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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Minutes of October 1, 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	Abstain

Chairman Winters said, "Now we'll consider the meeting Minutes of October 8, 1997."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 1997.

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."

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

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER, 1997 AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation I'd like to read for your consideration."

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem due to the imbalance of power due to gender and age; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, affectional preference, societal barriers and supported by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting women and children, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home;

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

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“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Sedgwick County, and urge all citizens to actively participate in the activities and programs sponsored by New Hope Inc. To work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women.

Dated October 29, 1997. Commissioners, that’s the Proclamation, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

There was no 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, “Here to accept the Proclamation is Patty Davis. Patty is with New Hope, Incorporated, and no stranger to Sedgwick County as Patty has worked in our Aging Department for a time. Welcome back to Sedgwick County Patty. We’d be interested to hear a little bit about New Hope.”

Ms. Patty Davis said, “Thank you very much Commissioners. Good morning. I am Patty Davis, Executive Director of New Hope, Incorporated. I thank you all for recognizing October as ‘Domestic Violence Awareness Month.’ As a community, we have a responsibility and an obligation to the victims who have suffered physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, and to those victims who have lost their lives as a result of domestic violence, to send a loud and clear message that domestic violence is unacceptable and criminal. Domestic violence victims, who are usually women, do not always recognize a relationship as abusive until violence has escalated into a life threatening situation.

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“They may not understand that what is happening to them is neither natural or normal. These women need to understand that they are in a deteriorating and dangerous relationship not of their own making. Nationally, 33% of all female homicide victims are killed by a former partner.

“Through education awareness and enforcement and adequate levels of funding for support services, our community can make a difference and begin to stop another generation of domestic violence. As a member of the Wichita Domestic Violence Coalition, New Hope, Incorporated, has worked with other agencies in our community to meet the emergency needs of domestic violence victims and help survivors on the long road to recovery.

“We appreciate the support of the Sedgwick County Commissioners and the support that you’ve given to victims and survivors in supplying housing needs and supportive service needs. We also appreciate the support of Sedgwick County’s law enforcement and the District Attorney’s Office. While I’m the new Executive Director of New Hope, I look forward to a long future of working with Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners and working with them to bring peace to our community. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you Patty. We appreciate very much the work you do. We know this is a kind of new territory job for you and we wish you the best and hope that you can have an impact upon this community and it is people like you working that do have impacts. Commissioner Miller.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Patty, would you give the public a bit more information about the organization that you’re the director of? We know that there are support agencies that are intact. We also know that there are many deficit areas that simply have not been addressed and it appears as though New Hope is attempting to do that. Can you give us a bit more information about you and the organization that you represent?”

Ms. Davis said, “Sure. Our organization is somewhat unique in that we provide long term support services for up to two years after women have come through the shelter to help them reintegrate into the community. Our mission and purpose is to empower them and make them self sufficient and independent so that they no longer have to rely upon public support or the support of anybody. We are sponsored by two Catholic Diocese in the community, but we have a broad based support from other faith communities as well. So we’re trying to diversify our funding to allow us to be as flexible as possible and we’re truly trying to meet the broadest scope of needs for all of our clients.

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“Right now, we have nine homes scattered throughout the community that our agency owns and we also provide support services to them as those needs arise. We also work with clients who are not sheltered in our homes and that is where we really are looking to expand and increase the number of clients that we serve in the non-sheltered support services.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Very good. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Patty was very effective with Sedgwick County and we’re confident that she’ll be effective in this position. Thank you Patty. Next item.”

APPOINTMENT

B. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DALE DIGGS TO THE WICHITA AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

Mr. Richard A. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We have prepared a Resolution that would appoint Dale Diggs to the Wichita Airport Authority for a term to expire on June 30, 1999. The Resolution is in proper form and we recommend it for your approval.”

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the Resolution.

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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RETIREMENT

C. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO JOHNNIE VANDERPOOL, EQUIPMENT OPERATOR 2, BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

Mr. Joe Cotton, Assistant Director, Personnel Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Johnnie Vanderpool, Equipment Operator 2, with the Bureau of Public Services, will retire November 1, 1997 after 30 years of service. Johnnie was hired March 1, 1967, as a Road and Bridge Crewman I. He became a Truck Driver/Laborer, on April 15, 1968. He became an Equipment Operator I on October 1, 1973, a Medium Equipment Operator on January 1, 1978, and promoted to an Equipment Operator II on April 26, 1982. Johnnie wasn't able to be here this morning and we'll make sure that he gets this clock and certificate of recognition."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much Joe. Hopefully he'll have an opportunity to watch on one of the rebroadcasts later in the week, but please make sure that the certificate and clock arise at his house so he'll know of our appreciation. Thank you. Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

D. PRESENTATION OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) PROGRESS REPORT.

Mr. Scott McBride, Director, GIS, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I appreciate this opportunity to present to you what I feel is one of the more exciting things happening here in Sedgwick County. We've got a presentation here this morning that I think you'll find very exciting for a department that is less than two years old. It will consist of two pieces. The first part of this presentation I will present a progress report with a power point slide show that you'll see here very briefly. Then afterwards, after I tell you about the things that we've done, just to add to our credibility, with any luck we will have a live demonstration. If all holds out, we'll be able to demonstrate live the things that we have been able to accomplish in the short period of time we've been in operation."

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SLIDE PRESENTATION

“Just to give you a real quick overview of some of the exciting things that we have been into. GIS, in less than two years, has been able to do some things that you might not expect from a department that is typically thought of as strictly a mapping department. We’ve been able to estimate populations from Emergency Management Services to find out how many people are in that service area or estimate the value of a proposed drainage ditch to find out what the assessed value is. We did a project and we’re ongoing working on a project to evaluate what the impact of mill levy’s are for tax areas that overlap, the County, with the City, and school districts and all the rest of the taxing authorities. We were able to facilitate real property appeal hearings and through the zoning map, we are able to identify what may potentially be sites for transfer stations. We had the Deputy Sheriff come over and ask us for aerial photographs that they entered as evidence to help get a conviction on a murder trial in less then three weeks. We’ve done a lot of very diverse and interesting things, but not to overlook the fact that we have done a job of providing good quality maps more efficiently than we did before. We’ve become recognized as a leader in GIS in Kansas.

“When we started out, we started out with some objectives in mind. These were the things that guided us in where we wanted to go and what we wanted to accomplish. We’ll go through these one at a time to see just how well we’ve been able to accomplish these things and the progress that we’ve made.

“One of our objectives was to provide quality maps. The first responsibility we had was to consolidate mapping activities and eliminate some duplication of mapping activities. We are now doing that. We got up and running and are producing maps that we couldn’t produce before. We’ve automated that system. We’ve also added to that collection administrative boundaries so we can keep track of where the districts are. We’ve added a soil map, a flood plain map, and a variety of other maps. These are just a small sample of them and I think in the second part of the show we’ll be able to show those to you and they will be more meaningful.

“One of the other objectives we had was to be able to build that GIS data base. To make the maps intelligent takes a lot of work. We wanted to be able to not just be able to display an overview of the things that we call layers in GIS but actually make sure that they are correct and accurate in the detail. When you get down to the parcel, being able to know that they are accurate, that’s a very detailed process. We have made great progress in completing that process and we’re very proud of the fact that we’ve added a zoning layer to that GIS and agricultural land use. These are the ones that we’ve accomplished so far. We’ll continue to build those layers.

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“We wanted to make sure that GIS was not done in a vacuum. We have worked very hard to participate and cooperate with other organizations out there. Because we are a part of the community, we have adjoining counties, we work with the cities, the schools, and everything else, utilities. We’ve worked very hard to develop partnerships with other peoples that will be working with that same geographic space that Sedgwick County overlaps. Western Resources has received files from us and hopes that eventually we’ll be able to take their service areas and integrate that information into the GIS. We have worked with six of the smaller cities are embarking upon a GIS program, making sure that they are working on the same foundation and same base that we are so that we won’t have incompatibilities when we get down the line and try to put those together.

“One of the successful programs that we embarked upon was one that we won an award from the National Association of Counties and that was a program where we took disks directly from surveyors and developers for new plats and put them directly in our system eliminating the need for us to enter that information again once it has been there. This has been a cooperative program and a very big success. On our list of Sedgwick County departments that we supported, there is a long variety. We’ve supported Emergency Management Services, the Fire District, the County Manager, one that you wouldn’t expect, the Bureau of Finance. We’ve worked with Capital Improvements, and the list goes on and on.

“One of the things that we have done is started laying ground work for establishing better public access. This is useful information, but it is less useful if we’re the only ones that can access it. That pool of people who can get into the system and answer the questions that they need to ask then that information is not utilized to the best of its ability. So we have laid the foundation for being able to provide better public access. One of the things that we’re working on now is a spacial data base engine. What that is is a server for maps. So you can take this information that we are building on very complex tools, put it on a client server, so you would be able to access it from your PC with an application that will be enabled for special data or be able to access it from the Internet. We’re working on building that capability and that is one of our objectives. In order to accomplish these things, we’ve had to increase our technical proficiency. When we started this department two years ago, we were spending a great deal of time literally inking maps by hand, with pen and ink. The department, it has become proficient and competent with some very very sophisticated tools, some very very powerful tools. We’re very proud of the way that they’ve been able to master these skills. We want to continue investing in their skills and their training so that they become more and more capable. We talked about being able to make maps from maps and manipulating them. That’s where you can take two layers of information, combine them, and come up with another layer of information that you didn’t have before. More difficult is to be able to develop a map from the data.

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“That’s what we did with Emergency Management. We took census data, population from the blocks, and said from that data we want to be able to get the numbers of people within a service territory. That is not something that you can do in a data base than is not spatially enabled. We would like to progress where we have more and more people that are capable of getting answers from GIS, whether it be for maps, spacial data from data or data bases that they might have on their own.

“One of the goals that we have is to be able to provide better information, better tools for you to make the decisions that you make and the department heads make in theirs. We started out with manual mapping and first of all moved toward where we were making the maps by computer, gaining a lot of efficiencies. A process that used to take three people full time to do, we call it agricultural extractions, we now have one person working at peak season two days a week and he is able to accomplish it. So we have gained some efficiencies by automating. The next step would be what we call in the industry spatially and enabling a data base. That means if you have a spread sheet, if you have a data base that has a location component in that, we can create a map from that so you can get a visual impact of where those things are located or analyze those things. That is called spatially and enabling a data base. The next step and where we would really like to shoot for is what we call GIS the next management tool. Since 85% of what we do in local government is based on location, whether it is providing services, knowing where tax district boundaries are, deciding what services need to be delivered where, finding out where our aging populations are so we know where those things need to be taken care of. That is where we are headed, it is to where GIS is more than a map, it is the ability to provide as reliable and accurate information as we possibly can to make those decisions. As our goal for Sedgwick County is to plan for the future and provide for the future needs in our County.

“In order to accomplish this, I’m not going to go through all these, but in order to accomplish this and to remain focused, we have been very specific in the goals that we want to take on, a very incremental approach. We take on what we think we can accomplish. In 1997 we set out with very specific goals and as we close in on the end of the year, we have accomplished or are near accomplishing almost all of these and we are proceeding on that path. For 1998 we’ve also set out some very specific goals that will keep us focused and keep us on that path to better GIS and provided services to the citizens of Sedgwick County. But rather than me standing here and telling you about the accomplishments that we’ve made, at this point I would like to introduce my Deputy Director, Christopher DeYoe and we’re going to go on line and actually show you briefly some of the things that we’ve been able to put together.

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Mr. Christopher DeYoe said, "Good morning. I'm going to give you a small tour of the kind of data that we have available in the GIS Department. We have a vast amount of information that is in our system. So what we're going to be looking at is just a little top of the layer of the data that we do have available for decision making support tools. The first part of this presentation is dealing with the layer that is daily maintained. It is the layer that in most counties is depended upon for the assessment of taxes in the Appraiser's Office. It is basically made up of three layers. There is a parcel layer, there is a soil layer, and there is a land use layer. This is very labor intensive. When this was done back in the stone age, what we like to call it, by hand, this took hours and hours just to get one little bit of information on one particular parcel. Now that we've become automated, it is easy for us to go in and maintain that particular layer and extract that information our extremely quickly and get the results accurately and up to the date to the Appraiser's Office. The first layer that we've been working on since the GIS' conception is the parcel layer. The very first slide that you're looking at is just a zoomed in version or a zoomed in portion of the County. We have approximately 184,000 parcels in the County. We have all of them complete. They are all on-line. We have them in different fashions. We have one massive coverage of the entire County that shows every parcel in the County. It would take too long to draw on the screen so we kind of clipped it out. You're looking at Park Township here. You see Valley Center there in the center west part of that map. It kind of gives you an idea of what the layout of the County is in terms of parcels.

"The next slide shows the utility of having digital orthophotography. Orthophotography meaning that it is very precise in its measurements. Things are brought on at the same level so you have a good representation of detail. In our applications, we are able to overlay the property ownership lines and the platted information on top of the aerial photograph. The photographs are only used for representation of what is out there. They are actually used every day to do measurement. To monitor new construction that is going on in the County. We're zoomed up in a little portion of Valley Center right now. You can see that we've shown the property ownership lines. We do have platted information on there. The thing on the maintenance of the parcel there is that we've set a goal that we can update and keep current on our parcel data within one or two days of us receiving that information through the regular channels. When it comes to putting a plat in, we're usually talking a little bit more time period. We actually, like Scott mentioned, we receive digital plats. Surveyors and developers send us the platted areas of the County on disks. We have a program that we have developed that automatically puts that into our map data base. Normally, that could take weeks and weeks to do by hand and it can take more than one person. With the digital plat, we plug the disk into the computer, run the program, and the plat is in within a few minutes. Then it takes a little bit of time just shoring up the loose ends that might exist on plats not matching. We have to solve those problems as well. So we have a time period of about one to two weeks that plats are entered in to kind of fine tune those things. We are current. We are at least current on splits and combos by 24 hours and about a week to two weeks on our plats.

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“The next largest data base in the County, especially for providing data for the Appraiser’s Office is the soil layer. The soil layer is very comprehensive. If you have ever seen a soil book, the last soil book we had was in 1983 and the one before that was 1957. In the 1983 soil survey, if you look through that book it is extremely comprehensive. It tells you every property of every soil that is in our County. To go through that book and to manually put that into the computer is a very time consuming endeavor. We’re lucky that we belong to the information age and Kansas is lucky to have an organization known as that data acquisition and support center in which they are a State ran agency that is a warehouse or storehouse or clearinghouse of digital data. We’re lucky that Sedgwick County is one of the Counties that has that data available. We’re able to down load that information via the Internet or on the CD and be able to put that information into our computer and with a few little changes make it fit our real world and use that data. We are able to now go on line and get all the attributes about the soil that we want.

“The next step on the agricultural assessment for the Appraiser’s Office is that time extensive step that Scott was mentioning about people going in the field, checking out the field, and looking at all the different agricultural uses in the County. That information comes back to us for mapping. What you are looking at is the agricultural uses in Park Township. The light greens being the crop fields, the darker greens being the irrigated fields, the yellows being urban uses.

“This is where we’re headed. This is very new territory. It is so new that we are in a pilot project as we speak. The State Property Evaluation Division is looking at Sedgwick County as finding out the utility of this next application. You are currently, and I do have to excuse the resolution of the image on this screen right now. The resolution on the screen on our computers downstairs is phenomenal, but you are looking at a satellite image of part of Sedgwick County. Again, this is Park Township. This satellite goes over us every 16 days at an altitude of 418 miles. Every 16 days we can get updated information. The satellite image is useful because it collects the reflected information from crops or buildings or transportation regions. We can take that data and have the computer automatically develop an ag use map, what you just saw before. The screen before was our personnel going in and entering this into the computer. With this next application, the computer will do it for us. That first side was visible light, what you and I would see, the next slide is the exact same image taking the different reflectivity, we’re looking at infrared. This is the scene that tells us what is what. We go in, we tell the computer a few things and it goes in and does a classification. In this particular image, the reds and the oranges are broad leaf very high moisture type of vegetation, usually trees, or alfalfa shows up like this and irrigated land. The greens and the kinds of light blues, those are just normal crop fields. The darker browns, this is June 7, 1997, that was a week before they started harvesting wheat, so all the wheat shows up as a brown. So it is easy for us to go through. The satellite image gives us the capabilities to do not a 25% classification like we do annually now, utilizing many people, but we can do the entire County within a couple of hours.

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“The next slide is just a basic view of data that we acquired from FEMA. This is your flood insurance rate map for Sedgwick County. Again, we acquired this from FEMA, made some enhancements to meet our projection of what we use.

“In September of 1996, we developed or recognized the need for zoning maps. In September of 1996, we started creating the zoning layer for the County. We finished that zoning layer by November. In January of 1997, we felt that we needed to get the City zoning into the machine and we have just currently, probably less than a month ago, have completed all of the zoning in the City of Wichita. We do not have the zoning in the small towns but that is part of the cooperation that Scott was talking about earlier, that we’re trying to work with small towns to add their zoning into this layer as well. But this is an example of answering the what ifs, if you’d hit the adjacent zoning please. What if we wanted to know the zoning around a particular tract? We can easily point and click, enter a parcel number, whatever, tell it 1,000 feet buffer around that particular parcel and show me what the zoning is. We can actually get ownership labels created from this list, assessed values, whatever type of inventory we want to do on that particular land. We are currently working on a project for the Election Commission and that is creating a comprehensive election or precinct type of layer. We can easily go in and find out what particular activities are going on in certain precincts. I won’t clarify that one. But we can show what the different districts are. Not only is this a tool to show what is actually existing, but this is a perspective tool to use when redistricting. Again, I won’t get into that.

“The fire district layer is actually from the tax unit. You see the tax unit. We won’t need to go there yet. The tax unit layer is showing all the different taxing units that we have in Sedgwick County but each taxing unit is made up of different fire districts, different school districts, different water districts, et cetera. We’re able to extract that data out of that one massive coverage and show that information. A lot of you have probably seen the fire district maps that we’ve created and the EMS district maps we created. Those all come from that tax unit layer. Here you are looking at the different fire districts. The blue dots, which are the red lines, the blue dots are showing the existing fire stations we have in the County and those green lines overlaid on that are showing the actual EMS boundaries. I sound like Jeopardy the way I’m doing those categories.

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“Again, this is just another data set that we’ve taken from the tax unit. We can easily show the school district boundaries. Like the election districts, school boundaries change. Those are based upon populations. We can easily redistrict school districts if they ask us to. These are just some of the basic tools. This is what all the different taxing units look like in the County, very comprehensive. A lot of data is overlaid on each other. Each one of those little regions have different taxing units. It might be a different fire district. It might be a different school district. But it is easy to overlay that information and like Scott mentioned before, we can take economic information and create new data from this data layer.

“The most recent layer that we’ve just completed was a map showing all the different capital improvements coming up between the years 1997 and 2001. We’re showing, in this particular layer, we’re only showing the roads and bridge projects that are coming up. The different colors represent the different years. The triangles are all the different bridge locations. We can actually click on one of those particular symbols and get even more specific of what that project is, not only where that project is happening and when it is happening, but what is actually going to go on there. We can easily put into the data base the cost and the schedules and the things like that, so we can actually do an inventory of what is coming up and what has been completed.

“Last is just a simple view of all the facilities that the County owns within the County. It is just a bunch of red dots, but we can actually click on those dots and find out what that particular facility is. That is just a quick view. The poster board outside shows us more of what we’ve actually done and Scott will entertain any questions.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much. Commissioner Schroeder has a question or a comment.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, “Scott, I appreciate the presentation today. I am overwhelmed about what we are able to do and how we can serve the public better, more efficiently and quicker with this information. It is just absolutely phenomenal to see what kind of technology we have available here in the courthouse today.

“A couple of questions. One is, when it comes to doing the maps and somebody had maybe previously done maps, how do we advertise that? How do we get that information out to the public that now GIS is the place you need to go? Do we have any kind of a plan or format for that?”

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Mr. McBride said, "We've looked very much at that plan and planning for it. At this point, we've pretty much kept that secret. The reason being that there is a lot, I mean we're in an age of instant gratification where if they see it, they want it. As I've said before, we want to make sure that they're accurate in the detail and not just in the large. We're not at a point where we need to make people available of that and we've talked about reproducing those. We have a bid out now that will give us the capability of being able to plot these out for customers on demand and those kinds of things. The reason we've kept it quiet is not to protect it, but the expectation arises much quicker than our ability to produce some of these things. We are moving rapidly towards being able to provide these things in a reliable manner."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "So at some point you will be able to let the users know for example real estate people and all those that now you need to come over here and see us for this information, et cetera. The reason I ask is that I got a letter from a title company that said that they had heard that the Clerk was no longer going to update and maintain quarter section maps. Is it my understanding now that you folks will or are going to do that process?"

Mr. McBride said, "Steve Euson gave me a copy of that letter and I believe I know who you are talking about. I gave them a call. When I sit down and talk with the title companies and the surveyors and the other people out there that have come to rely and expect these things, they are generally very supportive of it and the analogy I like to make, it is like road construction. We have a road that is not supporting the traffic. For a little while you're going to see some cones up there, but as soon as the truck and the asphalt machines move out of the way, traffic will move a little more freely. I would say that at this point if the people aren't finding the information they need, come to us and we'll do everything that we can to make sure that they are getting what they need. In our transition plan, the first presentation that I made to the County Commissioners here, we looked at what people were requesting, what kinds of services, what kinds of things they needed, and implemented that transition to try to disrupt that process as little as possible. There have been little bumps in the road, but for the most part, we're delivering good services to people and the big problem now is that some people just don't know who to ask or where to go, where to place that call. Some of those requests come to us indirectly."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "I'll tell you, through the growth process of the GIS Department, that's been the only issue or concern that I've had or heard is just who is responsible now, who will be responsible. Other than that, the information that you folks are producing is wonderful. It is so detailed and very clear. It is just amazing that the technology, you make it sound so simple, and you do, and you do it well. I appreciate the presentation today. I appreciate what you guys do. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. For those of you who don't know it out there, Scott delivered to us a detailed zoning map, it is about this big. There are lot of little bitsy teeny tiny things on there I couldn't believe you could get on there. Amazingly, I can look at that map and know what the zoning is in a particular area."

Mr. McBride said, "Like this?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Exactly."

Mr. McBride said, "I was anticipating that somebody was going to ask me what the red was and I'd either have to ask Chris or have my cheat sheet here."

Commissioner Hancock said, "We can see the old days when they put every section in light commercial, that's what some of those squares are at each intersection. Anyway, what I was going to ask you, a couple of things Scott. Will you be doing a social and economic map in the future based upon data you receive?"

Mr. McBride said, "Yes. We've talked to the Department on Aging, and what we are doing now, it was a couple of weeks ago. They have determined there are critical ages that people reach when they need new services. They know that when somebody reaches 65 or 70, I don't know what the ages are, but that is a point in their lives that they need services. What they are looking at is how do we deliver the level of service that they need rather than having them wait until they hit a critical level and need more services than they would have required if we would kind of increment and provide the services they need. So what we are doing is we are down loading that census data because we can look at where people are at this time and project what age groups will be in what areas of the County. Demographics are fairly reliable when you do projections on that. That is a project that we've discussed. We're gathering the data, but that is something that we will be working into in those idle moments when we have nothing to do."

Commissioner Hancock said, "We had visited Johnson County some time ago and we were contemplating GIS in Sedgwick County and they had a neat map showing values in a map form based upon different colors and so forth. It was real interesting to see how the values change."

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“Another thing, one of the particular annoyances I’ve had for the last few years has been for the Health Department to require soil boring for every lot that they give permits to for lateral and septic systems and lagoons and not having enough authority to stop it, whereas they’ve not required it in the past, it is an extra expense for those persons putting in those systems. Would your soil maps be accurate enough to reflect the type of soils to determine the need for a lagoon system or a septic system?”

Mr. McBride said, “There we would have to get an expert on soils. The GIS Department is a tool to facilitate answering those kinds of questions. We always rely upon those people who know the business or are experts in that field to provide the tool to answer that question. Chris, do you know the answer to that question?”

Mr. DeYoe said, “The soil layer does have all the different properties of the soil, so it does have perc rates, but we’re not in a position to make a decision on those perc rates, but they do have those listed in the book. We do have that data available.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Well if they know the perc rates then there is not excuse for a homeowner or a developer to go to the extra expense, \$300 to \$500 per lot, to have a boring, right? Say yes.”

Mr. McBride said, “Absolutely. If you get with me the name of someone in the Health Department or we can look it up, we can sit down with them and find out what works and would satisfy their needs. I don’t know the statutory requirements. I don’t know what all the requirements are that they need to satisfy, but that is certainly a project that we would be willing to work with them on.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “It is something that has been bothering me. It would be a huge savings County wide in the long run for the citizens who use that facility. It would be something we might look into and see if we could assist the Health Department with that requirement. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

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

Commissioner Schroeder said, “I just want to say, you guys all started out thinking this was going to be boring and it ends up being kind of interesting you know. There are a lot of questions generated from it. I know it is something that is very internal in our business here that a lot of people are not aware of. It sure makes a lot of peoples jobs and lives much more simpler and easier to cope with when this type of information is so readily available when you get to that point.

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“When you get the construction cones down and the hard hats off, then I think the public will see how easy it is to obtain this information and make it useful to whatever purpose they may have. Again, thank you. I appreciate the presentation Scott.”

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

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just have one question. I want to compliment you because as Bill said, when we were in Johnson County and looking at their system, it was something we all thought was a great idea. I anticipated however that it would be decades in the making here. I couldn’t imagine that we would be at this state in that short a period of time. Given your space limitations, you guys starting from bare bones, I want to compliment each and every one of you for the accomplishments to date. I think it is pretty amazing, pretty incredible. I sure look forward to the additional enhancements and improvements to the system. I don’t know if there are any special achievement awards, but I think you certainly deserve it.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, “Just send money.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Just pay raises, I’m sure that will do. But thank you, thank you really.”

Mr. McBride said, “I appreciate that. On behalf of the Department, they are conspicuously absent because we have them in two days training over at the City building today, so they’re not here. But on behalf of them I appreciate that. I would be remiss in saying that Chris and I stand up here and take the accolades for them but they have been a marvelous crew and we would really like to congratulate the people who have done all the hard work to make it possible.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you all. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much Scott. Good presentation. Keep up the good work. Commissioners, I don’t believe we need to take any action on this agenda item. Does anyone else have any comments before we move on? Next item.”

E. RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 65-3405.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you delivered to your office this week, the Addendum to the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Plan, October 1997. I wanted to review a couple of particular items for you. Last week we took some action regarding those.

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“On page 72 of the Addendum you will see that we have included the ban on yard waste and page 72 indicates that it will be implemented on October 9, 2001. The same section in the middle of page 72 talks about construction and demolition debris also being banned on October 9, 2001.

“The third item that you dealt with was volume based trash. That can be found on the bottom part of page 73. You approved implementation of a volume based trash rate. The Solid Waste Management Committee will review that by June of 1998 and would be implemented by October 9, 2001.

“You also took a vote on curb side recycling, which is also on page 73, which is the bottom bullet of the page. Curb side recycling will be provided to all residents who wish to receive the service. It is voluntary. Business are not required. To ensure a higher quality of recyclables, those who recycle will be required to separate the recyclables.

“Item five was the free market system of collection which can be found on page 74. This section talks about that. You instructed us to develop a goal of 40% and that is way in the front of the book in the Executive Summary on the third page. These pages of the Executive Summary aren't numbered, but it is the bottom bullet of the third page, Sedgwick County will achieve a 40% reduction in disposal of municipal solid waste by the year 2003. Those were the action that you took at last week's meeting.

“There are two other changes to note. Here's a new page 75 for your review, which we discussed at yesterday's meeting. Page 75 now reads at the bottom paragraph, if recyclables are picked up through a blue bag system, bags and trash would be picked up and delivered to a mixed waste processing facility which would double as a transfer station. There is no mention at this point of how that method of pickup, whether it be one truck or ten trucks, or three or four different trucks, there is no mention of that and we think that makes sense for us to keep working on that issue.

“Would you please note that the other change is on changing this figure on the time line. I would like to just review that time line with you for a moment. The change of course came as a suggestion under transfer station site selection that the last line, February through April of 1998, and that is when the final site approval will take place. You'll see above that a preliminary selection of sites will occur between now and the end of December. By February 15, we will finalize the list of potential sites, and we would expect, even with zoning, conditional use approval to be finished through that process by April. You will see that on this Solid Waste Management Plan implementation time line, that there are time lines for all the activities that we have just mentioned.

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“The waste stream reduction occurs from this date into the future. The processing of recyclables, we will continue to discuss that from now until 1999, January or March of 1999 and a selection of recycling material processor if necessary will occur between March and June of ‘99. If necessary, a recycling facility construction facility will occur after that. The transfer station site selection, we just talked about. There are a few processes included in that through January and May of 1998. You can see the activities under that, what will be occurring.

“The financial considerations, there are a lot of issues regarding tipping fees and other fees, will occur from now, this point, through mid year of 2001 as we move closer. We will continue to update the State, KDHE, with its annual report in October of each year. This is the information that has come to you through the Solid Waste Planning Committee. Their recommendations are included in the Addendum and the work that was submitted in March. We have now added the Addendum and done what we think we are required to do according to the letter that was sent to us by KDHE. I’m sure there is more work to be done and we will continue to look at this. But it would be my recommendation that you approve this Addendum and we will submit it to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment as required.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Miller.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Bill, under transfer station site selection, I’m glad that we have moved up the actual time line in terms of being able to have a final site approval earlier on in 1998. That was something that concerned me for some time. I was never quite sure why it was that we weren’t actually siting that transfer station earlier then that, in 1998. Where does that request from KDHE stand? How is it that KDHE sees or is requesting Sedgwick County to let them know when the final site will actually be in order?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “The last meeting that we had with the secretary, it was suggested that we needed to get that done as soon as possible.”

Commissioner Miller said, “So ASAP is basically what they gave to us?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “They told us that, yes.”

Commissioner Miller said, “We pushed it up to, it looks like the second quarter and really the first quarter, the fourth month in 1998, we’ll definitely have that site chosen. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

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

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Prior to that selection, do we anticipate a conditional approval only at this point?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I'm optimistic. I believe what they wrote to us in March, we have filled those requirements. We've done exactly what they've told us to do according to the written correspondence from that department to Sedgwick County, we have all the expectations in the world that we receive final approval. The realistic side would suggest that that is probably not going to occur because they have thought some more about this project and thought it would be more helpful for their process to see where those sites would be. They will probably, I would anticipate, that this will be approved conditional, upon us telling them where the sites will be in some future date."

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

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Schroeder."

Commissioner Schroeder said, "Bill, first of all, thank you for making the changes in the Addendum that we discussed in the staff meeting yesterday. I've given this a lot of thought and I had planned probably to vote in the negatively on this today. There are a few things that I'm not in agreement with but I want to be a team player and I don't want to be pointed out as not a team player, that we need a 5-0 vote and I'm willing to do what's right. But I'll tell you what, I'm a little bit disgusted with KDHE. They sent us a letter on March 28, 1997, telling us what they wanted and then apparently politics, somebody got involved in the process and changed their mind and asked us to be site specific, all these kinds of things that are very detailed difficult issues to deal with within a community. We had literally no time to make those decisions, I think, in a pertinent way. But, with the good staff that we have, we have been able to try to come up with what we think are some good sites, good solution, in a short period of time, which I think can be dangerous if you don't have good staff doing that. But we do have good staff and I think we're probably making some good decisions. I'm a little bit taken back that we're at this position so soon in this process and asking the County Counselor if any other communities have ever been through this process in the way we've had to go through it as recommended by KDHE. I don't think any other community has had to do it this way and I'm not quite sure why we have to. But I think today I'm going to be supportive but I want it on record that I think we're going from one extreme to the other when we go from dumping everything you have into the trash can to the landfill to sorting it out at the curb. I'd like to have seen us do something in between."

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“The Committee was one point away either way, to go with the blue bag concept versus curb side sorting. I think there are variations of blue bag and it is like anything else in life, you can change it to fit whatever fits your community best and that was the goal I was trying to reach, to use the blue bag system which would allow people to recycle in an easier way, would allow more of them to do it, which would pull about 100 tons a day more out of the landfill or out of the waste stream. That is what I’ve been supportive of. I understand that it can be a little bit more expensive, but I think with a lot of hard work we could probably get the cost of that down to where it is not much more than what we are talking about today. Maybe even the same cost. I just think we needed to explore it more and I’m glad the option is listed in the Addendum but I wanted to go on record as to how I feel about the system. KDHE has changed their mind about how they want us to give information to them and the issue of blue bag versus curb side. I’m going to be supportive of it today but there are things that still bother me. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. I am going to be supportive too and I think most of us when we worked on this back and forth we had an opportunity to review again what we talked about last week. I don’t think that this is a significant change in just changing how many trucks that we are talking about if we talk about a blue bag system and if that would help Commissioner Schroeder support it, I’m supportive of that. But when we talk about a blue bag system, if we talk about two trucks, we’re not talking about a blue bag system, we’re talking about a curb side system of mixed waste. So I think that is not just a little more expensive I think it is a lot more expensive. But I certainly want to keep all of our options open and this may very well be one way we can keep our options open without making a commitment to this blue bag system as it is traditionally done. I want to at least say that as far as I’m concerned, I’m not going to be supportive of that system because I think it is just incredibly expensive. Any other comments on any of the issues contained in the Addendum before we take a Motion? Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “While we’re talking about giving minority reports for those of us who didn’t prevail in some of our concepts, I do want to go back and remind the Board that the free market system for trash collection was the one that the Board adopted and that will be included in our report and I will support it as a member of the Board. My concerns about the free market system have to do with the cost to the consumer and I think the only thing that the free market system can continue to do is to keep our collection cost in this community higher than they are any where else in this region. For that matter, almost any where else in the country. So I would challenge us to continue to look for better ways to provide better service with lower cost to the consumer in whatever form that may be in the future. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Winters said, “Are there other comments or questions? Commissioner Schroeder.”

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Commissioner Schroeder said, "Betsy, instead of being negative about your idea or concept, we'll say that I may be negotiable on that at some point. I've given that more consideration and we can probably talk about that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I appreciate that. Like I said, I voted in the majority on that simply because I too want us to be together on this. I think it is that important. But I think we certainly have additional challenges as we proceed to try to find all the right answers. I appreciate everybody's help on that. So far, quite frankly, all the hard work that my colleagues have gone to, to try to learn to educate themselves like some in the community are in opposition to some of the community, I don't believe that we are ignorant about this issue. We've had to come on a real fast track. We made a determination just over a year ago that this was going to be our responsibility and this Board of County Commissioners and our staff has geared itself up to learn to become proficient, to become knowledgeable about the laws and those requirements. All along, the Committee has been kind of our balance if you will because they've been in this for a long time and I want to compliment this entire organization as well as the public who has helped us through this decision making process because I do believe we have as an employee of KDHE said, the best plan that has ever been written in the State. That would not have happened if it weren't for this Board getting on, learning about it, and our staff gearing up and getting it done and the public's assistance in this process. So I think there are a lot of congratulations due to this point not dissimilar to those that I made to the GIS Department. We started this from ground zero. We were brand new to it. I'm telling you I think we've accomplished quite a bit and I'm very proud of all of you and certainly of our staff and the community for their assistance. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, I think we're about to the point where we can vote on this Addendum to be delivered to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment tomorrow. Is there other discussion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, thank you. We have the Resolution here and we're going to ask the Clerk to do whatever she needs to do with it and have you then sign it so we can assure that it gets in the State's hands."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Then I think all of us would like, once we get all the corrections made as soon as we can get the final copy as it is going to be presented to the State, I think we all need to have that."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Chairman Winters, you now with those two pages that I just handed out have the corrected copy that is going to be submitted to the State."

Chairman Winters said, "Are you going to supply us with other copies or do I need to hang on to this one? Is this my final copy?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "That is your final copy that needs to be placed in the back of the Solid Waste Management Plan, insert page 75 and the new chart and you have it. We will be glad to make sure that we all have the same one."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Madam Clerk, call the next item."

F. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FAIR MARKET RENTS APPLICABLE TO THE SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998 PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 17-2357.

Mr. Larry Weber, Housing Administrator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am here today to ask that this Resolution be adopted. This is an annual requirement. The fair market rents are established and forwarded to us by HUD for adoption and publication. I'm here to answer any questions that you may have."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt 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	Absent at vote
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

G. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTRAL AVENUE BETWEEN GREENWICH ROAD AND 127TH STREET EAST (PROJECT NO. 618-34).

Mr. Richard A. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, we have prepared a Resolution to authorize condemnation of certain parcels of ground for both temporary and permanent right-of-way project on Central between Greenwich and 127th Street East. We recommend this for your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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."

H. ADDITION OF THREE FULL-TIME INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT WORKER POSITIONS, RANGE 17, AND TWO PART-TIME INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT WORKER POSITIONS TO THE BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE) STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Juvenile Intake and the Assessment Center has received some additional dollars from the State which allows us to expand the staff. We are also working towards providing more of an attendant care program so juveniles or children can stay within the facility for a more extended period of time with our hope that they are able to return home instead of going into placement. Be glad to answer any questions and would recommend your approval."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a moment to say that when you think about all the reform and change that the State of Kansas is initiating for us, particularly through the Youth Authority Commission, some will say that the juvenile intake and assessment center will be the gate keeper. So it is interesting to see that we're in the process of enhancing this very important component in being able to control juveniles going into the system early on and who knows where we will actually end up when we ultimately unveil the plans. It is very good to see that the State is definitely endorsing the front-end of the solution. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you Commissioner. Any other questions or comments? If not, 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 Deborah. Next item."

I. RECOMMENDATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS THAT A FURTHER TAX REFUND BE GRANTED IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHARLES S. TESTERMAN FOR RELIEF OF A TAX GRIEVANCE IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS.

Mr. Craig Andersen, Hearing Coordinator, Appraiser's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The matter before you this morning is a tax refund recommendation for a tax grievance. The applicant is Charles S. Testerman. The tax years at issue are 1989 through 1993. The property involved in this grievance is a store type property located at 5858 S. Broadway. There are 30,000 square feet of excess land that should be classed as vacant. The tax years 1994 through 1997 have been corrected and should the Board recommend a refund, that refund will total \$644.27. I'm available for any questions you may have."

Chairman Winters said, "Thanks Craig. Any questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to make a recommendation for a further tax refund.

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, "Thanks Craig. Next item."

**J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' OCTOBER 23, 1997
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have minutes from the October 23 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are seven items for your consideration.

**(1) CARGO VAN - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL**

"Item one is a cargo van for the Central Motor Pool and Animal Control It was recommended to accept the low bid meeting specifications of Don Hattan Chevrolet, in the amount of \$13,000 with trade-in and optional manuals.

**(2) 4 X 2 CREW CAB PICKUP - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL**

"Item two is a 4 X 2 crew cab pickup for the Central Motor Pool and the Bureau of Public Services. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Frye Chevrolet in the amount of \$10,565, which includes trade-in and optional manuals.

**(3) 3/4 TON FOUR WHEEL DRIVE DIESEL SUBURBAN - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL**

"Item three is a 3/4 ton four wheel drive diesel suburban for Central Motor Pool and the Bureau of Public Services. It was recommended to reject all bids, modify the specifications and re-solicit at a later date.

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(4) ONE TON CHASSIS CAB FLATBED TRUCKS - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL

“Item four is a one ton chassis cab flatbed truck for the Central Motor Pool and the Bureau of Public Services. Sorry, that is a quantity of four. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Frye Chevrolet, in the amount of \$106,902, that includes trade-in and optional manuals.

(5) ONE TON CHASSIS CAB STAKEBED TRUCK - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL

“Item five is a one ton chassis cab stakebed truck for the Central Motor Pool and the Bureau of Central Services. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Don Hattan Chevrolet, in the amount of \$20,170 with includes trade-in and optional manuals.

(6) SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE - INFORMATION SERVICES
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES

“Item six, software maintenance for Information Services Department. It was recommended to accept the sole source bid of Computer Associates, in the amount of \$48,342.08. That is maintenance for the 1998 fiscal year or a majority thereof, and this is the publisher of the software.

(7) VOICE MAIL SYSTEM - INFORMATION SERVICES
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES

“Item seven is a voice mail system for Information Services and the Sedgwick County Courthouse. It was recommended to accept the low proposal of Southern Kansas Telephone in the amount of \$103,604. I apologize, it references there in your handout, there is a complete summary of this tabulation that is not in your packet, I have copies of that here. That information that I’m handing out right now is the recommendation from the Information Service Department and a complete tabulation of all the prices.

(8) XEROX 4235 LASER PRINTER - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: DETENTION FACILITY ADDITION

“Item eight is a Xerox 4235 laser printer for Capital Projects Department and the Detention Facility. It was recommended to accept the sold source bid of Xerox Corporation, in the amount of \$45,494 to match existing equipment.

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(9) COPY MACHINE - BUREAU/PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: BUREAU/PUBLIC SERVICES

(10) MOTOR GRADER - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL

“There are two items that do not require action at this particular time, copy machines for the Bureau of Public Services. Those bids were tabled for review. And a motor grader for Central Motor Pool. Those proposals are also being reviewed. I will be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the minutes provided by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Commissioners, are there questions or comments? Seeing none, 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.

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Schroeder.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, “Darren, the voice mail issue. Did we have an estimate of what we thought it was going to cost us?”

Mr. Muci said, “Commissioner, I would say it was a bit lower than the recommended amount. In my mind I was thinking between \$75,000 and \$100,000, but that again was an estimate at that time. We upgraded the specifications to be assured that we meet all the needs of the County Courthouse.”

Commissioner Schroeder said, “Okay, thank you Darren.”

Chairman Winters said, “Any other questions or comments? Please call the vote.”

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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 Darren. Next item."

CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V97061	\$340.00	5	Cottage Grove

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V93128	\$328.00	\$194.00
V94012	\$384.00	\$521.00
V97002	\$000.00	\$325.00
V96063	\$146.00	\$324.00
C97047	\$375.00	\$000.00
C95120	\$345.00	\$244.00

3. Agreement with Research Information Services to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.

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- 4. Resolution declaring certain County property to be surplus and authorizing the disposal thereof.**
- 5. Order dated October 22, 1997 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. Consideration of the Check Register of October 24, 1997.**
- 7. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
970625	County Clerk	Transfer
970626	Election Commission	Transfer
970627	Finance	Transfer
970628	Information Services	Transfer
970629	COMCARE	Supplemental Appropriation
970630	COMCARE	Supplemental Appropriation
970631	COMCARE-Juvenile Intake and Assessment	Supplemental Appropriation
970632	Public Services	Transfer

Mr. Buchanan said, “You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it.”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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, “We do need to have an Executive Session in this Regular Meeting. So 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 10:21 a.m. and returned at 10:24 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, “I’ll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, October 29, 1997. Is there other business?”

L. OTHER

Commissioner Miller said, “Yes there is Mr. Chairman.”

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 40 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the attorney/client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and personnel matters of non-elected personnel and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:05 a.m.

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

Chairman Winters said, "We are recessed into Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m. and returned at 11:25 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, "I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of October 29, let the record show that there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Is there any other business to come before this meeting? Mr. Manager? Mr. Euson? This meeting is adjourned."

M. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Chairman
Third District

PAUL W. HANCOCK, Chairman Pro Tem
Second District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner
First District

MELODY C. MILLER, Commissioner
Fourth District

MARK F. SCHROEDER, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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