. This is the third public hearing that we've had. We would like to hear from the public if anyone would like to address the County Commission. There has been opportunity for the public to address the County Commission on two other occasions. This is the third. Is there anyone here today who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners concerning our 1998 Budget? Please come forward."

**Ms. Judy Frick**, Communities in Schools, said, "I wondered if some of you saw in the paper this morning, there was a letter to the editor and said let's fast forward to the year 2007 or something like that. It said the jails are empty. I thought you would like that idea. Why did that happen? It was because we invested early and did some prevention kinds of efforts and had small class sizes so children could learn to read. So many of the people who are in our jails and prisons don't know how to read. This is a wonderful thought and the reason I am here today is to affirm your idea of a \$1,000,000 prevention fund and to request that those funds remain in the budget. This is really important we think. I think that it sets a precedent. It is a first step toward the idea of a pooled funding mechanism which was described in last Thursday's planning meeting that Commissioner Miller facilitated. I think all of you were there and I was really pleased to see that you were there. I know that you were all really listening to what was going on."

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“Over the years I’ve been involved in meetings on this very topic. Unfortunately, the groups that we were meeting with didn’t have the authority to pull this off, to make this pooled funding mechanism. Really, it is only when the group has the authority and frankly the funds, that this is going to be able to happen. I believe that the County does have this authority and I hope that you will use this prevention fund as a first step in creating a fund like this because we’re never going to have change in this whole area unless the funding bodies decide that things are going to be done differently. It just isn’t going to happen. Frankly, you have the power and you have the money and therefore you can really set the precedents in this area. I think that the focus on prevention, especially, is really music to my ears because I really feel like so often we have to deal with so much that happens after the fact. If we don’t start focusing on prevention, the jails are going to become more and more full. I think that what we really want them to be is empty. So I really applaud you on this idea and please leave those funds in the budget.

“I brought some more materials on outcomes and I am going to pass them out. I really hope you will take a look at them because we have comparisons between last year’s data and this year’s data and with our indicators. One thing I find interesting and not at all surprising is we separated out our efforts at the elementary level and our efforts at the secondary level in regard to teachers’ reactions, whether kids improved, stayed the same, or got worse. It is no surprise that the kids at the elementary level definitely made more significant gains than the kids at the secondary level. I mean, it is just the earlier we start the more difference we are going to make. So please continue with this idea. Thank you very much.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you Ms. Frick. We appreciate you being here and your interest. We appreciate everything that you do in the community too. Is there anyone else who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners? Anyone else this morning who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners concerning our budget for Sedgwick County for 1998? Seeing no one, we will close the public hearing.

“At this time we will recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to the Sewer District meeting.”

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**D. RECESS TO THE SEWER DISTRICT MEETING, THEN THE FIRE DISTRICT #1 MEETING.**

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Sewer District meeting at 9:22 and returned at 9:24 a.m.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, August 6, 1997. We have completed all the public hearings for the Regular Budget, the Sewer Budget, and the Fire District Budget. Madam Clerk, would you call Item E."

**E. ADOPTION OF THE 1998 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "There is an old adage that sausage and legislation shouldn't be witnessed in the making. Perhaps this was a little exercise in that this morning as it does get messy from time to time. We're sorry about the confusion."

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

"Let me tell you where we are currently. As you know, the Budget is a fluid process. Currently, on July 23, that was the last up date, we had an assessment change which got us down to 3.11 mills or a total of 31.17 mills. We knew that there would be additions and subtractions to the assessment roll and so we visited with Joe Frantz and his staff and we are comfortable with the fact that the estimated assessed valuation for Sedgwick County will go from \$2,300,000,000 to \$2,320,000,000 of assessed value, which is a 5.38% increase. That is a significant growth in assessed valuation and the County. Because that occurred, we can now say as of August 1, when we landed on that number, that the new mill levy rate, because of the assessed valuation growth will be 2.84 mills or a total of 30.9 mills. That is where we were August 1. What happens is that we go through the books and look at salaries and look at a number of different things to try to do technical changes and so we've done those technical changes. So there continues to be adjustments. The recommended budget was a \$171,000,000. Because of the technical changes the last couple of days, we have a reduction of \$50,891 and so the new amount is \$170,985,495 of expenditures. To get there would require a 2.82 mill increase. We've gone from 2.84 to 2.82. Here are those technical changes and we need to put that into this formula or it won't work the way we've become used to it."

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“We have savings from bond sale of \$125,364. We have moved that into an expenditure line item and finance general. So as discussion has occurred in the last several days, this money could be reallocated elsewhere without changing that number. Let me just show you currently how this sheet works so that we are reminded how this works.

“Let’s assume that we were going to put an addition to Ma’s swimming pool. Renfeng Ma as you know is the guy in charge of the money and the machine. Let’s say it was a \$1,000,000 expenditure. You will see that the expenditures immediately went up a \$1,000,000 here and the mill levy changed from 2.84 to 3.27. So whatever you do, either deductions or additions, unless it is moving money out of here, will affect the mill levy. So before we get confused and before you get a new pool Ma, why don’t we take that out. Sorry. So Commissioners, we’re prepared to do whatever you’d like us to do.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Hancock.”

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manager, as you well know, we’ve gone over a lot of these items over and over again. I’m going to make some of the proposals for the Commissioners to consider for the 1998 Budget. I want to begin with some restorations that go beyond what your original proposal was to the Board of County Commissioners. The first one being the Extension Council. We decreased their budget by 5% and that was \$45,332 and that will restore their budget and make them whole again. So I propose that.

“We’re also proposing removing some EMS personnel and I would propose that we restore those EMS personnel. Do you want Ma do put them up or . . .”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Before we do that, Commissioner Hancock, do you want to get a consensus of the Commissioners on each of those? There may be some addition but we could work through these individually?”

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Sure.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “If it is acceptable with the Commissioners, if we could get a consensus without taking a formal motion.”

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, “I think it is a good idea.”

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**Commissioner Miller** said, "Sure."

**Chairman Winters** said, "If we see three Commissioners that are in agreement with the restoration, then we'll put it into the system."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "That will be fine."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Is that acceptable?"

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Yes, let's go back to the Extension Council and see if there are any objections."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "I just have one question. Is that the number that we were bouncing around yesterday?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay, that's fine with me."

**Chairman Winters** said, "That's fine with me. Commissioner Miller?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "It's fine. No comment."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "EMS, the deleted crew there. We would restore that back to 1997 level of \$92,878 additional monies in that department."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay with me."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right with me."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Okay."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Yes."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, consent."

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**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Arts and Humanities, their budget restore them to the 1997 level of \$3,240."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "No, it's \$3,420."

**Chairman Winters** said, "\$3,420."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I want it 240."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Well, that doesn't compute over here."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "\$3,420. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "There's a consensus on that."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Generally it requires as a normal standard operating procedure four other Commissioners to watch me all the time. Northeast Senior Center and I'm going to have to defer to Melody on this, because I think she has some very specific ideas. I would like to go beyond the recommended budget and add an additional \$16,500."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Miller, would you like to comment on that?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman and thank you Bill for referring to me on this. What I would like to see happen is that within that budget item or allocated fund item of \$16,500, that it be divvied up to reflect that \$12,750 would go to the Northeast Senior Center and if I recall that it would be for additional personnel that has been brought on board, a janitor and a clerk up front. Also that \$3,750 go to the med services line item. The reason being is because this is an area where seniors receive their prescriptions, their prescription drugs and it is actual allotted amount currently or prior to the cut was, if I recall, \$20,000. I'm looking out in the audience for Doug. Was it at \$20,000, Doug Russell? And approximately \$3,750, is there a different number Doug that we need to plug in or is that \$3,750 fairly close to it. Oh, Kathy has it all, okay."

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**Ms. Kathy Sexton** said, "I did have another point Commissioner on the main part of the motion for the \$12,750 for personnel. I was hoping that you were looking at the issue paper recommendation. I don't know if that is exactly what you are wanting or not, but the idea would be to increase the Aging Department's budget so they could enter into a lease agreement with that facility so that they could figure out in the lease agreement exactly what is needed by the County staff. I didn't know if that is what you meant or if you meant a direct allocation. Does that make sense?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Yes, it does. Okay, what I want to ensure is that those monies actually go into the budget of the Northeast Senior Center."

**Ms. Sexton** said, "When you said pay for personnel, they are not County personnel so I just want to make it clear that this would be an increase in the Aging Department's Budget that would enable them to enter into a lease agreement with them. That would do what you are saying. Obviously, if that is what you intend the money for, that's what it would be spent for. I just don't want that to be confused with hiring additional County personnel."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Oh no, and I'm glad you clarified that. Absolutely not, no. Are we clear with med services? Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, so that is a total increase of \$16,500. I can support that."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Me too."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Okay."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay. Commissioner Hancock."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "In exchange, originally we have a budget of just over \$800,000 for the restoration of the Masonic Lodge. I would propose that we decrease that and I don't know the original number, but to \$425,000."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioner, it is currently budgeted for \$850,000. That would cut it in half and we will do that project in phases."

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**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Okay. Because this is a decrease from what we had budgeted even this year, it is something we need to move on with. Let's get going on the project and not let it deteriorate and use this money the way it should be used."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Do we want to get a consensus or does anybody want to comment on that?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "I would like to comment. I am going to be supportive of that and the reason why is because it does pull this project forward. It has been on the back burner. The building is clearly visibly deteriorating. This will allow us, first of all, to bring down the mill levy and reduce the dollars in terms of taxes that Sedgwick County residents are paying, but at the same time will push us to put it into the first phase, which is being able to stabilize that building with the remaining dollar amount and under the caveat that those dollars will be placed back into that budget to complete this project within this calendar year from salary savings, et cetera, at the time when we can find those monies within the County budget."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I say we take it out of the Manager's salary?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Think we can do that Bill?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "It may take several years."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "He looks stunned right now."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "That's good Melody."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I can support that also. Does anyone else want to make a comment about that? Commissioner Gwin, that's acceptable with you?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Fine."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay."

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**Commissioner Hancock** said, "It has been proposed for 1998 to clean the brick and tuckpoint the courthouse and Mr. Manager, I propose to delete that from the budget for 1998."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "What's that amount Bill, do you know?"

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "\$312,000."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, I can support that. Any other questions or comments?"

**Commissioner Miller** said, "I can."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I think it can hold on for a year or two more, right."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Don, it won't fall down will it?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "We have a couple of contingencies that we work from and we would like to propose, Mr. Manager, that we decrease those contingency budgets by \$400,000."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "That's total Bill?"

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "What was that number?"

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Four hundred thousand."

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay. I'm going to support that and I will say I think of the proposals so far that I'm a little worried about that, but I think we can meet the needs of those unexpected expenditures or requests with what remains in that amount. I think it will just force us to concentrate a little harder on what really is important if that's the case. I'll support it but it makes me a little nervous. We'll be all right."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "I'd support it but I'd also like to take another \$50,000 out of there if we could."

**Chairman Winters** said, "This one, a proposal like this makes me a little uneasy and a little nervous. It is in a fund that if it is not expended it can always be carried over to the next year's process and to assist with the following years budget. So it is not something that has to be spent just because it is there, but it is certainly there in case of some unforeseen circumstance. If I'm not mistaken, we've used part of the contingency money in the past for some of the jail overcrowding issues. You never know. I've seen the work up and the fact sheet on the contingency statement and if there is agreement to reduce this by \$400,000, I could support that if that's the will of the Board. This one makes me a little bit uncomfortable though. I could go the \$400,000. I'd have trouble going \$450,000, but I'll certainly listen to anybody else."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "I mean it is \$1,200,000 and I just can't imagine \$50,000 more is going to make that much more difference. I've looked over the last ten years of contingency and basically what I saw was there was just a few emergencies out of that entire time. Most of it was there because we had it and we assisted the City in different projects, different community organizations, and it seemed to me that because we had the money that we just gave it to them. I'm thinking that another \$50,000 won't make that much difference. I'd just like to see us bump it up another \$50,000 if we could see our way to do that out of \$1,200,000."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Do other Commissioners have thoughts or comments?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I tell you, this was a stretch for me, because I originally started out thinking if we were going to cut in this area, that I would cut, my first thought was \$200,000 and I have certainly gone past that in reductions on this. I think I need to stop at some point because I know that there are some other potential places that we are going to cut."

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**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "We can hold it open for a little bit if that's all right."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I'm at \$400,000 for the time being."

**Chairman Winters** said, "If it's acceptable, we'll leave that at \$400,000 unless something happens at the end and we need to revisit it, then we'll revisit it."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay, good."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Economic Development fund, proposed to remove \$20,000 from that budget."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I'd make a comment here. I think Economic Development is certainly very important for this entire area. We have just been very blessed the last year and a half to have an economy that is going full blast and I think in that process though we can't let our guard down and not think that job creation and keeping current jobs is not high on the priority list. For me it certainly is, but I can support this reduction. We all know that the WISE organization is no longer in existence, so there are funds there. I believe that there is going to need to be something created to assist all folks in the County on some economic development projects. So I intend to propose to get something on line to replace WISE in a very limited and specific endeavor of helping protect jobs and create jobs. If a company calls up and wants to look at Wichita and Sedgwick County as a future industrial development site or if an existing company wants to think about expansion, someone needs to be paying very close attention to that. So I think we need to reserve some of this money to do that, but I can certainly support this reduction of \$20,000."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I can support it too."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "I can support it."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay."

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**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Chairman Winters, Commissioners, I think the audience should understand that these suggestions that I have had today, this is all that I have and there may be more from other Commissioners. This is an amalgamation of many of the suggestions that we have had from all of the Commissioners, not just me. I'm just the mouth piece today. I just want the public to understand that these are some of the suggestions that we know that other Commissioners have talked about in our discussions. That's all I have."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Just to expand upon that. Over the past week or so, as each Commissioners has developed an idea or on issues that they believe need to be explored, the Manager's staff and Finance Budget Department have just responded very promptly with a number of position papers on each one of these topics so we have had the opportunity to visit with Budget Department and the Manager about how each one of these would affect the budget. Commissioner Schroeder."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "We've been bouncing this issue around for a couple of years and it seems to rear its head every year. The issue of attorneys for workers comp cases. Could we move \$20,000 into that or are we using \$20,000 out of the workers comp reserve fund to fund that work from the Risk Management Department?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "We have a proposal to move funds and receive a savings by doing that. Now if that's not the desire of the Commission and we certainly don't have to decide that, we'll find the savings some place else."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "I would like to make sure that we amend our budget if there is anything in the budget that reflects not using the attorney to go back and use the attorney as we have in the past. Is that decision making process back underneath the attorney that we recently have in place now? I just want to make sure that if there was some funding that was moved or allocated for that out of the ordinary from what we've done in the past."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Checking the books."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "The workers compensation fund that was going to receive a savings and reallocate the money in a different way is not a separate budgeted fund as some others. So there is no action that would be necessary today to do whatever you want to in that."

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**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay, so that change is not reflected in the budget, dollars or manpower or anything else?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "That can be handled as a technical adjustment in anyway that you want to handle it."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "So what do we need to do?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Nothing. You can adopt this budget and tell us whatever you want us to do later."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Excuse me. I think if I hear the sentiment right, that there is no consensus to change the way we have currently done that procedure, is that right?"

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Yes, let's continue to do it as we have in the past."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "We have discussed the change and the point is that we are not willing to make that change at this time."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "And we will find \$34,000 some place else."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Okay, thank you. You did everything Bill."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I guess you need to help me and maybe I have a calculator error, but I have a 2.31 is what I thought the net change would be and you have a 2.36 but I don't see what the difference might be. Is it that technical change? It looks like you and I have the same calculations on the mill levy and on the dollar and cents it is just that they don't come out right."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Gwin, did you have the technical change in your computations, that \$50,891?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Yes I did, because I started out 2.82 and they started out at 2.84. It's the bond issue. Okay."

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**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "So it wasn't as much as we thought originally?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Bill, explain to me what I did because I used the bond issue as a deduction, but that is not appropriate is it?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes, it is. You see, what we've done here Commissioner, what we did was we took the bond issue and increased it in the general fund. We had a savings and we thought we were going to spend that savings. So essentially you have, we just have not deducted it yet. Now deduct it and see what happens. Okay?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, are there other comments or questions? Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Are we where we need to be at this point?"

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "It looks pretty good."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Pretty good, 2.31? Okay. What I needed to be able to state publicly to the Commission and those that are watching is that I am very pleased that we, as a Commission, have recognized the importance, just as Judy Frick, who was an earlier speaker for us, a presenter, that we are able to realize that it is important to be able to set aside dollars that will look at front end solutions. The \$1,000,000 that we have set aside for prevention funds is in tact and we'll be looking at how it is that we will be awarding those monies. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Commissioner. I too can support where we are today as we've come to this point and I think this budget has done some remarkable things in a couple of places. One, I had, I think said early on and perhaps I heard Commissioner Miller say this over the 3 ½ years that we've talked about the jail at various times about is there a way we can ever prevent building an addition to this jail and I think that is still a pretty big question mark. Commissioner Miller, I do appreciate your pulling a group together, this task force, to look at prevention, opportunities, and how we can work prevention. I was out at the meeting at the Marriott and I still don't know that I fully understand this concept of pooling and how you bring that all together, but I think when you really start talking about targeting groups to make a difference on jail population, I think this is a very significant start."

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“I will say thank you Commissioner for bringing that group together and thanks to the Manager as he decided to look at this in a different way than we had looked at this in the past. I guess this could of kind of be part of a conclusion, but I’ll say it now too, that we’ve worked on this jail project for over 3 ½ years and today is the day where we are providing the funds to pay for that jail. No one is happy about a 2.3 mill increase. It is not something that we’re pleased or happy to do, but through the hard work of the staff, we’ve taken a project that would have cost over 5 mills if we had not done some serious cutting and some serious reductions in various departments in the County to make it happen at this level of 2.3. All we need to do is look across the parking lot at the current jail and a building that has probably twice as many people in it as it should have. We consistently have from 90 to 100 or more housed in out County. I believe that people want us to provide this facility and this new facility because when people break the law, citizens want them put in a place of detention. They want them held and they continue to do that. The City of Wichita has passed their domestic violence ordinances, which I believe are good. I support them. I think if someone strikes another person and is violent, I think they need to try to get their attention. But since the City has initiated that ordinance, we’ve had 20,100 arrests. The state legislature continues to want people incarcerated. New sentencing guidelines have affected the jail, continued DUI mandatory sentences. I think those are good, but there is a result and today we’ve got to deal with a result of 3 ½ years of working on an adult detention center. Again, I don’t like a mill levy increase, but this is one that I think I don’t know how many position papers I have read on various aspects of this budget over the last thirty days, but it is a lot. Commissioners, I know you’ve all read those too, because we have worked hard on this. Commissioner Schroeder.”

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, “Just a couple of comments. I’ve talked to the Sheriff about this on one occasion and I’ve talked to the Manager about this issue of domestic violence offenders that are in the jail. I think the number that Mike used or you Bill was it 80 or 90 beds that are committed to domestic violence? I don’t recall but you mentioned it in a meeting once before. I know we’ve got to take care of those people, we have got to deal with them, but I would like to see us at some point with the City, just as we do anything else, is look at some kind of a fee for housing some of these people somehow or look at another place to put these people if they do a 24 or 48 hour stint if they are nonviolent, et cetera.

“A good friend of mine and I were having lunch the other day and we drove by the jail as going to be done and we discussed the issue. He said, what are you going to do. The starting point from keeping that from occurring again. We don’t have. There are too many variables or State laws, City ordinances, County resolutions, the judges,

“Betsy, Mike is to keep building it. Pretty soon, we’re going to run out of space and we’re going to end up somewhere else in this community. That will be an unpleasant experience for everybody. So it is up to us, our families, our churches, our schools, parents, to grab a share of this problem. It is not up to just the government and the Sheriff’s Department to incarcerate people about the number of people that he has to incarcerate in a jail that is made to hold half of the population. It is a serious problem and as the Chairman and others have said, it is driving this budget.

I’m very proud of this Commission because we’ve come from a discussion of a 7 mill increase to a 2.3. That says a lot for this Board of County Commissioners and the management of the staff. You haven’t seen, but there has been more discussion about this budget than any other budget in the eleven years I’ve been here. I think that tells you a little about the concern of the Commission to make sure the taxpayers are well taken care of when it comes to law enforcement on the street. And trying to keep their taxes to a minimum. I’m a taxpayer just as everybody else and I’d like to show the public that we have devoted a lot of hard work to give them the best County budget for 1998 that we possibly can. I’m like the Chairman, I’m not all excited about a tax increase of any kind. But as it has been stated, it’s due to the issue of our jail budget and that is what we’re here trying to deliberate today. I’m proud to be a part of this. I don’t know how much more we can do to pare this down without getting into areas where some of you feel too uncomfortable. I guess I’m willing to take more risks than some of the others, but the majority will prevail and that is fine with me. Thank you.”

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Two things Mr. Chairman. Shall I make this in the form of a Motion to go ahead and approve these."

**Chairman Winters** said, "We have two other people who would you like to speak. Would you like to speak first?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "It doesn't make any difference."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Then I defer to come back to my closing remarks. Go ahead."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Gwin. Are you ready for a Motion on this particular budget?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "That's fine, I can discuss in support of the Motion if he'd make it on these numbers."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Hancock, if you're ready to make a Motion, I think we're ready to have a Motion."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Go ahead."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Oh, you need me to fill in the blanks? All right, I'll take a few minutes to fill in kind of like Fred does at the first of the meeting when not all of us are here."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Oh, you're going to put us to sleep."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Yes, thank you. I guess I'm going to go back to the beginning. Not as far back as the discussion of the jail, but the beginning of the creation of this budget. I think it took a great deal of courage for this Commission to set the targets that we asked the Manager to set. I know all of you who represent the departments out here probably some of you passed out, some of you gagged, some of you almost had to call Tom Pollan and his people except they were also passed out with what we asked them to do."

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“It took a great deal of courage for this Board to look at those numbers and say we’re going to have to do business differently. We understand that we’ve asked a lot of this organization, of the people who work here. We did that with the intent that services not be affected, but that we do a better job of providing service to the citizens of Sedgwick County. We do it more efficiently, we do it more cost effectively, we do it lean and mean. I am pretty well astounded that we got there. I know it took some real adjustments for your departments, but I think you all understand why and as the Commission will come to an agreement here, you understand that you are part of the team too as we are part of the team and have to do this for all of the people of this County. So I commend your response to our request. I commend the Commission’s courage for looking for solutions. I certainly want to thank the Manager and his staff for helping us translate numbers and budget ease into English so we can work with it.

“ I echo the thoughts of my colleagues that tax increases are never fun. They are never fun to approve, but I’ll tell you, if it hadn’t of been for the hard work of this Board and our determination to make us do business differently, the tax payers would be looking at a much different scenario and so when the Motion is made, I’ll be very proud to support it based upon the hard work and the cooperative spirit of this body. I appreciate it. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

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

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Just a follow up and I echo how you have so articulately placed those who make this organization and the full scheme of things Betsy, I appreciate that, and I’m talking about the departments and employees and being able to bite the bullet. I need to be able to come back full circle to where I started, which is talking about prevention, which is being able to recognize that yes, the safety issue has driven the budget, that yes we are in an expansion mode in terms of our detention facility and it is necessary. But to be able to proudly say that once again Sedgwick County has stepped up to the plate, should be commended for being a progressive County, for looking at how we can approach the issue of crime from a balanced perspective, not just from an intervening perspective. Within this audience, I see all aspects. I see COMCARE, I see our safety, which would be law enforcement, Sheriff Mike Hill, I see corrections. It takes a fused approach, I feel, and I think it was echoed in the planning day discussion, it is going to take a fused approach to dealing with this whole issue of crime and safety and quality of life within our community.

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“The fact of the matter is that Sedgwick County is at the cutting edge of that. We are going to, and it is due to the insight and the professionalism and the vision of a County Manager along with the support of a Commission, for looking at who it is that we can utilize a fund differently to prevent the over crowding of our jail system. When you think about that, it’s not novel and it’s not always innovative, but it certainly is a breath of fresh air, and I think that is what the County is showing on this day. So I needed to be able to say once again, thank you for being able to look at this challenge from a breath of fresh air perspective. I think it is going to show once we actually get this rolling, and I’m talking about being able to fund prevention programs. So, thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. I’m going to make a couple of comments and then I’m going to bring the Motion. In our budget processes this year, let me begin and give just a little bit of a historical perspective. We began to recognize early in the nineties that there was a trend here in Sedgwick County and throughout the country that incarcerations and general crack down on law breakers by legislatures and congressmen and local units of government was in the making. As a reaction to a general increase in lawlessness and the nature of that lawlessness here in the country. Sedgwick County was no exception to that. I know in 1992 I did a poll and it was the first time that the number one item in my poll that I took were law enforcement and crime was an item, here in Sedgwick County that was more important that infrastructure, roads and bridges, and taxes. It was the first time ever that it was number one. So the Commissioners had no knowledge or my polls, but they sense what is going on in the community and here it is in 1997 and it takes us almost this long for an organization such as this to do planning properly and spend this kind of money and we are beginning to react and to deal with what the public has demanded of us in terms of our policy in Sedgwick County. We have directed that policy for the last three years toward getting a handle on public safety here in Sedgwick County. We’re not very happy with what we’ve done and we realize that we are only reacting to a situation. I am so pleased with the Commissioners, that they have finally said enough is enough and we’re going to make some changes in the community. We’re going to work with the Sheriff in terms of community policing. We’re going to put some more people on. We’re going to begin to work with communities and we’re going to focus on prevention.

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“Believe me folks, it is a lot cheaper to prevent, a lot more difficult to prevent, and you wonder whether we have succeeded or not in prevention, but the experts out there tell us that the Commissioners, it is a lot cheaper, it may not be something that you can put your arm around as readily, but it is a lot cheaper and it works. They are experts out there that have I’m so proud of the Commissioners that we are slowly beginning to look at the budget. Over the years, however, increases in our budget have been made, they have been made in public

“I know the Sheriff, in this budget process, has asked for some major changes. One is rank and file. He has presented us with a three year plan for the next few years. We didn’t do much with those items. It isn’t to say that we won’t, it is just to say that this year we’re a little bit different and then when we’re over the hump with our jail we’re going to look at those items and make some decisions.

our public works area, we have made some changes there. We’ve asked public works to contribute very heavily to this process. Crime goes all the way down and affects everything we do including building bridges and paving roads. That goes for all the departments of Sedgwick County. Every department of Sedgwick County has contributed to the things that we need and

some of the things that those departments and all those agencies, I think you have our heart felt thanks for your help, you’ve helped us. So to all the employees out there, I want to say thank you.

want to say thank you. It has been easy.

Attorney will probably testify to that better than anybody. So if you’re watching out there, her department works out

good too. She has done some things. One item, in moving an item out of economic development into its own line item, and that is already a part of the 1997 Budget, \$50,000 into the World Trade Center if that is acceptable.”

**Commissioner Gwin**

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**Chairman Winters** said, "I have no problem with that."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "What does that . . ."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Ma is in shock."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Folks, when this is over, we're going to have a little talk with our Manager. They have warned me all week that if I made that change the system would blow up."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Wait a second. That changed the mill levy and it was not intended to. Does anybody want to have any discussion about that move? Commissioner, we're ready for a Motion."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the 1998 Sedgwick County Budget of \$170,286,261 with \$66,922,601 in budgeted ad valorem taxes, which is approximately equivalent to 30.36 mills, subject to review and technical adjustments.

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 very much Commissioners. What's the procedure, do we need to go ahead and do Item F and then go the Sewer and Fire?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "We can do the C.P. right now."

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said, "Madam Clerk, would you call Item F?"

**F. OPTION OF THE 1997-2001 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (C.P.) AND 1998 CAPITAL BUDGET.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioners, because of the adjustments today, you have reduced the total also. by \$312,000 for not only the 1998, but for the five year total also. \$40,000 from the C.P. for her department in 1998 and that also reduces the total. I would like to see the five year Capital Improvement Budget for 1997 to the year 2001, would be \$183,406,656."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Would you like to see these comments or a Motion? Commissioner Gwin." e

said, "Question. On the Lodge money that we took out, was that not

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "No. It was budgeted in the 1996 Capital Improvement Program,

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I see, thank you very much. Just wanted to be clear."

said, "Other discussion? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Hancock moved to adopt the 1997-2001 Capital Improvement Program with the 1998 Budget of \$77,340,570 and a total budget through the year

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "I have a question back on the budget adoption. What is the dollar amount in budgeted ad valorem taxes again?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "\$66,922,601."

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, would it be appropriate at this time to recess the meeting? At this time, I will recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Sewer District Meeting at 10:20 a.m. and returned at 11:00 a.m.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Now we will call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners August 6, 1997. Madam Clerk, I believe we're ready for Item H."

**NEW BUSINESS**

**H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE KANSAS UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION.**

**Mr. Richard Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have prepared a Resolution that would authorize the sale of certain real property to the Kansas University Endowment Association. This property is shown on the overhead."

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

in the area of 10th Street and Kansas Avenue in the City of Wichita. It is adjacent to the University of Kansas School of Medicine campus in the City. It is directly south and west of 10th Street from the County's Regional Forensic Science Center. This property contains approximately 2/3 of an acre. It formerly was the location of the County's North Mental Health Facility. That facility has been demolished.

to graduate school. The County will purchase this property and then the County will pay the purchase price. The County will give the property to the Forensic Science Center.

subsequent meeting. Now it is appropriate for you to take this action if you approve. What we are doing is we are selling this property for a sum of \$49,000 and then we will receive in addition to that \$26,000 for parking lot improvements. The statute that authorizes you to sell real property says that if you find the value is worth less than \$50,000, you may sell by negotiated sale and pass a Resolution two times in the official County paper and the Resolution we have prepared is in proper form. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much Rich. Commissioners, do you have other questions?"

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Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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**VOTE**

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

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

**I. AGREEMENT WITH CLEARWATER FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE FOR CONTROLLED ACCESS TO MAIN STREET IN CLEARWATER, KANSAS SEPTEMBER 6, 1997, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLEARWATER FALL FESTIVAL.**

**Mr. Jarold Harrison**, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We've had a request from the City of Clearwater for controlled access to Main Street in Clearwater for purposes of events to be held during their Fall Festival for a three day period, September 5, 6, and 7. They will close portions of the Main Street area for certain events during that time. They will contract with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Reserve for traffic control and closure of those roadways during those times. This will be subject to a certificate of insurance. We would recommend your approval."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Hancock 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, "Thank you very much Mark. Next item."

**K. BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE.**

**1. CONTRACT WITH PRAIRIE VIEW, INC. TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM CRISIS STABILIZATION BEDS FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS.**

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson**, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first contract is a renewal. They are crisis beds that we purchase from Prairie View for those few occasions where we need an in-patient bed for a short period of time to stabilize a crisis. These are mental health reform funds. I might note and I will note throughout these different contracts that this is a little unusual in that we are only allocating money for a quarter, but if in the fact the negotiations with the State contractor is successful within this quarter, then that will roll over into a full year's funding. At this point we've only received a quarter funding from the State while we negotiate the contract. Be glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you've heard Deborah's report, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Hancock 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. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT TO SEVERELY AND PERSISTENTLY MENTALLY ILL RESIDENTS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, you are probably more familiar with this program as COMPEER, and this is funding that flows through us through the consolidated block grant of the State to help support that program. Again, this particular contract is a quarter of funding in anticipation of full year funding at the end of contract negotiations. Be glad to answer any questions."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Hancock 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."

**3. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, you're familiar with the family advocacy program that is being developed through the Mental Health Association and you probably wonder why you are seeing this contract again. The reason why is that this is funding through the Mental Health Reform so this is a different funding source and the previous contracts have been federal money. Again, this is a quarter contract in anticipation of full funding for the year. Be glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. I see no questions. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Contract 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."

**4. CONTRACT WITH PROJECT INDEPENDENCE INC. OF SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE A REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR MENTALLY ILL RESIDENTS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, this particular program is a consumer run and operated program that we partially support through State dollars. Again this is a quarter contract in anticipation of full funding at the end of negotiations."

**MOTION**

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

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, "Next item."

- 5. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE RESPITE CARE FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, this is again a renewal and we have found that respite care is extremely important to families who have children who have serious emotional disturbance. This again is a quarter contract in anticipation of rolling over to a full year contract with the completion of negotiations. I would recommend approval."

**MOTION**

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

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

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

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- 6. AGREEMENT WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY AREA NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY HOUSING ORGANIZATION, INC. TO PROVIDE HOUSING ACCESS TO NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS DISABLED BY MENTAL HEALTH.**

**Ms. [redacted]** said, "This particular contract we refer to them more commonly as [redacted] and targeted toward developing housing for [redacted] individuals that we serve which is so critical for their ability to remain in the [redacted]"

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

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Commissioner  
Chairman to sign.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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**7. CONTRACT WITH WICHITA CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER TO PROVIDE ATTENDANT CARE SERVICES TO SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "This has been a very important program for us. We have found that attendant care is very helpful in terms of helping children in the community. This is funded through Mental Health Reform and this is a contract for just a quarter. Be glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner Miller.

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Just to break the monotony. For those that are looking, you've already prefaced that this is a very important program. What does attendant care do for a family?"

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "When a family has a child who has a serious emotional disturbance, there can often be times throughout the day or evening where things can be very difficult or for example this child could be at home but they can never get the child ready for school. An attendant can come in and help and make sure that happens or help during those critical times that can make the difference of whether that child is home or not and in fact helps give the family a break from the continual care giving that is often necessary in these circumstances."

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Commissioner. Commissioners, you've heard the discussion, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Contract 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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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
	Aye

**Chairman Winters**

- 8. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSION OF MENTA HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARDIN COMCARE ESTABL D**

**Ms. D** said, "Commissioners, this is our major contract with the State on Disabilities and we are very pleased with our contract this year. Actually are complete on it. We're very pleased that this contract allows for adequate of the community developmental disability organization and all the responsibilities cess to some risk funds and does over \$19,000,000 worth of access to services that may be billed through our aff glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters**

**Commissioner Miller**

that are rendering a service and who are basically monitoring it and to the tune of accessing

**Chairman Winters**

of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Contract 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, "Next item."

**9. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO PROJECT FREEDOM FAMILY AND YOUTH COALITION.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, essentially what this is that they have applied for a grant and it is required through that grant that it flows through a governmental agency or entity and so they had requested that it flow through us and the dollars are to be used for Hispanic and Asian truancy programs and they will go to Project Freedom, who is working in cooperation with the Wichita Indonesian Center. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

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### **MOTION**

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

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, "I want to take just a quick moment here. This is the last of Debbie's presentation and what we've really done is we've gone through seven contracts with agencies or other organizations here in Sedgwick County and then one with the State and this Grant Application. As we look at these contracts and we start thinking about this prevention fund money that we now have available to us, I think we are going to see Sedgwick County is very accustomed to dealing with outside agencies and other organizations particularly in our Mental Health Department and Physical Disability or COMCARE. It is a routine way that a big portion of business gets done. So I think as we think about using this kind of system and I know that I don't understand it all yet, Commissioner Miller, but as we start using this kind of system and bringing people that have ideas and have organizations that are ready to look at outcome-based performance, just as we look at with all these that we currently do. I think it has got some real positive aspects to it. I think what we've done today and to the public it may seem like we just flew through those contracts but those are very important contracts to us. They amount to a lot of dollars and they do good work in the community. I think what we've done today is say in 1998 we're going to expand that over to a prevention side that I think is going to be a new way of doing business."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "I agree with you and I know Betsy has on her light, but I'd like to be able to respond because the key words were the authority, that it needs to be vested in a body that has the authority to build policy and has access to funding. It is just quite apparent when I echoed the dollar amount that we have affiliates to, that Sedgwick County has both of those. It is just a natural flow through for this type of what we may call the pooling of funding and then be able to direct our priorities toward the prevention side, so I agree with you Mr. Chairman."

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

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a point for discussion or conversation. It says that the purpose of this is to reduce truancy and the drop out rates. It would be nice when agencies learn to speak English, because in their list of outcomes not once do I see mentioned the percentage of truancy would decrease or the percentage of drop outs will decrease. I see all the nice words and phrases and things like that, but if that's the point of the program, it sure would be nice if that was one of the outcomes they want to measure. That would be my thought that they ought to show that as an outcome."

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "I would agree."

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Any other comments or questions? Any 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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much Debbie. Next item."

**L. MODIFICATION TO CONTRACT WITH POE & ASSOCIATIONS OF KANSAS, INC. FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WALTER MORRIS DAM AT LAKE AFTON PARK, CIP #PR-168.**

**Mr. Kenneth Arnold**, Director, Capital Projects Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is for the testing and inspection of the Lake Afton Dam Project, which is the spillway area behind the Park Superintendent's home. We've left the contract for that work and this will perform the inspection services therein. The contract amount is \$17,800. I'd be happy to answer any questions. I would recommend you approve. There is not a signature line for the Chairman as such because we've already contracted with them, so if you will just approve the item, that will be fine."

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

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "I know we're all asking the same question. The Walter Morris Dam?"

**Mr. Arnold** said, "That's the State's official name in the State Water Resources Office for that dam. That is the small one on the north side. It is the far one up on the very north end up there."

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "I didn't know it had a name."

**Mr. Arnold** said, "We didn't know until the engineers started researching with the State for us."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Do you know who Walter Morris is?"

**Commissioner Schroeder** said, "Was he a real estate developer?"

**Mr. Arnold** said, "We'll find out."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, you've heard the report from Ken, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Modification to the Contract.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
	Aye

**Chairman Winters**

**M. AGREEMENT WITH YOUNG AND ASSOCIATES, P.A. FOR INSPECT AND IMPROVEMENTS, DISTRICT #5. T**

er, Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance, jokingly said, "I'm Walter

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Oh, that's who it is."

said, "We could change it to the Jim Weber Dam. In Item M we're requesting approval of a Contract with Young and Associations for design and construction services on the paving of Oliver from Wild Plum to K-15. The cost of this work will exceed \$10,740. All costs of the project are to be paid by the benefited properties through special assessments. We request your approval of the recommended action."

**MOTION**

ved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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, "Thank you Jim. Next item."

**N. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JULY 31, 1997  
REGULAR MEETING.**

**Mr. Darren Muci**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the July 31, meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are just two items for consideration.

**(1) TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT - SHERIFF/MOTOR POOL  
FUNDING:**

"Item one, a twin engine aircraft for the Sheriff and the Central Motor Pool. It was recommended to reject all proposals and working with Mr. Lamkey and the Sheriff determine the best method to facilitate a suitable aircraft for the available budget monies.

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

"Item two, amphitheater and sports and entertainment facility development for the Kansas Coliseum and other governmental entities and County departments. It was recommended to accept the proposal of KPMG Peat Marwick, L.L.P., et al, with a not to exceed amount of \$130,000. I will be happy to take questions and would recommend approval of the recommendations presented by the Board of Bids and Contracts."

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of

Commissioner Schroeder seconded the Motion.

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

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	
Commissioner Mark F. Schroeder	Aye
	Aye

**Chairman Winters**

**Commissioner** said, "Just looking at the actual bids Darren and I see that it Pete

**Mr. Muci** said, "I'll do my absolute best, and Jerry Harrison was instrumental in working with us to complete this. We spent a considerable amount of time we felt could provide the highest level of services were required. Basically, at the end of that session, we found that there was one vendor that stood out as having a complete understanding of the entire scope of the p feasibility study, to review whether or not we need the types of facilities in this community. other vendors, whereas providing a very thorough written proposal as well as a good bal proposal, did not quite speak to all those items and issues that we needed to hear at that particular time. We sp such and we believe that we can lower the cost of that particular proposal significantly less

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“The committee was comprised of members from the City of Wichita, Convention Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Wichita Association, as well as Sedgwick County. I’m confident that we made a really good decision.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “What was the total cost? I just see under Charles McAfee Architects & Planners, it was 7 - 9% of the total cost of the program, what was that?”

**Mr. Muci** said, “There is no program at this particular time.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “So it is not projected yet.”

**Mr. Muci** said, “Right, so we have no idea what it might cost to build anything.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “So that was just a floating.”

**Mr. Muci** said, “Correct. If we don’t do anything that obviously that particular proposal, well the fee that is listed actually means respectfully nothing at this time.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Okay, that’s what I needed to know, how we came up agreeing with KPMG Peat Marwick. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. We’ve already voted on the Boards of Bids and Contracts. Thank you Darren. Please call the next item.”

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **O. CONSENT AGENDA..**

##### **1. Right-of-Way Easements.**

The following tracts of land have been granted by Easement for Right-of-Way at no cost to the County. These Easements were requested by the Director, Bureau of Public Services, as a condition of receiving a Platting Exemption on an unplatted tract.

**Right-of-Way Easements (continued).**

Road Nu  
Rausch, located in the Northeast Quarter of  
South, Range 1 West, more specifically located on the  
103rd Stre  
Township. District #2.

Road Number 636-15, Owners: Robert C. Alexander and Cynthia J.  
ated in the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township  
29 South, Range 2  
of 71st  
Township. District #3.

Road N  
Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township  
more spec  
(Harry) nd west of 343rd Street West. Grand River Township.

**2. Floodway Reserve Easements.**

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no t to the County. These Easements were requested by the Director,  
of Public Services, as a condition of receiving a Platting Exemption  
on an unplatted tract.

Owners: Gerald J. Rausch and Sandra J. Rausch, located in th  
Northeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 29 South, Range 1 West,  
e specifically located on the west side of 103rd Street West and  
north of 103rd Street South. Ohio Township. District #2.

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West, more specifically located on the south si  
and west of 167th Street West. Ninnescah Township. District #3.

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- 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>
V96085	\$390.00	\$344.00
V861005	\$219.00	\$204.00
V96090	\$214.00	\$210.00
V97038	\$375.00	\$12.00
V95014	\$299.00	\$338.00
V96089	\$425.00	\$360.00

- 4. Deletion of one Utility Worker position (#0481080) from the Bureau of Public Services Staffing Table and addition of one Fiscal Assistant position to the Appraiser's Office Staffing Table.**
- 5. Order dated July 30, 1997 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. Consideration of the Check Register of August 1, 1997.**
- 7. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
970437	Corrections	Transfer
970438	Aging	Transfer
970439	Aging-Care Assessments	Supplemental Appropriation
970440	KDHE-Solid Waste Planning Grant 1998	Supplemental Appropriation
970441	Huckleberry Addition Street	Supplemental Appropriation

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

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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, "Is there other business to come before this Board? Seeing none, this meeting is adjourned and that concludes our business for today."

**P. OTHER**

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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

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Fifth District

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**James Alford**, County Clerk

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