

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, February 4, 1998, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Mark F. Schroeder; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Paul W. Hancock; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Melody C. Miller; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Daryl Gardner, County Controller; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE; Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Bureau of Community Development; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Steve Gilbert, Forensic Administrator, Regional Forensic Science Center; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Linda M. Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Andy Bias, Proclamation
Principal Sowers, Derby High School
Ms. Phyllis Buchanan, Proclamation
Tracy Ward, Derby High School
Megan Gruber, Derby High School
Christopher Hodges, Derby High School

INVOCATION

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

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, January 14, 1998**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of January 14, 1998.

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, you've received the Minutes of the meeting, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Minutes of January 14, 1998.

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Next item please."

CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Mr. Daryl Gardner, County Controller, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I certify that there are funds available for those items that we have identified on today's Regular and Sewer District Agendas that require the expenditure of funds. The list has been provided to you previously. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Next item please, Madam Clerk."

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PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 1998 AS "AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, I have that Proclamation which I'll read into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Wichita Metropolitan Family Preservation Agency has dedicated the month of February to providing youth with a deeper understanding of their cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, many African-Americans from the State of Kansas and Sedgwick County have contributed to the success of our city, state and nation in fields of education, commerce, science, sports, civil rights, literature and government; and

WHEREAS, such monumental and historic works by noted authors such as Gordon Parks and landmarks such as Dunbar Theater, the First National Black Historical Society of Kansas, A. Price Woodard Park, and the Maya Angelou Library serve to remind us on a daily basis of contributions made by African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the social and cultural development of all youth to understand the diversity and ancestral heritage of others as the key to better understanding themselves and the background of our great nation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February, 1998 as

"AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH"

in Sedgwick County, and urge all citizens to study and recognize the numerous contributions made by African-Americans to the success of our great country, state and nation."

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MOTION

Chairman Schroeder moved to adopt the Proclamation 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Today we have Andy Bias here with us to accept the Proclamation. Mr. Bias."

Mr. Andy Bias said, "Good morning Commissioners. I just want to take the opportunity to thank you for the Proclamation and to also invite you to our open house on the 24th of this month, at 1631 East 17th Street from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come by and enjoy the celebration. Thank you."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Next item please."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 4, 1998 AS "DERBY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND DAY."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, I have that Proclamation which I will also read into the record."

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Derby High School (DHS) Marching Band was the pride of Kansas and Sedgwick County in the 109th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade, New Years Day, Thursday, January 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Glen Goering, DHS Band Director, and the support of friends and family, the marching Panthers demonstrated how success can be achieved through persistence and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the spirit and pride of Derby were evident as the community rose to the challenge of raising \$200,000 to assure the band member's participation in the parade; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers grabbed the national spotlight on all three networks and cable with their showmanship and musical expertise;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 4, 1998 as

“DERBY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND DAY”

in Sedgwick County in recognition of the success of the Panthers and the City of Derby, Kansas.

MOTION

Chairman 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.

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VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you Commissioners. With us today we have our band director, Glen Goering, and Principal Sowers from Derby High School are all here today. Will you please come forward? We would like to present you with the Proclamation and on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners we want to present you with a plaque dedicating that eventful day and recognizing the hard work and pride that you folks showed that day in the parade. Thank you and congratulations.”

Mr. Glen Goering said, “Thank you. We appreciate this very much. It was a great trip and it was a great honor to represent not only Kansas but a five state area in this event. It is a once in a lifetime kind of thing and we appreciate the recognition very much. Thanks a lot.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Before you go, I think I’d like to have the students introduce themselves and tell us a little bit about themselves and how you participated in the parade.”

Ms. Tracy Ward said, “I’m a senior at Derby High School and I am one of the drum majors that led the parade on the Rose Bowl.”

Ms. Megan Gruber Said, “I’m also a senior at Derby and I’m also one of the drum majors that led the parade.”

Mr. Christopher Hodges said, “I’m a junior at Derby High School and I’m one of the drum majors that led the parade.”

Mr. Sowers said, “I’m the principal that is lucky enough to be in a school of 2,000 kids with drum kids like this. It is quite an honor to be there. Again, I want to thank the Commission for recognizing the excellence of this group and the instruction of Mr. Goering. I also wanted to introduce one other person that we left out. This is Kim Thompson who has been the foremost authority being the band president, booster president this year, who helped raise those \$300,000. Kim, thank you.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, I'd ask that we take up an Off Agenda Proclamation."

OFF AGENDA ITEM

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to take an Off Agenda Proclamation.

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Commissioners, I'll read that Proclamation into the Minutes.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of February is the birth month of two of four greatest presidents, President Washington and President Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, daughters of the American Revolution designate February as American History Month; and

WHEREAS, our history is important for each citizen of our country; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February, 1998 as

“AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH”

and call upon the residents of Sedgwick County, to reflect upon the history of the United States of American.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Today I have with us according to my notes, Phyllis Buchanan.”

Ms. Phyllis Buchanan said, “This is very nice, always every year. Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, thank you for proclaiming February as American History Month. The Wichita area has six chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and this year I brought notes because I tend to forget who they are. Eunice Sterling, Flores Del Sol, Little Arkansas, Little Osage Trail, Martha Loving Ferrell, Randolph Loving, and the Wichita Chapter. Thank you for this time.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Appreciate you being here. Next item please.”

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DONATION

B. DONATION OF TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY INSTRUMENTATION FROM LABONE, INC., OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.

Mr. Steve Gilbert, Forensic Administrator, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Recently the Center, particularly the toxicology laboratory, received a donation from Mr. Alan Davis and Dr. Michael Peat from LabOne, Incorporated, which is located in Overland Park, Kansas. They donated a Technicon Chem-1 Chemistry Analyzer. This instrument is used in drug identification and analysis. This is a very generous and very significant item for us right now. We have been currently conducting analysis about eight to ten cases per day and this will allow us to do in the area of 200 cases per day. This will help us serve all our clientele a lot more quickly. We have over 80 clients, which includes various County coroners and County agencies, et cetera. The replacement value of this instrument if we were to buy it is \$140,000. So we feel this is quite a significant addition to our toxicology lab. They have been very generous to contact us and offer this donation to the County. We prepared two letters of thank you in recognition to Mr. Davis and Dr. Peat and we recommend that the Chairman be authorized to sign these letters. I’ll answer any questions if you have any.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you Steve. Any questions of Mr. Gilbert? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign letters (two) of appreciation.

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Steve, we appreciate you bringing this to us. It is quite a great deal and when I talked to you yesterday, I was a little bit surprised. I think most people recognize our Forensic Science Center as one of the best in the region. If you folks stay on top of it like you have been, it will always stay there and we appreciate your hard work and dedication. Next item please."

PUBLIC HEARING

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING ISSUANCE OF SINGLE-FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000.

Chairman Schroeder said, "Item C under public hearing was something that we had already done last week and it was inadvertently put back on the agenda. Do we need to do anything officially with that Mr. Euson or just go on to the next item?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, "I think that statement is sufficient."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you."

NEW BUSINESS

D. RESOLUTION APPROVING A SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is the last step in the process of updating our user fee schedule. I would remind those in the viewing audience that we started this process last year. On December 11, we presented this to the Board of Health and they gave unanimous support. We provided the information on December 31 in an open meeting to this Board and again on January 7. We also sent a letter to the City of Wichita yesterday on the 3rd.

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“I met with the City of Wichita at their meeting to discuss the issue and received a few questions but no concerns about our updating of these user fees. It is my recommendation that we move on and we implement it on February 15, 1998.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you Tom. Discussion on this item? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you Tom. Next item please.”

E. LAKE AFTON AND SEDGWICK COUNTY PARKS.

1. AGREEMENT WITH MIDWEST KARTING ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK MAY 9-10, 1998 AND JULY 9-12, 1998 TO HOLD ENDURO KART RACES.

Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This first agreement is with the Midwest Karting Association and they’ve been holding go-kart races at Lake Afton Park for several years. It is a standard form agreement that we’ve had with them for the past several years. We’ve coordinated dates with the Park Superintendent and would recommend your approval.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Any discussion on this item?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Agreement 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH OZ BICYCLE CLUB FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK MAY 17, 1998 TO HOLD A WICKED WIND 100 BICYCLE TOUR.

Mr. Harrison said, "Item two is an Agreement with the Oz Bicycle Club for use of Lake Afton Park on May 17, 1998, to hold a Wicked Wind 100 Bicycle Tour. This again is an event that we have had in the Park for several years. It is a standard form agreement and we would recommend your approval."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Discussion on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Next item."

3. AGREEMENT WITH QUIVIRA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK FEBRUARY 14, 1998 TO HOLD AN ESKIMO RUN.

Mr. Harrison said, "Item three is an Agreement with the Quivira Council Boy Scouts of America for use of Sedgwick County Park on February 14, 1998, to hold an Eskimo Run. I believe this is a new event for the Scouts at the park. They've held other events at the park in the past. We have coordinated the dates with the Park Superintendent and would recommend your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Agreement 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Next item."

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4. AGREEMENT WITH MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION, GREATER KANSAS CHAPTER, FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK APRIL 25, 1998 TO HOLD WALKAMERICA.

Mr. Harrison said, "The fourth item is an Agreement with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, the Greater Kansas Chapter, for use of Sedgwick County Park on April 25, 1998, to hold an event called Walkamerica. This is a standard form agreement. We've coordinated it with the Park Superintendent and would recommend your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin 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.

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thanks **Gerry**. Next item please."

F. BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE.

1. CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY, INC. TO PROVIDE TUTORING, MENTORING, COUNSELING, HEALTH SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO TARGETED CHILDREN.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item is essentially the renewal of a contract that we've had for several years with Communities in Schools and they've done a very fine job with us. It also includes the addition of a half-time case manager that will be working with one of the middle schools. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Discussion? Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Deborah, each time we sign a contract with one of the organizations that will provide preventative services and receive money from the prevention fund, it will come before us, is that going to be the process?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Miller said, "Is this the first one?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "This is the first one."

Commissioner Miller said, "And time line wise, when do we think we'll have the rest of the contracts on line?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "I'm thinking that the majority, if not all, should be by the first of March."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you."

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

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

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Next item."

2. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, this is a new contract. This is our first children's mental health Medicaid waiver. This allows children who normally have not been eligible for Medicaid and wrap around services in terms of some type of reimbursement for that, to be eligible and receive those services. The waiver is focused on those with the most serious emotional disturbance, many of whom would otherwise perhaps be in a State hospital. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Discussion on this item? Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Debbie, you said this is the first for this particular aspect. Do we not have waivers for developmentally disabled?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Yes, we do."

Commissioner Gwin said, "How does this one differ from that program?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "The home and community based waiver for individuals who are developmentally disabled has been in place for quite a period of time and is really the primary funding source of support for many individuals who have those particular disabilities and obviously covers a different array of services than you would on the mental health side. I think the mental health side has actually asked for years why this hasn't been explored as an option because it certainly pulls in a greater amount of federal funds and in fact, was one of the aspects that helped eliminate or dramatically reduce to the point of eliminating the waiting list on the developmental disability side and certainly helped fund services that were necessary. This is really, we hope, just a first start on the mental health side. At this point there are 600 slots with an anticipated 1,000 slots by July 1. We're in the process of exploring an adult mental health waiver. In fact, some folks will be visiting Colorado where they have one within the next month."

Commissioner Gwin said, "On the DD side, does that require a County match funding?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "No, it does not."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Does this new program require a County match?"

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Ms. Donaldson said, "At this point, if they do not put adequate funds in, there will be a County match."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Where then will those funds come from?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "One of our existing programs."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So something now that is working successfully that we've implemented is going to be minimized, if you will, to be able to transfer money?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "We'll have to see what we can do to balance that. We're currently actively working with the Legislature in terms of making sure that is fully funded. Our only other option is that if we feel that would be too damaging to existing programs, we would have to dramatically decrease the number of slots available which would really be too bad for children and families who desperately need these."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I will certainly do whatever I can to work with you to convince the Legislature of the need of those additional funds and certainly believe the Mental Health Advisory Board, who I know are active and committed and concerned people, hope they'll help us in that effort too."

Ms. Donaldson said, "I appreciate that. I know there was a hearing on Monday and several of our folks were there and actually I understand there were a number of people who brought up this issue."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Really, because I was told that they didn't."

Ms. Donaldson said, "I double checked that and they did."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Interesting. Well, okay. Let's stay on top of it. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

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

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Thanks Debbie. Next item please."

G. AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND TRANSFER STATION IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES.

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "There are many components to the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Plan. One component utilizes a transfer station for solid waste disposal. There are many issues associated with transfer stations. Because of this, it is important for Sedgwick County to work with experts in the transfer station field. HDR Engineering, Incorporated, is such an expert. They were founded 80 years ago. They employ over 1,600 employees nationwide and have worked on over 200 transfer stations. Some of those transfer stations are located in such cities as Seattle, Sacramento, Tampa, Norfolk, Omaha, and Dallas. So they have a wide range of expertise in working on these stations. I feel it is important to work with this company. Before you is a contract with HDR Engineering, Incorporated, to assist Sedgwick County in dealing with the issues associated with transfer stations. The contract is not to exceed \$50,000, and I recommend you approve the contract. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you Susan. Discussion on this item? Commissioner Miller."

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Commissioner Miller said, "In terms of the duration of the contract and the services provided, after the design and the transfer station is up and running and operational, is there any other consultation or follow up that we'll receive from this?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "We worked with HDR in developing the contract in different phases. This is for the first phase which will expire at the end of this year. As we go into the transfer station process and if we feel the County's involvement is such, we can hire them for different phases and we would do a new contract at that time."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay. So this is specific."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Specific for the initial phases and determining what issues are involved with a transfer station."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay, thank you."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Thank you Susan. Next item please."

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H. SEDGWICK COUNTY 1998 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Bureau of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We bring for your consideration today an Economic Development Strategy for 1998. Many may wonder why we need an Economic Development Strategy with the economy doing so well right now. I’d liken it to having a fire department and organizing a fire department every time you have a fire. There is a lot of work that needs to be done in the meantime in the fire department’s case to keep the community safe and in the economic development case to keep businesses strong and healthy and keep the community growing.

“The past several years, economic development has been a partnership through the WI/SE partnership for growth. That partnership was dissolved in 1995 and for the past year we’ve been seeking a new solution, a new response. How we’ll organize our resources to continue the process of economic development in the community. What I’m proposing today is a strategy that will outline the County’s initiative in economic development and I’ll ask Jennifer here to help me.

“As I’ve said today, we’re looking at a proposal for an economic development strategy for 1998. Our mission as we’ve always had in economic development is to promote a strong sustainable and diverse regional economy. We plan to do this through three major initiatives.

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“These three major initiatives will be accomplished through a variety of mechanisms. We’ll be using coordination, facilitation, collaboration, leadership, direct service, and accountability. In summary, we’re going about this in the business in partnerships. We’re leveraging resources that are currently available. We’re adding value to those resources.

“Our strongest initiative is in the area of business retention, expansion, and attraction. We have four particular initiatives in that. One, we’re working with the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce to expand a structured program of local business visitation to determine their growth plans and other issues. In 1998, we’ll be focusing on 200 companies who are non-aircraft related. We’re looking at the needs and concerns of the smaller businesses and other industries within the Sedgwick County community, as we maintain a strong relationship with the aerospace industries. We will also partner with the Chamber of Commerce and their business expansion personnel to find a focal point to provide a focal point for new communities wishing to expand or relocate into Sedgwick County.

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“It provides a one step mechanism, a one stop response for those inquiries. We have referrals from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. We have independent referrals and inquiries from businesses outside the community. We need a place for them to call where they will get a comprehensive and quick response. We’ve also asked the business expansion staff to perform analysis on data. We need to find out if there are barriers or obstacles to growing businesses locally. We need to find out if there are reasons why companies decided not to move here. We need to analyze those and see if there are barriers we can remove.

“We also need accurate readily available and current data about Sedgwick County, its people, its places, and its markets. These are vital pieces of information for businesses seeking to move here and to expand here. We plan to continue a relationship through the Chamber with Wichita State University to make this data available in the format in which it is needed.

“The second component in our strategy is direct business assistance. We plan to do this through two mechanisms. One, to continue County membership in the South Central Kansas Economic Development District. This organization, more commonly known as SCKED, uses federal funds to provide financing for start up and expanding businesses. The County has a membership in it. We will retain that membership and continue to provide leadership on the Board of Directors.

“Secondly, we will relocate our current staff, our Economic Development Specialist, Louanna Honeycutt-Burress, we will relocate her to the Chamber of Commerce Offices to provide a focal point for businesses. She has been difficult to find in her current office. If we’re promoting the Chamber of Commerce as the one stop shopping or one point of entry for business information, Louanna will be available at the Chamber. From that location, she will continue to work with our constitutional and statutory incentives for business growth. She provides one on one assistance with companies seeking Industrial Revenue Bonds, Economic Development Tax Exemptions, and that direct service will continue.

“The third initiative is the development and promotion of international trade. For several years we have funded the Kansas World Trade Center. The return on investment of public dollar that we finance through the World Trade Center, for every dollar that we spent to assist their operation has resulted in approximately \$200 in export sales from this community. We’ll continue to support the World Trade Center. Louanna also is our administrator of our Foreign Trade Zone, which is more concerned with imports. So in that one location we’ll have a core of import export services for companies who are interested in any of that, there will be a core of talent and knowledge of that location. We have in addition, formed an informal export work group that is composed of all the agencies and organization in the community so that we can coordinate our efforts on international trade development.

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“How are we going to bring this about? What is the cost to the County of doing such an initiative? All these funds are located in our 1998 budget. There are no new funds being requested. It is a matter of organizing what we’ve done in the past and putting it in the form of a strategy. In our 1998 budget you’ve approved a \$250,000 initiative for business growth, which would be under this strategy a contract with the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, \$50,000 to the Kansas World Trade Center, and our SCKED membership dues in the amount of a little over \$40,000. Should this strategy be approved, in two weeks we will return to you for your consideration of the appropriate contracts.

“Now what does all this do? So what? The results of this strategy we can summarize in seven points. One, we maintain County wide economic development services, which focus on business growth and expansion. It means I’m not going to hop a plane to Belgium and try to recruit an international company to relocate here. Our first priority will be growing and expanding our own businesses.

“Secondly, we will provide a focal point for business expansion or relocation into Sedgwick County. Companies calling from outside the community will no longer be calling utility companies, the county, the cities, someone that they happen to know. The Chamber will be one visible focal point for obtaining information and coordinating a response to their inquiries.

“Our third point. We will have access to packaged demographics, statistical, and market data for businesses and planning use. Through the Chamber and through Wichita State University.

“Fourth, we will have a creation of a community marketing plan for attraction of workers. That is one of the biggest problems we’re having at the current time is attracting sufficient workers to meet the demand that we have here. Through this initiative, we will be developing through the Chamber, developing a community marketing plan which will help develop and relocate those workers to this community.

“Our fifth result will be direct lending to small business. Again, through the SCKED organization, using federal funds. There will be no County funds involved in lending to business. It will be Small Business Administration, Economic Development Administration, and other types of federal funding.

“Sixth, we will have specialized statutory and constitutional tax incentives to business for increasing their local employment. We will be able to assist businesses in accessing that type of incentive.

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“Last, but not least, we’ll have specialized assistance in international trade. As the global economy continues to grow, we will have a concentrated and strong response to local businesses who are seeking that as an avenue for new markets and new initiatives. I’d be happy to try and answer any questions you might have. That concludes what I have prepared.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you Irene. I appreciate your presentation. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don’t know that I have a question because I think we’ve gone through that, but just a statement of support. First of all, I think one thing that the WI/SE partnership for growth taught us is that partnerships are important in these kinds of efforts. So for you to suggest and for us to approve ongoing partnerships to achieve some of these goals, I think is really important. I think also what we’ve learned from the WI/SE partnership for growth is that you have to be well focused to be successful. This Commission has always had as its priority the expansion of local businesses, a well trained work force, and those kinds of things that we’re highlighting here. I think this is going to work and I think I’m real encouraged. As we started talking about this the question came up, ‘Well if I’m a business person or if I’m thinking of relocating to this community, who am I going to call. What is the number I’m most likely to look up.’ I thought they’d probably call the Chambers. I would think they would call the local Chambers of Commerce. So it makes sense for us to have a presence there so that when questions come up with which the County is familiar in answering, we’re there and able to do it, on a contractual basis with the Chamber to help answer those questions and try and assist companies in their expansion in Sedgwick County is important. I think we also need to commit ourselves personally to being a part of the local business visitation team, to go out and talk to businesses about what is important to them, what their needs are. I think this Commission ought to be a part of answering those questions or hearing those comments. It is important feedback and good information for us as we try to make decisions.

“Then as I said in the staff meeting yesterday about the issue of the community marketing plan and trying to recruit employees to this community. We know that a lot of businesses are telling us it is very difficult for them to convince someone to move from some idyllic setting to the plains of Kansas. Once they get here I think they are convinced this is a great place to live, but to some of those the image or the lack thereof is hard to overcome. Commissioner Winters did point out to me one of the things that I had an interest in that he did state they were working on it is that I think we need to look at the students who are here, the families who currently live here. They know this community, they know its pluses. They know its people. They know the advantages and opportunities.

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“If we work with the school systems to help students understand what business opportunities there are here, so they can work on a career track to that goal, then we don’t have to recruit them from Seattle, Denver, or Maine or Vermont. You graduate them from the high schools or they go to technical college or whatever and they are prepared because somewhere back along the line we helped them identify a career track and helped them identify the classes and course study that they would need to take to be qualified to meet some of the very high paying jobs we have available here. Commissioner Winters tells me that it is being started and utilized and I think that is very important because I think that is our work force. Granted, we may not grow enough to meet all the needs, but I think that would be a heck of a place to start, with people who are already here and letting them know what kind of job opportunities are available.

“I’m very supportive of this. I think it will be a success. Whatever you need from me or my colleagues to help make this successful, I’m sure we’ll be willing to help you. Thank you and thank Louanna too. Thank you Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Commissioner Miller.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you. I do have a couple of questions and this sounds as if it has been given quite a bit of thought but there are a couple of areas that I would like to have a bit more information on. We talk about detailing the expanded role of SCKED, at least that’s what it sounds as though to me, when we talk about being able to identify small businesses and being able to build incentives to either keep those small businesses here or to encourage them and assist them in expanding. That sounds as though we are going to be called upon to expand our role with SCKED and I know you said we spend currently \$40,000 plus in terms of dues and this would not be County tax dollars that would be utilized but pulled out of federal funds. Is there anything else we would do differently except to acknowledge what SCKED is currently doing and continue to promote and encourage that.”

Ms. Hart said, “I think our initiative is more in the area of maintaining what we already have and seeing if we can add value to that through coordination and collaboration. I see no new funds going into that organization or local funds going into SCKED from Sedgwick County but recognition that they do provide a resource, a linkage with federal funds that can be used to grow and expand business and to maintain that relationship with them.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Okay. Incentives and increasing employment, how do we propose to do that?”

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Ms. Hart said, "The Constitution of the State of Kansas and Kansas Statutes allow us to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds and Economic Development Tax Exemptions. But those are tied to increasing jobs. They need to be bringing more than what it is costing us to assist them. It is what we currently do now. We built it into the strategy to give recognition and it is one way we do assist businesses to grow."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay, so that is not anything new or different either."

Ms. Hart said, "Most of this is putting it together, same information but putting it together a little differently. Putting it in a strategy that recognizing we're building on partnerships and not going out and creating a whole new mechanism and putting some accountability into the strategy rather than giving grants and simply working with an organization, having some performance indicators, knowing what they're doing, seeing some results from that action. If it doesn't work in a year or two then we need to change what we're doing."

Commissioner Miller said, "In terms of it if it doesn't work, benchmarks, what are we looking for?"

Ms. Hart said, "That's what we're doing here is trying to get that established."

Commissioner Miller said, "Oh, that's what we're going to be doing, building those benchmarks based upon . . ."

Ms. Hart said, "Based upon what our current resources, what we know the current resources are providing us, what can we do to get more out of that, how can we fine tune what we are doing, how can we make it more productive, how can we leverage current resources into more resources to accomplish our economic development goal."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay. Third, when promoting the Chamber as a single source or the single port of entry, I think that makes sense. We also need to recognize though that there was a spin off and is or tends to be within every city or county area of a minority council within the Chamber and if I recall, the minority council is in the process of moving itself into a more autonomous position is what I'm understanding, so I'm hopeful that in recognizing the Chamber as a single port of entry and noting the strengths the Chamber has and also being able to recognize as a former Chamber member some of the weak areas that they need to be challenged and to continuously work with, that we would recognize the strengths of the business council at the same time because I didn't hear any of that in the conversation."

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Ms. Hart said, "What I don't want to imply is that anyone from outside the area who calls will automatically be directed to the Chamber. People will enter the community through their own networks, but within the community we need to know that the Chamber will now have the resources to coordinate response, to get the information together, and assist however they enter. For example, if someone called the County we could call the Chamber, well, we'll say we'll work with the Chamber and get the information that you need. I don't think that they want to be in the position of being the sole response to any inquiry that comes in. It is a network. But this strategy will provide them with some of the resources necessary to coordinate and provide a comprehensive response."

Commissioner Miller said, "Would Louanna Burress be the contact person or is it a network of who?"

Ms. Hart said, "Louanna would be the contact person for the County. You all receive calls from businesses who are interested. You may call the Chamber directly, you may call Louanna, or you may have the information yourself and respond to that contact. So, it is a way of communicating more closely. More emphasis on collaboration. There is enough business, enough inquiries, enough to do to go around. That if no one is worried about who gets credit for it, then we can get a lot done."

Commissioner Miller said, "Certainly. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. A couple of quick comments I guess. We are very fortunate here to have an economy that is just going very well. That is much different than thinking about economic development if we had ten or eleven percent unemployment. We would have a whole different set of strategies. But, with the fact that we do have such a strong economy, there is still, I think, a critical need for some kind of industrial development, economic development initiative or people responsible for that. I know just in the last two weeks, I've had two calls from companies here in Sedgwick County, outside of the City of Wichita who are in some realms medium size, but mostly the small size of business, but still having a significant number of employees, needing some assistance and help on deciding how to grow their business and how to do some expansion. We need a real focal point, an expert that can answer those questions and I think the Chamber can provide that remarkably well."

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“But then to add on to Commissioner Miller’s question too, about the employee and the recruitment side of it which I think is very important to all of us. I think this system will allow us to partner on with a number of groups that are working on that issue. Only one of them being the Chamber. There are others, but with some focus from the Chamber, they have really worked on this flying and formation concept with the major aircraft companies. They are working on a ‘be more’ program to train machinists and work in an apprenticeship program. They have set up several new programs with the Wichita Area Technical College. So, I think that there are folks out there that are really emphasizing this employee recruitment problem or opportunity that we have here with the shortage of available labor. So I think this is really a way that Sedgwick County can be hooked into this process. As I have said a number of times since we have dismantled the WI/SE organization and I think it was time for that organization to go. It had served its purpose and it was needed in a time eight years ago, it was critical. It was kind of that first real partnership kind of opportunity for local government and private side to really work on projects. I think we have learned a lot from that and perhaps now we don’t need quite as sophisticated or complicated system to partner with other folks in the community. I really think this will be a way. If somebody comes along with some other new strategy I will continue to be ready to listen to those kinds of strategies. I think the staff has outlined a program here that I’m going to be very supportive of and I think it looks to me like it is going to work very well. Thank you Irene and Louanna for putting this stuff together. Thank you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Irene, I read over your strategy and I think you and I conversed about that and what we thought was probably best for us at this point. Let me say that when I served on WI/SE, it was, Commissioner Winters, kind of a sophisticated system of getting things done. I want to disagree with you just a little bit as I wished it hadn’t gone away. I just think that the focus of WI/SE was too broad spread. Being spread out so far didn’t allow them to really focus in on what everybody I think has been saying today is, retention of jobs and bringing new business here. We spread ourselves so thin that it was just hard to maintain the organization. But that as it is, and it has been dissolved, I think the partnership that we’re talking about with the Chamber will be a good one. If you had asked me ten years ago to look at that same kind of partnership, I probably wouldn’t have been as supportive. But I think the Chamber has grown in its ability to understand all the aspects of this community, the political aspects of the community sometimes are difficult and threw in some roadblocks, but I think that we together, the City, the County, the Chamber, the private sector have all grown together and understand each other much better. If WI/SE did anything, it brought us together for those ten years to get a lot of that resolved and helped us focus ourselves somewhat. But I’m very supportive of what we’re attempting to do.

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“I don’t know if it is a long term partnership, but I think right now especially with the strength of our economy, you’re absolutely right, we need to maintain the visibility and keep working to help these companies here and bring new companies in. So I will support it and I hope it does well, Louanna, I hope you being located in that building will be advantageous to us and everybody else who is attempting to bring a business into our community. I think you are going to be very helpful in that process. If there is anything else that you need from the Commission Irene, please let us know, other than just giving you money. We’re here to give you moral support. I think the public understands our vision of the community and we’ll do anything we can to strengthen that. I think it is a good program. Looking forward to seeing the implementation of it and looking for good results. Thank you. Commissioners, other comments? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the strategy.

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

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Thanks Irene. Next item please.”

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I. BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

1. APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF WICHITA FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER LINE TO SERVICE THE EAST YARD MAINTENANCE FACILITY. DISTRICT #5.

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Bureau of Public Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item I-1 is an approval of an application to the City of Wichita for the installation of a water line to service the east yard maintenance facility. The cost of the water line installation is \$16,395.75. I recommend that you approve this application and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you David. Discussion on this item? Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. David, does this require the County be annexed or that site be annexed?"

Mr. Spears said, "That provision was left in the agreement. We talked to Wichita about that. Rich may want to comment on that. I visited with him about that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Rich, isn't that going to be a little awkward?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, "There is a provision in the standard form agreement that requires the County to consent to the annexation into the City of Wichita if and when it is deemed advisable by the City. That is a standard requirement that they make when they extend water outside of their current City boundaries. It doesn't mean they are going to do it but it does mean that you consent and there is a provision in the Statute that says, 'if a landowner consents then the City can annex you even if you are not in a contiguous boundary with the existing City limits.' As to whether or not it is awkward, I don't know that I can answer that. They have a lot of consents outstanding to areas in the unincorporated areas in which they have extended water and in which they have not exercised this right. But as you know, they are aggressively pursuing annexation right now at least in the eastern portion of the unincorporated area where these consents have been given, where they have provided water."

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

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Rich, I was looking at the map that we got the other day that showed those three additions that are being annexed, they are like on a tier almost. I can't recall, those are in your area Betsy. They have virtually gone around and non-annexed the roadways, the mile line roads, other than within the developments. I think maybe part of what somebody needs to do is go through an educational process with these people who are signing off. I'm sure the developers were the people who signed off on those agreements, but a lot of buyers don't understand that when that is done, that is basically an indication that sooner or later your taxes are going to go up once the City annexes you. Then we start getting the phone calls with people unhappy with the fact that they are going to be annexed but somebody needs to tell them they need to read their agreement, need to read your contracts, and they need to talk to the developer. As long as that kind of system prevails, people will get themselves into that position and there is nothing they can do about it. I think because we saw it in this agreement, it just brought it to our attention that it is just something that is regularly done by the City of Wichita and they need to be aware of that. I don't know how that is done unless it is done by the developer."

Commissioner Gwin said, "It usually is."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'm not sure how buyers are made aware that once they sign that contract they've agreed to allow the City to annex them someday. In this case it came sooner rather than later and surprised a lot of them I'm sure. But I don't know what it is that we can do but maybe we can help Marvin Krout in that process somehow and maybe make people more aware of what they are doing before they do it. Other than that, I kind of had a feeling that this conversation might come up today but maybe it is something we need to think about. Other discussion on this item, Item I-1?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "What do we use for water service now?"

Mr. Spears said, "Well water."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well water? And it has gone bad?"

Mr. Spears said, "Always has been pretty bad. The development has gotten closer to us and now it is feasible to get the service for this amount of money. At one time it was like \$75,000 to extend the line down to our yard and we didn't think that was appropriate. We think it is feasible to do now."

Chairman Schroeder said, "How much is it now David?"

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Mr. Spears said, "Sixteen thousand, three hundred and ninety five dollar."

Chairman Schroeder said, "All right. Thank you. Other discussion? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Next item please."

- 2. ESTIMATE FROM ROGER TURNER COMPANY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 639-30-690; BRIDGE ON 83RD STREET SOUTH OVER THE ARKANSAS RIVER. DISTRICTS #2 AND #5.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item I-2 is approval of an estimate from the Roger Turner Company for appraisal of rights-of-way in connection with the bridge project on 83rd Street South over the Arkansas River. This project is designated as B-219 in the Capital Improvement Program. The cost for the appraisal is \$4,200. I recommend that you approve this proposal."

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the estimate.

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Next item."

3. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CULVERT WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTED STRUCTURES WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS AND RESCINDING ALL PREVIOUS DESIGNATIONS FOR THOSE STRUCTURES.

Mr. Spears said, "Item I-3 is a Resolution changing the weight limits on 16 culverts that were reconstructed or rebuilt by our County bridge crews. As a result of the reconstruction on these culverts it is necessary to revise the posted weight limits. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Discussion? 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.

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VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you David. Next item please."

**J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JANUARY 29, 1998
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you Minutes from the January 29 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There is just one item for consideration this morning."

**(1) UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK COMPLIANCE - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL**

"That is underground storage tank compliance managed by the Central Motor Pool at various sites. It was recommended to accept the low proposal of Ray's Petroleum Equipment, Inc. That amount is \$129,799. I'll be happy to take questions on this item and recommend approval of the Minutes reported by the Board of Bids and Contracts."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Next item please."

CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easement.

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

Road Number 634-13, Owners: Ronald H. Allee and Mary F. Allee, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 28 South, Range 2 West, more specifically located on the south side of 63rd Street South and west of 199th Street West. Illinois Township. District #3.

2. Right-of-Way Instrument.

One Easement for Drainage for Sedgwick County Project No. 811-S ½ K, L; Ridge Road from the north city limits of Wichita to K-96. CIP #R-222. District #4.

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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>
C96025	\$136.00	\$129.00
C97015	\$173.00	\$163.00
V94034	\$209.00	\$209.00

- 4. Plat.**

Approved by the Bureau of Public Services. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 1997 and prior years are paid for the following plat:

Country Lane Addition

- 5. Addition of the following sentence to a previously-approved Agreement with Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority: "Upon termination, the unexpended balance of start-up and ongoing operations funding distributed to County, as fiscal agent of Contractor, shall be returned to JJA."**
- 6. Certificate of Substantial Completion for construction of Fire Station #31. CIP #F-30.**
- 7. Application for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.**
- | <u>Applicant Name</u> | <u>d/b/a</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Joseph M. A. Sroufe | Lake Afton Baitshop |
- 8. Agreement with Absolute Home Health Care to provide Developmental Disability Registered Provider status.**
- 9. Order dated January 28, 1998 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 10. Consideration of the Check Register of January 30, 1998.**

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11. Budget Adjustment Requests.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980048	District Attorney	Transfer
980049	Special Highway Improvement Fund	Supplemental Appropriation
980050	Equip. Reserve Fund	Supplemental Appropriation
980051	COMCARE-Robert Woods Johnson Self Determination	Supplemental Appropriation
980052	COMCARE-CDDO	Supplemental Appropriation
980053	COMCARE Consolidated Grant	Supplemental Appropriation
980054	COMCARE-Osawatomie	Transfer
980055	Community Planning Juv. Justice Authority	Supplemental Appropriation
980056	Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
980057	Capital Projects	Transfer
980058	Detention Facility Expansion	Supplemental Appropriation

Mr. Harrison said, “You have the Consent Agenda and we would recommend your approval as presented.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Discussion on this item?”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Before I recess this meeting to go into the Sewer District Meeting, I should have mentioned at the first of the meeting that the Board of County Commissioners will not be having a meeting on the 11th, which is next week, due to the fact that most of the Commissioners will be in Topeka working with the legislature on various issues. So we will not have a meeting next Wednesday. Just a little housekeeping item. At this time I'd like to recess the Regular Meeting."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into the Sewer District Meeting at 10:06 a.m. and returned at 11:11 a.m.

Chairman Schroeder said, "At this time I'll call the meeting back to order, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, February 4, 1998. Commissioners, we do have some issues we need to discuss in Executive Session."

L. OTHER

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for thirty minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to legal advice and personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:40 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. We're in Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. and returned at 11:44 a.m.

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of February 4, 1998. Let the record show there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Commissioners, do you have anything else? Mr. Manager? Mr. Counselor? Then we are adjourned."

M. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11: 44 a.m.

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

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Third District

MELODY C. MILLER, Commissioner
Fourth District

ATTEST:

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