

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 22, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 22, 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. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Mike Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. Lewis R. (Bob) Rogers; Assistant County Manager; Mr. Daryl Gardner, County Controller; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Jim Weber, Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Improvement Department; Mr. Jack Brown, Acting Director, Community Health Department; Ms. Mary Ann Nichols, Director, Personnel Department; Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, Director, Developmental Disabilities; Ms. Kathleen Sexton, Interim Budget Director; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Linda M. Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Brenda McDonald, Proclamation, Boys and Girls Club
Mr. Melvin Carter, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club
Ms. Jerri Tousley, Proclamation, National Take Our Daughters To Work Day
Ms. Kim Dorsey, Coordinator, National Take Our Daughters To Work Day
Ms. Sarah Sneider, Representative, National Take Our Daughters To Work Day
Ms. Lisa Hurst, CEO, Centre Court Community Tennis Association
Mr. Wayne Wentling, Vice President, Centre Court Community Tennis Association
Mr. Richard Swaney, Property Appraiser II, Appraiser's Office
Mr. Bob Harbison, Vice President, Economic Development, The Chamber
Mr. Rob Ramseyer, Vice President, Ritchie Association
Mr. Ken Kallenbach, Mid-Kansas Engineering Consultants
Mr. Joe L. Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell
Ms. Cindy Boyer, Levels Non-Profit
Ms. Carrie Jones, Director, Wichita Metropolitan Family Preservation Agency
Mr. Randy Glass, Director, Family Consultation Services
Mr. Matt Mathews, Core Programs Director, Episcopos Social Services

INVOCATION

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

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FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, March 25, 1998

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of March 25, 1998.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Minutes of March 25, 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, "Thank you. Next item."

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 agenda as requiring the expenditure of funds. A listing of these items has been provided to you previously. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "There appear to be no questions. Thank you, Daryl. Before we go on to our Regular Agenda, there are a couple of three announcements that I need to make. First, in our audience is former Register of Deeds Betty McCart. Welcome today, Betty. Glad to have you here. Also in our audience is our new Register of Deeds, Bill Meeks. Thank you for being here Bill. Welcome aboard. The next item, I will introduce Bill Buchanan. He wants to make an announcement about one of our outstanding employees."

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Thank you Chairman Schroeder. Every year the DeVore Foundation, Nora and Dick DeVore and their family provides an award for excellence in public service. It is given to three individuals who are chosen by committee based on their application. The criteria for the award are excellence in service in the organization in which you serve and gifts that you give to the community, how well you are involved in community activity to make Sedgwick County a better place in which to work, live, and play. This year, one of the winners, the other two are not announced yet and will be surprised at work, but the one who was surprised at work from Sedgwick County this morning was Kathleen Sexton. I just thought we'd take the opportunity to tell you that and to tell the audience that she is an example for Sedgwick County government employees. That she exemplifies what it means to be excellence in public service. Kathy, if you would come show us your check."

Ms. Kathy Sexton said, "Thank you all very much. I was definitely surprised at work this morning. Never would have expected this. But I'm honored and I appreciate the thoughts of the people who nominated me for this and certainly appreciate the DeVore Foundation for sponsoring this recognition of public servants. I'm very proud to be part of Sedgwick County today. Thanks."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Kathy, congratulations to you. I notice your check there. If you could get that cashed before lunch, we'll all go with you. We have a favorite place that we could all go."

Ms. Sexton said, "You could probably spend it all, couldn't you?"

Chairman Schroeder said, "We sure could. She knows us well doesn't she. It's wonderful to have good employees working for Sedgwick County and I've always said that we have a wonderful staff and wonderful employees working for Sedgwick County and you exemplify that. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners congratulations to you. Enjoy your day. Thank you. Commissioners, back to our Regular Agenda. Next item please."

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PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 19 - 26, 1998 AS “BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WEEK.”

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the young people of Sedgwick County are tomorrow’s leaders; and

WHEREAS, many young people need professional youth services to help them cope with a wide range of social and financial hardships; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas provide services to more than 2,000 young people annually, ensuring that our young people keep off the streets, and offers them a safe and supportive place to go for quality programs; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas are at the forefront of efforts in Cultural Enrichment, Health and Physical Education, Social Recreation, Citizenship and Leadership Development, Personnel and Educational Development, Outdoor and Environmental Education; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas will celebrate National Boys & Girls Club Week along with more than 2,000 Clubs and some 2.8 million people nationwide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 19 - 26, 1998 as

“BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WEEK”

in Sedgwick County, and call upon all citizens to join me in recognizing the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas for providing comprehensive, effective services to the young people in our communities.”

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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, Fred Ervin informs me that we have Brenda McDonald and Melvin Carter with us to represent the Boys & Girls Club. If you're here, please come forward."

Ms. Brenda McDonald said, "Our other person with us is Constance Mansaw our Health Coordinator. I introduce you to Mr. Melvin Carter our Executive Director."

Mr. Melvin Carter said, "Thank you very much. On behalf of the Boys & Girls Club, we're glad that the County is standing behind us and also the City with all the wonderful things that you've done for us. Also, I have to make a major announcement that on May 11, we'll be traveling to Chicago for the Oprah Winfrey tapings of one of our individuals. She won Youth of the Year, **Shanelle Correls**. She'll be receiving a four year scholarship to any school in America that she would like to go to compliments of Oprah Winfrey. Thank you all very much. God bless."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Well thank you both for being here. Obviously Boys & Girls Club is a wonderful organization. It does a lot for our community. That's why we are here honoring you. Keep up the good work. We appreciate it. Thank you."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 23, 1998 AS "NATIONAL TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY."

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

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, young women need to gain the attention of the workplace and learn about the realities of work, employment opportunities, education and training which jobs require; and

WHEREAS, young women need to be invited into the workplace where they are able to meet professionals and gain working knowledge of any career which they may desire; and

WHEREAS, young women need to be listened to respectfully regarding their ideas and opinions; and

WHEREAS, a national public education campaign has been designed to focus attention on our young women -- their ideas, their concerns, their spirit, and their dreams; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 23, 1998 as

“NATIONAL TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY”

in Sedgwick County, and call upon all citizens to give the daughters of our County their support, interest and cooperation in this endeavor.”

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

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Today we have Jerri Tousley with us. Hi Jerri, how are you?"

Ms. Jerri Tousley said, "Good morning. On behalf of the Ms. Foundation, I'd like to thank you Commissioners for this Proclamation. I'd like to say that this is the sixth year that this educational project has been happening and all six years Sedgwick County has been very heavily involved with this project and I'd like to thank Mr. Bill Buchanan for his support of this. I'd also like to introduce you, you probably all know Kim Dorsey, but she has organized the day for Sedgwick County and she has done a wonderful job of designing this day for the girls. I think you all have copies at one time of the Agenda for the day. Kim, do you have anything you want to say?"

Ms. Kim Dorsey greeted the Commissioners and said, "I was really happy to coordinate this day and I hope that the hard work that all the people are putting into it is going to pay off tomorrow and everyone has a good time. Thank you very much for participating."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'm sure they will. Thank you for your efforts. We're looking forward to tomorrow. I'm bringing my daughter to work. I'm looking forward to a fun day. Thank you."

Ms. Sarah Sneider said, "I'm here to represent the City Commission Status of Women. I want to thank you for the Proclamation proclaiming tomorrow, Thursday, April 23, as National Take Our Daughters to Work Day. I'm very pleased to read in the morning paper that the County Commission will be participating in the planned activities. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Appreciate you being here. Thanks so much."

3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 25, 1998 AS "COMMUNITY TENNIS DAY."

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, childhood is a time to instill a strong value system in our citizens of our county and nation; and

WHEREAS, participation in community tennis has been shown to be an ideal way to motivate youth to exhibit strong expressions of self-discipline, learning and self-motivation; and

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WHEREAS, the United States Tennis Association has asked communities across the nation to provide opportunities for children of various cultures to converge on the tennis court; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas District Tennis Association and the Sedgwick County-based Center Court Community Tennis Association are cooperating to host a large-scale, multi-cultural tennis clinic for teachers of potentially disadvantaged youth; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Harmon, former top-100 tennis player and current USTA director of Multi-cultural Development, will be in attendance to address tennis coaches and host a clinic for elementary-school-aged children;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 25, 1998 as

“COMMUNITY TENNIS DAY”

in Sedgwick County and urge all residents to become interested in, support and encourage these organizations and individuals as they work to use tennis as a means to unify cultures and enhance personal motivation among our youth.’

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

Chairman Schroeder said, “Today we have accepting this Proclamation Lisa Hurst, CEO of Centre Court Community Tennis Association. Lisa, welcome.”

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Ms. Lisa Hurst said, "On behalf of Centre Court and KDTA, I'd like to thank you. I'd like to invite Grant Fisher, Vice-President, Director of Tennis for Centre Court, Mr. Wayne Wentling, President of the Kansas District Tennis Association and Ms. Kathy Bagwell, Director of Community Development to join us. Wayne."

Mr. Wayne Wentling said, "I'd like to thank all in attendance today for recognizing the value of tennis as a way to promote physical and mental good health. Obviously it is a sport that can also aid in the development of children and adults alike in terms of developing proper social skills. With that, I'd just like to challenge everyone to grab a racquet, grab a friend, get to court, not only Saturday but for a lifetime. It is truly a support that we can play from the time we can toddle and hold that racquet until the time we can no longer hold it. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Thank you all for being here today. We wish you the best of luck in this endeavor and we hope it is a total success and hope you do well. See you again next year. Commissioners, before I go on to the next item, David Spears has reminded me that the free trash day is this Saturday and we have eight sites that are available on this free trash day. Dave, will you tell us what time these start and close and do you have a list of those locations with you?"

Mr. David Spears said, "Yes. I'll give the list first. At City of Kechi, we'll be at 400 South Anderson. We'll also be at our north yard which is at 10530 East 37th Street North. We'll be at our east yard which is at 2200 South Webb Road. We'll be at the City of Goddard, the City maintenance building which is 1206 South 199th Street West. We'll be at the City of Maize, Maize maintenance facility at 5600 North Maize Road. We'll be at the City of Mt. Hope, 400 South Thomas, which is the city shop site. We'll be also at the City of Andale and in Oaklawn, that address is on some private property which is the east side of Clifton just north of 47th Street South. We'll be doing this from 8:00 a.m. until about 4:30 p.m. on Saturday."

Chairman Schroeder said, "From 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.?"

Mr. Spears said, "Right."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, are there any sites in the City, Dave?"

Mr. Spears said, "I don't believe the City has sites any longer."

Chairman Schroeder said, "So people need to know that if they're going to go to a site this year for Clean-Up Saturday, it's got to be one of the eight that you've mentioned."

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Mr. Spears said, "Right, or they can take their trash directly to the Brooks Landfill."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Very good. Thank you. Back to our Regular Agenda. Next item please."

4. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 28, 1998 AS "WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY."

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1997, the Bureau of Labor Statistics recorded 6,112 worker fatalities with the Kansas Division of Workers Compensation reported 60 fatal injuries; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 50,000 workers died from occupational diseases in 1997, according to the National Institute of Safety and Health; and

WHEREAS, concerned Americans are determined to prevent those tragedies by:

- Recognizing Workers Memorial Day on April 28, a day chosen by the unions of the AFL-CIO as a day to remember these victims of workplace injuries and disease;
- renewing efforts to seek stronger safety and health protections, better standards and enforcement, fair and just compensation;
- rededicating efforts to improving safety and health in every American workplace;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 28, 1998 as

"WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY"

in recognition of workers killed, injured and disabled on the job."

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "With us today we have Richard Aldrich, President of the Wichita Hutchinson Labor Federation. Richard, would you please come forward? Fred, is Richard not here?"

Mr. Ervin said, "I'll accept it for him."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, we'll get the Proclamation to him. Thank you."

APPOINTMENT

B. RESOLUTION APPOINTING IRENE HART (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES.

Mr. Mike Pepoon, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a Resolution for you appointing Irene Hart to the Wichita/Sedgwick County Board of Community Housing Services. We'd ask for your approval."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Mike."

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MOTION

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Next item."

RETIREMENT

C. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO RICHARD SWANEY, REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER II, APPRAISER'S OFFICE.

Ms. Mary Ann Nichols, Personnel Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is my privilege this morning on behalf of the Board to present a retirement certificate to Richard Swaney. Richard works with the Appraiser's Office as a Real Property Appraiser II. He will retire May 1, 1998 after 10 years of service. Richard was hired on February 25, 1988 as a Real Appraisal Assistant. He was promoted to Appraiser on September 3, 1990, and became a Real Property Appraiser II on January 1, 1992.

"Richard says he plans to spend time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He plans to be able to play a lot more golf and to also travel a lot. He also has a large job jar for around the house. Richard has always worked for the Appraiser's Office. Most of that time he was with Commercial Real Estate. Richard describes his period of employment as 'interesting and challenging. Like most employment, it has its good and not so good times. For me, the good has far exceeded the other. This has been a good and beneficial time for me and I hope the same for Sedgwick County.' We'd like to congratulate Richard and wish him well in his retirement."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "The notable part about your experience here is that it was interesting. I'm sure it was when we got into reappraisal. Richard was a part of that process and very hard worker and did a very good job for the Board of County Commissioners sitting as a hearing panel for reappraisal. I know we all appreciate the effort that these fine people give us during those difficult weeks in June. We're starting that process again this year and we're going to miss you. We appreciate all that you've done for us and for the citizens of Sedgwick County. We hope you really enjoy your retirement."

Mr. Richard Swaney said, "Thank you very much. As stated, I've been here 10 years and I thank the County for hiring me at an age where most places would not look at someone at that age. It's been very good for me and I've tried to be just as good for the County. Thank you very much."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Richard, I just want to say thank you. I know over the last nine or ten seasons, we worked together doing our Hearing Officer Panel Hearings. You and others have been especially patient with me in making those decisions. I never say thank you enough and I just want to take the opportunity Richard to say it. I really appreciate you being patient with us, especially me, and making those decisions sometimes aren't a lot of fun for us and sometimes aren't much fun for the taxpayer. I really appreciate what you've done. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Next item please."

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

D. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES FOR COMPLETION OF THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE.

- **JENNIFER L. BREHON - REGISTER OF DEEDS**
- **KAREN K. MAHAN - COUNTY CLERK**
- **MARIA V. MAY - COUNTY APPRAISER**
- **BARBARA M. STINNETT - COUNTY TREASURER**

Ms. Nichols said, "If there is one thing we can be proud of at Sedgwick County government it is the investment we make in our employees. Today, we are happy to present Professional Development Certificates to four employees who have completed the required and elected courses under the Career Development Program."

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“These employees have sought to improve their skills and professionalism to deliver quality public service. We’d like to thank their department heads and elected officials who have allowed them time away from their daily activities to attend these developmental classes. This time as I call your name please come up to receive your certificate. Jennifer Brehon, Register of Deeds.”

Ms. Jennifer Brehon greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’d like to say thank you to some people who were very instrumental in helping me get these classes. It was hard to be able to get in. I’d like to thank Ms. Templin, Mary Ann and Joyce Tymony in Personnel. Thank you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Congratulations.”

Ms. Nichols said, “Karen K. Mahan, County Clerk.”

Ms. Karen Mahan said, “I just want to thank each of you for giving me this opportunity. Thank you.”

Ms. Nichols said, “Maria V. May with the County Appraiser’s Office.”

Ms. Maria May said, “Just going to say thank you for all the great opportunities.”

Ms. Nichols said, “Barbara M. Stinnett with the County Treasurer’s Office.”

Ms. Barbara Stinnett said, “Thank you very much for the opportunity to go to these classes. Thank you to the County Treasurer and her side-kick Deputy Judy Tuckwood for allowing me to go.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “I do need to recognize the Treasurer or the side-kick Treasurer, Jan Kennedy is in the back of the room. Thank you for being here today Jan. Didn’t realize you were part of the side-kick outfit.”

Ms. Nichols said, “Commissioners, thank you very much for this program.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Mary Ann. Congratulations to all the employees who participated and completed this program. It speaks highly of your initiative and want and will to be the best you can be in the work place and improve yourself as an individual. We really appreciate the extra effort that you take to accomplish that goal. Thank you. Next item please.”

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PRESENTATION

E. PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST QUARTER, 1998 REPORT BY THE WICHITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. Bob Harbison, Vice-President of Economic Development, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm going to give a quick report on the first quarter and I have no ownership in it. If you like the report then I was somewhere around helping them. I do have overheads. What I'd like to do is cover the new staffing of the Economic Development organization at the Chamber, talk about the Business Growth Committee, do a little summary on the first quarter contact activity, and then just give some observations of the first quarter from our surveys and from our contacts.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

"We were at the meeting a couple of weeks ago where I was introduced to the Commissioners. The organization at the Chamber, I'm the Vice-President of Economic Development. I have an administrative assistant that helps on all the proposals and getting information out to prospects and contacts. Louanna Burress is actually a County employee but is now housed over at the Chamber.

"She helps a lot on gathering information, at least for me in the last three weeks of finding contacts and where do we get the information and who's got the information to get out. Duane Smith heads up our research area and he is a wealth of knowledge as far as statistics on the MSA and statistics on the tax, schools, workers, and just about everything that people call in and request. So that is our organization.

"We have a business growth committee. The committee meets once a month. We have approximately 80 members in the committee and when we have our meetings we have anywhere from 35 to 45 of the members attend. Our April meeting will be tomorrow morning at 7:15 a.m. We changed focus this year. We're doing an industry cluster type focus on our surveys. We started off with the printing industry. The last two months we worked with the trucking industry. Starting tomorrow we're going with contractors. We're having people from Eby Construction come in and talk a little bit about that industry and talk to our people who are going out and doing the surveys. They will go out to the contractors and ask them how they feel about Wichita and the County and the business climate. We'll try to get information on how we can help them and try to get information on their expansion and what they see in the future of their business. That's about it on that. Our target is to do 35 surveys with each of the industries minimum and to hit over 200 surveys in the calendar year of 1998.

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“The summary results of contacts in the first quarter are listed here. Prospect, assistance, or out of the County, mainly out of the State. These are inquiries that are coming in asking about potential location of a business or a company or a plant here in the Sedgwick County area. Those are the number of contacts that we’ve had. The local contacts are from the Business Growth Committee and our ambassadors going out and surveying the local businesses here trying to get information about how they feel about the business climate and what they need and what assistance they need to expand and grow their business. Those are the numbers for the first quarter. I can tell you in the last three weeks, that activity is just skyrocketing. Tim, I keep telling him the phone calls we’re getting and it is just phenomenal how many people are looking at Wichita and looking at this area to relocate or establish businesses or to buy businesses. I think that is real positive.

“First quarter observations. There is a very significant in fact an increase of prospects inquiring about this area and what we have in information on relocating here. We still have a high percentage of call center inquiries and these are call centers for inbound and outbound traffic. It seems lately they are more inbound and those are either reservation systems or tech support systems where they actually their customers are calling in for information instead of the outbound marketing situation.

“We have, which sort of surprised me, a lot of non-manufacturing non-aircraft inquiries that are coming in right now. Just a real diverse group of businesses that are looking at this area. The labor shortage is still probably the major concern of all local companies. I got a report yesterday of MSA and we’re now down to 2.8 unemployment. We look around the area and I have, we’re a lot lower than other areas around here but I think every community is having a problem with labor and the shortage of labor. So we’re trying to help in the training and trying to help the people who are unemployed get their skills up to be employable.

“The last issue is some of the observations and I don’t have a lot of detail on that. I just have, looking at the questionnaires, I’m going to take out of the Business Growth Committee a number of people to form a task force. But some of the things coming through are for a lack of a better term red-tape. This is in getting permits, getting inspections, getting things that they need to expand their business or grow their business. At the next meeting I’ll try to have a little more detail on that.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “That would be helpful. I know some of us up here, probably all of us, would like to know what those areas are that are described as red tape. If there is some way that we can help reduce that tangle if you will, we would be glad to do that if we could know some specifics.”

Mr. Harbison said, “We’ll get that to you. I think that is something that we really can effect and try to help those people.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Very good."

Mr. Harbison said, "That's the first quarter. We have sent in the County report. That came in last week and it has more details on the prospects and the contacts. Any questions?"

Chairman Schroeder said, "Any questions?"

Commissioner Miller said, "Yes, I do have one. Bob, the question would be, it was probably your third sheet, you were talking about that we really have not only non-aircraft, not solely aircraft industry that is inquiring but some non-aircraft industry. Can you give us examples of who that would be?"

Mr. Harbison said, "Yes, some of the examples are we seem to have a lot of activity in the hotel industry of looking at areas around the Wichita area. I have had some interest in . . . a couple of them I don't really want to name the industry, but administrative type operations where they will have an operation here that will actually be processing paper and administrative work. A couple of manufacturing, what I consider light manufacturing companies that are not aircraft related but have other interests in other areas of manufacturing and then in the construction area."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay, thank you."

Mr. Tim Witsman, President, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, said, "Also, distribution, warehousing, those are kind of logical follow ons to the growth of the community. There is more need for those areas. So it has been surprising. There have been five or six different areas in which things are coming through. I would say, I can't prove it today, but the number of inquiries that we've had this year, the number of contacts that we've had are probably equal to the entire year last year. So we're running at three to four times the rate. There is no scientific answer as to why. I think some of it, I will speculate, one reason I think is that when you have good success with companies moving in there is some back channel discussion. People ask who has moved recently. What was your experience. If it was a good experience then I think you begin to get some others. I think that is what happened on some of the call center stuff. Some of it is that I think people have finally figured out that there is a labor shortage all across the country and they better go where they want to go. I spoke with a gentleman from Britain who oversees a company that is located here and is a technical company, an avionics type company. I asked him how things were going. He said, A, I wouldn't put anything on the coast, B, I love it here because the people are friendly, I like them, they work hard and they've grown about 20% this year already. He said I know it is a tough labor market but when we get people they stay. We're a good employer, we don't get a lot of turnover."

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“I think that is part of it. If you want to put in perspective our unemployment, it is down to about 7,500 people in our three county area. But that is about equal to the unemployment in South Dakota or North Dakota or Wyoming, also states which are highly desired by manufactures because of the skilled work force, good labor climate, good business climate. So one person who was talking to me said I’m going to go someplace that has six or seven percent unemployment. I said well the only difficulty you’ve got is that six or seven percent have probably not worked in the last ten years. People in Wichita have worked. So I think what is really happening is if a company is going to locate here, if they’re a good company that has good benefits and kind of an employer of choice, they can do fine. If you’re the bottom end of your niche, whatever group of business you’re in, you’ve probably got some problems because you’re going to have a tough time attracting and maintaining your employees. I did want to bring up . . . I’m sorry.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Speaking of the bottom end of your niche and possibly over saturating the market, just something that keeps cropping up in my mind when I’m driving around and I’m seeing the hotels that are popping up around Sedgwick County and inside the city limits of Wichita, what’s going on? What is the draw and when do we get to the point where we say no more?”

Mr. Witson said, “Well, with things like hotels you can’t let the market go. With the exception of a convention hotel, there really aren’t incentives for hotels to locate. They are just being market driven. The hotel business, which was in the dumps for years, when we were trying to get hotels five or ten years ago it was murder. You just couldn’t get anybody. Now it’s incredible. You try to get a room in Washington and you’ve got to pay in advance and if you don’t show up they keep your money. The hotel industry is just turning around. On that one, it’s up to them. The way I think you deal with some of these others, because we had this question, we had a question on a telemarketer. A call center, I’m sorry. Was gee, do we actually put a proposal in or do we not? We thought about that. We found out that the company had requested Wichita. If they hadn’t, if it was just a state request, we might not have. But we thought we can never say the door is closed. I talked to a manufacturer yesterday and he had told an elected official, he said the time to recruit is when things are good. It is tough to recruit when things are not good. But what we’re doing is we may not offer the same kinds . . . we may not be as aggressive as we would have been a couple of years ago in some of those areas, because there is no reason to hurt the companies we already have here.”

Commissioner Miller said, “I agree, but it is just an observation and I’m sure plenty of other people have noticed that. Thank you.”

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Mr. Witson said, "Thank you. There are a couple of other things if I might. The Chamber has applied for kind of a work force grant from the Ford Foundation through the U.S. Chamber, 120 members applied. We're in the finalists. We got the planning grant and we'll go visit in May. Three to four of those will get a \$50,000 to \$100,000 grant. We're not entirely sure exactly how that would be used. It would be used to assist people generally upgrade their skills. So we hope we can pull that off."

"We have been trying to do some community marketing. I'm going to hand this up to you. The actual product is about a day or two away so that is a mock-up. I thought you might want to see. This is to go along with the video for recruitment of people because that remains a really high priority. I would like to as soon as we can to do some advertising in other markets to direct people to both web sites and other ways of finding out what jobs we have in the Sedgwick County area. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to try to answer them."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Great. Thank you, Tim. Appreciate you being here. Bob, thank you for coming. Commissioners, do you have any questions? Apparently you've answered all our questions with your presentation. Sincerely, we do appreciate you coming to the Commission and making this report. It gives us the ability to keep track of how well the community is doing and what efforts we need to help you with. As an example, the issue with the red tape and government. If we can be of some kind of help in that process in eliminating some of that, please let us know. I know there are some things that have to be done, but even if they do, maybe we can do them in a much more convenient way or a way that is much easier for the businesses to deal with."

Mr. Witson said, "Yes sir. We really didn't want to advertise that one very highly."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Yeah, but it was on there."

Mr. Witson said, "We've kept track from all these visits. We talk to maybe 1,500 companies a year. There is a subset, not a huge number with complaints. You saw some in the Business Journal on Friday. Those are the things we want to quietly try to figure out where are we getting most of those complaints. Which of the things. Where are they? Then try to deal with them without making lots of noise."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Maybe together we can solve some of those problems. Thank you again for being here. We really appreciate the presentation and look forward to the next one. Good luck to you. Keep us posted. Thank you, Tim. Thank you, Bob."

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MOTION

Chairman Schroeder moved to receive and file.

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, Commissioners. Before we move on to the next item, I've been reminded that today is Earth Day and because of Sedgwick County's involvement in solid waste in the last year or two, we are obviously more cognizant of those things going on in the community. So it would be to our benefit to announce today that today is Earth Day. This is a celebration between 8:00 this morning and 5:00 p.m. this evening. The County has sponsored three tables of educational materials. We're asking school children to give us ideas about what to do with recycling items, old clothes, magazines, et cetera. We will draw names and give prizes away during the day. Once again, Sedgwick County continues to ask citizens what they think. We think that is a responsible way to deal with this issue of solid waste overall. We want to know what our citizens think and that includes the children of our community because they are the future and their opinions are very important to us. So today is Earth Day and if you have a chance to get involved in that or stop by Century II, please do that. I think you'll be surprised by what is happening there today. We want to make that announcement today to everybody. Thank you. Next item please."

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NEW BUSINESS

F. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) CREATING BENEFIT AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.

1. RESOLUTION CREATING A BENEFIT DISTRICT IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN (K-96 AND GREENWICH ROAD).

Mr. Joe L. Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For your consideration this morning are two resolutions which create a road improvement district within the County. The first one is with respect to a road improvement district to be created near K-96 and near the intersection of Greenwich Road.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

"The screen before you depicts the area which is located between 21st and 29th Street on Greenwich Road at the intersection of K-96. I might present a little bit of background information. This one is a little bit different than the normal road improvement district that we have in the County. As you may recall, the County has adopted a Charter Resolution modifying appropriate state statute that applies only to Sedgwick County with respect to creation of these kinds of districts where the County also participates in their share of the costs as opposed to the typical road improvement district that 100% is assessed to benefited districts.

"You may recall a number of years ago we had a similar project near the interchange of 77th Street and I-135 near the Kansas Coliseum and the Wichita Greyhound Park where the County did participate in a share of the cost of the interchange improvement. This interchange is what is called a half diamond. It is a little bit different. I think it might be helpful for Jim Weber, Department of Public Services, to show you how that project would be laid out. I can do the tech work here."

Mr. Jim Weber, Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance, said, "My color is washed out a little bit but we'll go with the fancy red pointer. The blue here is the main line of K-96 as it exists today and the north south blue is Greenwich Road. The interchange would be designed so that it could go to a full four directional interchange, but the initial phase of construction that we're talking about today would be for construction of an east bound off ramp, which would be this florescent yellow here, and a west bound on ramp from Greenwich Road, which would be the top yellow and leaving space in there for the internal ramps which will allow later construction inside of these to give us a west bound off ramp back onto Greenwich Road and an east bound on ramp back up on to K-96.

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“The project would have to be designed to meet the KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) standards since it is coming onto a KDOT highway. The plats around this particular interchange have been platted in such a way as to provide the right-of-way that would be needed to build the full interchange.

Mr. Norton said, “On the screen before you is a map depicting the proposed benefit district. Again, this project petition was signed by 100% of the owners of property within the proposed benefit district. The outline of boundaries in red abut K-96 on the north end and come approximately straight south from there down to and abut 21st Street and go across Greenwich Road a little bit on the east side. Basically, the west portion of this benefit district is an industrial park and the lower east portion of this district is where the proposed Warren Theater Complex is to be undertaken. All this is industrial commercial type property.

“The Bureau of Public Services has estimated the project cost for the entire project is approximately \$1,400,000. The petition requests that 50% of that cost, not to exceed \$700,000 be assessed against the property in the benefit district we previously described with a balance of the cost being paid for by the County at large under Charter Resolution. Each of the lots are varied in size. The proposed method of assessment is on a fractional basis, which in essence larger lots pay a higher percentage of the cost. If you just divide the 24 lots into the \$700,000 it averages a little less than \$30,000 per lot. Smaller lots pay substantially less and the larger lots pay substantially more. Again, 100% of the property owners have requested this improvement.

“Mr. Weber and I will be available to answer any questions you may have. I think Mr. Spears is also knowledgeable about this project and he’d be available to answer those questions also.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay, thank you, Joe. Commissioner Hancock.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Thank you. Are you telling me that when we construct this interchange it is just going to be on/off west?”

Mr. Norton said, “As I understand it, traffic coming from the west to the east can exit, traffic going to west can get on at this interchange. Traffic coming from the east cannot get off and you cannot get on going east.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “We’re not going to construct the other portion east bound and west exit we’re not going to do that at this time?”

Mr. Norton said, “That’s my understanding. David, do you have information on that?”

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Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services, said, "A little further explanation. We've met with KDOT officials in Topeka. One of the reasons for that at this time is they feel like the closeness of this interchange to the one at 21st will cause a weaving effect of the traffic between the two and they do not wish to allow that at this time."

Commissioner Hancock said, "A what effect?"

Mr. Spears said, "Weaving."

Commissioner Hancock said, "The other question is, is there any other way to reduce the engineering, legal, financial, and miscellaneous costs that equals solidly one third of the project?"

Commissioner Miller said, "Can you say that again?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Engineering, legal, financial and miscellaneous costs are \$300,000."

Commissioner Hancock said, "The paper work is one third of the whole cost. I'm just wondering if there is any way to reduce that? Don't we have any off the shelf designs for these kind of things? I know this is a particular lay-out and I know the elevations and all that. I understand all that. But are we reinventing the wheel here on this particular interchange?"

Mr. Weber said, "That's really lower than the typical cost. We usually end up at about 30% to 35%. That incorporates design costs and every interchange and every project we do is somewhat different. You do have to start from scratch. The concepts are not new or different but the concept you and I could probably do on a napkin. It is turning the concept into construction plans that does cost quite a bit of money. The other thing is that there is a significant amount to be spent on project inspections. Once again, we're coming on to a KDOT facility. We're going to have to meet KDOT standards for a number of inspectors and field engineering and things that go on. We might, if this was strictly on a couple of County roads, there might be some money that could be saved there. But we have to work with their system. Some of those . . ."

Commissioner Hancock said, "In the inspection portion of it, the engineering firm that does the design does the inspection?"

Mr. Weber said, "It could go that way or it could be in house. Either way, you've got to put a certain number of people in the field."

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Commissioner Hancock said, "Okay. I would expect that in house would be significantly less than an engineering firm."

Mr. Weber said, "It would be less. I don't know about significant. Some of those other things then are going to be for example temporary note financing to carry the project, temporary financing through. Other miscellaneous fees aren't significant but obviously engineering and the construction engineering are the major components of that."

Mr. Spears said, "One thing I might mention, we have several projects in the CIP. We have limited staff for inspectors. It is a timing issue. If we can inspect it, we will do it, and we will save that money. But if we can't, that's another issue."

Mr. Weber said, "Just to piggy-back just for a second again, what we do when we set up one of these projects is we try to look at the worst case. So we have budgeted this project like we're going to hire a consultant to do it. If we find ways to save money, we do it."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Okay. I guess I just never saw it in black and white before."

Mr. Weber said, "That's because you're used to my long charts. You get lost in there."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Jack would agree, if we built houses this way we'd be in deep trouble so I wouldn't sell any. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Weber, Mr. Spears."

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

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I need to understand and be clear on this. I have had some discussions prior to regarding this request. First of all, from a KDOT perspective, and I don't know if possibly Dave would need to answer this or you Joe, but from a KDOT perspective this interchange was not included in their large plan or large scheme of things and why was that?"

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Mr. Spears said, "The same reason I spoke about while ago. The full interchange, it was considered when K-96 was built, all the locations of the interchanges was done an in-depth study. The closeness of this to the interchange at 21st is the key factor. That's why KDOT did not want a full interchange there. We have gone to Topeka, met with the officials, and they have approved a half of interchange and we'll leave enough room to put a full one in if at some later date they change policy and deem that the rest of it could be built. But they have approved a half interchange because a half interchange will not interfere with the weaving effect of traffic coming on and off from the 21st Street interchange. This will have no effect on that."

Commissioner Miller said, "Not being an engineer, certainly not familiar with the building of interchanges, the weaving effect, what's the seriousness of that and then being able to size this project back to only allowing the west bound if I'm understanding it correctly on the effectiveness of that spending these amounts of dollars to build an interchange that only allows partially what it should be doing."

Mr. Spears said, "The partial, if you look at the partial, the half interchange, it is the most effective half that that is where most of the traffic will be. Most of the traffic will be on the half that we're wanting to build. The weaving effect, that is a safety thing and that is one of the prime concerns of all engineers and KDOT. But there will be no effect of that with this half interchange that we're doing."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay. Then in listening to the 100% of the property owners, how many individual property owners are involved in this?"

Mr. Norton said, "I believe there are two basic property owners. The majority of the property on the western side of this benefit district is owned by a developer of the industrial park. A separate owner owns the large tract on the east side of Greenwich Road."

Commissioner Miller said, "And we would be creating a benefit district?"

Mr. Norton said, "Yes ma'am."

Commissioner Miller said, "And it will be assessed back . . . a portion of this would be assessed back to these property owners."

Mr. Norton said, "Roughly 50%."

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Commissioner Miller said, "Approximately 50%. And we are being asked to pay approximately . . ."

Mr. Norton said, "The way the petition reads is that 50% of the costs, not to exceed \$700,000 goes against the benefit district with the balance going to the County at large. The project comes in at \$1,400,000 and it is exactly a 50/50 split."

Commissioner Miller said, "I recognize that there is not a precedent for private owners wanting to pay for a portion of a building of an interchange, but is there a precedent for Sedgwick County paying for this portion of an interchange."

Mr. Norton said, "One that comes to my mind was done approximately six or seven years ago with the 77th Street interchange and I-135 that was put in to alleviate some of the traffic congestion at 85th when the Wichita Greyhound Park went into operation. That project, a portion was assessed against property around the interchange with the balance being paid by the County at large. I know the County did receive some State funds to assist in that portion of it. But that was a pro-rata split among the property there as well as the County at large."

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, we received system enhancement funds for that interchange. It was the number one interchange in the State to be funded by system enhancement funds. The Greyhound also paid, as far as that goes, all the interchanges along K-96 and the County portion, we paid for part of all of those and we received \$25,000,000 from the State from the system enhancement fund along K-96. All the interchanges along there we paid a portion of."

Commissioner Miller said, "I recognize that but there was system enhancement funding that we received for that. Are we receiving anything in this request?"

Mr. Spears said, "From the State?"

Commissioner Miller said, "Yes."

Mr. Spears said, "No Ma'am."

Commissioner Miller said, "So it will be solely Sedgwick County dollars and private dollars paying for this interchange."

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

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Commissioner Miller said, "There is no precedent for that, solely Sedgwick County dollars and private dollars paying for an interchange."

Mr. Spears said, "Not that I'm aware of. The dog track interchange at 77th, we would have paid for that portion of but after it was built we were lucky enough to receive system enhancement funds. If we had not received those funds the County would have paid for it."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Hancock said, "As I recall, Mr. Chairman, that particular project there wasn't any intention of system enhancement funds to go toward that project. It's just that we had it on the shelf and here it came, the highway program."

Mr. Norton said, "At the time the project was authorized those State monies weren't available and we applied for them and did receive them."

Commissioner Hancock said, "We just got lucky on that one."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. David, we're planning to use local sales tax money on this project?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes Ma'am. The sales tax carryover."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. That's money that when people come to Sedgwick County and shop or whatever that part of that money goes to the State and the State returns it to us to be able to use. Half of it goes to road projects and half to reduce the mill levy. Is that the fund?"

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, so when we paid for Central relocate and the Pawnee relocate to accommodate Raytheon and Cessna's traffic flow and those kinds of things, did we use that sales tax money for those too?"

Mr. Spears said, "You're testing my memory now."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I thought we did for Central but I'm not sure . . ."

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Mr. Spears said, "The Pawnee relocate was a State project and we received 80% funds for that. Central relocate by Raytheon, the County paid all of that, \$2,750,000. Off hand I can't remember if it was bond or sales tax."

Mr. Norton said, "Sales tax."

Commissioner Gwin said, "That was my recollection. So it is not unheard of that we do use sales tax for these kinds of major projects, is that correct? Rather than to bond them."

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, we have used sales tax for major projects as well as bonding. What we do in the CIP is we try to make everything fit. We have so much money we can spend on bonding and so much sales tax money per year. We try to make the projects fit accordingly."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I appreciate that. I think there are some people here who want to speak to it but it would certainly seem to me that with 77th and I-135 we kind of opened the door for this kind of thing. We do have KDOT's permission to do this, do we not?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, we do."

Commissioner Gwin said, "If we're going to use sales tax money that means that there is no new money. It is not going to cost people any more to do this. Gosh, we've got a benefit district who's willing to help set aside some of those costs. I'd be interested if there are any other Commissioners who have questions and I know there are people here who want to talk."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I do have a question for Joe or Jim. Can we go back to the finance. We know what our portion is and how we're going to take care of that through a bond issue, \$700,000. The balance is coming from the developer/community that is benefiting from it is my understanding."

Mr. Norton said, "These will be spread as special assessments like any other road improvement district the County has. So they'll be given the opportunity to make a pay-in at the assessment hearing phase. If they don't pay in the County will issue bonds and they would be paid on an annual basis through special assessments."

Chairman Schroeder said, "So you're saying that we would issue bonds for the other half then on the developers' behalf if they don't pay cash for it."

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

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. So we're not going to get any cash up front per say then."

Mr. Norton said, "There will be no cash up front and the project will be temporarily financed and when the project is completed we'll go through an assessment hearing phase like we do for ever other special assessment road improvement district. Property owners have the opportunity to pay in cash. If they don't, bonds will be issued and they will pay over a 15 year period."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Fifteen years, that was my next question. So it will be handled just like any other road project on their end of the portion."

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "So do you have separate bond issues then?"

Mr. Norton said, "No, it would all be included in the typical County summer bond issue. We combine the County road and bridge projects and a number of special assessment projects into one series of bonds."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. All right, thank you. Appreciate it, Joe. Any other questions? Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the total amount that has been projected, is that indeed our projection Mr. Spears or Mr. Norton, or is that the projection of the owners of the property?"

Mr. Spears said, "That is not our projection. That is the projection of the consultant who is designing the plans."

Commissioner Miller said, "That's not our consultant is it? Are they consulting on Sedgwick County's behalf?"

Mr. Spears said, "Well, they actually were hired by the developers."

Commissioner Miller said, "So in conversation we were wondering if indeed if that amount is an accurate amount and if we are going to be responsible for indeed 50% of that versus and let's say that it is a \$1,800,000 it ends up that then that would bump our investment up."

Chairman Schroeder said, "No, I'm supporting \$700,000 today, maximum."

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Commissioner Miller said, "So the maximum is \$700,000, it is not 50% of the project?"

Mr. Norton said, "The petition reads 50% of the project not to exceed \$700,000 that's assessed. The County pays the balance. So in your scenario, if the project comes in at 1.5 million for example, the County would pay \$800,000 and the benefited district \$700,000."

Commissioner Miller said, "So we would pay more."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Oh, is that right?"

Mr. Weber said, "Let me try to clarify that. The petition is written so that the developer shares a cap of \$700,000. The developer will put up, following the normal debt policy, will put up a letter of credit guaranteeing the payment of the specials up to 35% of their \$700,000. They will also guarantee that if for some reason the project does not complete, for example it goes over \$1,400,000 and the County should decide not to continue with the project, their obligated to pay the engineering and things that we have expended. If they don't, we pull the letter of credit and do that. So the County has the option if it goes over \$1,400,000 of not doing the project and it is up to the developers to cover the expenses that have been incurred."

Chairman Schroeder said, "We are not exposing more than \$700,000."

Mr. Weber said, "We're only exposed to anything that would exceed 35% of the \$700,000."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That's not how it was presented to me. It was presented originally it was like \$680,000 or something like that and we thought well we need more just to cover any additional cost that might be incurred. I'm not too sure if I'm excited about bringing it back again if it goes over budget. To me that kind of leaves the project open, well, if it goes over we'll just take it back to the Commission and they'll do another \$300,000 or \$200,000 or whatever. I'm not so sure that I would be in favor of that process. I thought our total exposure, maximum exposure, was \$700,000 for this project regardless. I guess I was not right."

Mr. Weber said, "With any of the projects that we do as special assessment projects, if they go over they always have the option to come back and petition you to increase the amount."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Does that go back on the property owners?"

Mr. Norton said, "Let me try to interject a little here."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "That's what I need to find out, Joe, if that goes over does our share . . ."

Mr. Norton said, "The petition and resolution are stated like I said before, 50% to be assessed not to exceed \$700,000 and the balance the County at large. The County does control the contracting process. In other words, we will through the Bureau of Public Services solicit bids for the construction and the design contract and those kinds of things. So those costs will be known. When the bids come in on the project, if it looks like the cost would exceed the \$1,400,000, the County is not obligated to sign that construction contract and proceed with the project. So in that respect, the County does control the cost. In other words, if the contract comes to you and it looks like it is going to be a total project cost of \$1,500,000, you have the right to say no, we're not going to do it."

Chairman Schroeder said, "And if we say okay we're going to do it, who pays the additional cost?"

Mr. Norton said, "The way the documents read, the additional cost will be borne by the County. In other words, if the project contracts come back in for your review through the Board of Bids and it looks like it is going to be \$1,401,000 for example, you have the right to accept that contract or not accept that contract."

Mr. Spears said, "But if a controversy does arise, if it should come in over, the petitioner has the right to change the petition and up his amount, is that not true?"

Mr. Norton said, "That is correct. That happens on a number of occasions that when the bid comes in higher than the estimate then the contract is not awarded until the property owner comes in and requests the increase and the increase share."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'll make that statement for the record for my purpose is that I see our maximum exposure as \$700,000 in this project. If it comes back higher, I think it is up to us and the developer to determine if we'll go on. But in my estimation, if we go on, I would see it as the developer to bear the cost of the project in addition to what we already committed to. I think it just leaves it too open ended to see that the process is a tight process and is done the best way possible. I'm just not willing to kind of open end it like that. We can still go ahead today and if it is approved I'll agree to it but I'm just making that statement that I'm not going to agree to any more than \$700,000 unless there is something absolutely out of the ordinary would say that we missed in this project. That's what I've been thinking the past few weeks was that was what our total commitment would be. I guess I should have asked more questions. I apologize for not doing that."

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Mr. Weber said, "I think the documents do say that the benefit district is capped at \$700,000, but you do control the construction bid process."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. And Mr. Chairman that is what I wanted to add. The bid will come through us like any other project that is bid. It is not going to be paid for. Some private companies can go out and just contract with whomever they please. As you know, in government we have to let the bids, advertise the bids, and open them. If they come in at over \$1,400,000 or over the cost, then we don't have to do this. I agree. I think that if that's the case, then we're going to have to sit back down and say look, it's over the cost we've agreed to pay and maybe this project won't happen. But certainly today I think we're telling we're willing to share 50/50 in the project up to \$1,400,000. If it exceeds that and we get bids that exceed that, then either we stop it, they pay more, or whatever your pleasure is. But 50% of \$1,400,000 is what we're talking about today."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That's fine. Okay, thank you. Other questions or comments on this item? If not, I think we have some people in the audience who want to be heard on this item. If you do want to be heard, please come forward. I need to let you know that you are limited to five minutes. Please give your name and address for the record."

Mr. Rob Ramseyer, Vice President of Development, Ritchie Associates, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I live at 907 Linden Court in Wichita. We see this project as a good opportunity not only for the benefit district but for the County as a whole and very much appreciate your support in approving this petition today. I want to hit on two or three high points, big picture type points just briefly about this.

"First of all, aside from the 77th and I-135 project, I think this participation, private sector participation, what has traditionally been public sector projects is pretty much unprecedented in this area. In addition to paying up to \$700,000 or half the cost of this project, we are also donating ten plus acres of right-of-way which reduces up front cost and actually pushes our part of that to a little over 50%. We are putting the right-of-way in at no cost to the project.

"Secondly, and probably most important, it makes great sense for the future of Sedgwick County and the growth of Sedgwick County north along Greenwich Road. As you know, Greenwich is the only road that runs north and south from 254 down to the south Sedgwick County line and will likely be a fairly major route in the future. I think Tim and Bob from the Chamber kind of did the heavy lifting for me here on that point talking about inquiries as far as new companies, new jobs coming to town. I think this project may help attract some of those jobs and or keep the infrastructure and construction ahead of the curve on new people coming to down, new businesses and so forth.

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“Lastly, and I think you all know, on the north side of K-96, we have donated a soccer complex to the Park Department that comprises about 50 acres of land and approximately \$500,000 in improvements for that soccer field. Like I said, we are donating that. It is just north of K-96.

“In conclusion, this participation in construction by the private sector, which is traditionally a public sector project, reflects our interest I think in the community and to kind of encompass the whole area and the youth of our community. We feel strongly about that, our company, and kind of put our money where our mouth is on this. I think this project is a good one not only for our benefit district but for Sedgwick County as a whole now and in the years to come. Thank you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Next speaker.”

Mr. Ken Kallenbach said, “I’m with Mid-Kansas Engineering Consultants. We’ve been working with your staff, KDOT, Ritchie’s and other developers in the area on the platting both north and south of K-96 in the last several years. Those plats have been before you and they’re now final plats. We’ve sized the area for the right-of-way. It is adequate for the half folded diamond that is being pursued here with KDOT and they’ve approved that concept as David noted. I might go back and answer a question a little bit more on how this works. Of course 21st Street is a full interchange at K-96 and we perceive most of the traffic on this corridor, a lot of it generated now by the east campus at Raytheon coming down, would like to come down Greenwich Road, now comes down either Rock or Webb and Webb is filling up fast. With your improvements on that section north and 13th, four lane that previous improvements, we now have a lot of traffic moving from Webb road or from Rock to Webb.

“In the morning rush hour now you can go out there and note that the traffic getting off of K-96, which is coming from the west going south onto Webb Road is backing up, filling the ramp up, and leaving no room to slow down when you are trying to get off of K-96 on to Webb Road. This facility would greatly relieve that situation of course as would stop lighting that intersection. But we do see continuing traffic growth on the east side of Wichita from Rock to Webb and with this of course we would be able to alleviate some of that and get it on over to Greenwich Road. It’s a project that really is County wide and probably beyond because we have extensive employment. I know that at Raytheon that east campus particularly it’s growth recently, this facility will help that as well as the immediate properties that are contributing on a special benefit district basis. You’ve seen other platting and zoning requests before you recently with a number of churches and schools in this area. Sewer is going to be brought to the area quickly. It is a major growth area in the Comprehensive Plan that has been adopted by the City and County. It is one of the nodes of growth and this kind of interchange on K-96 is much needed.

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“The complete movement in that area, in that quadrant, would be on an interim basis until maybe another part of the interchange can be built would be to go back to 21st or you may already be at 21st and Greenwich and you’d go east and get back on K-96 and you go on south at that point. Or you could get off if you were coming from the southeast on to 21st to get to this area. So it is a complete circulation system. It would be better of course if the whole interchange were being built at once but as David mentioned the major movements are certainly being provided now. I know part of the developer would certainly appreciate your support on this much needed facility. Thank you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Ken. Questions? Is there anyone else who would like to address the Commission on this item? We’ll close the public comment. Joe, do you have anything to add?”

Mr. Norton said, “Other than we have prepared the Resolution for your consideration to implement the action that has been described today.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay, thank you, Joe. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. I’m going to be supportive of this project for two pretty simple reasons. One, I think any time we can work another exit at a major mile line cross road and still fall in safety perimeters I think that is a plus. As we look at K-96 particularly to the west of Rock Road, we’ve got every mile line intersection where people want to get off and on the interchange. So that is the first reason that I’m supportive.

“The second reason is this really is kind of a combination project where there will certainly be some benefit to the adjacent property owners but I think there is going to be many citizens using this interchange that are going to have some close final destination right there in the proximity. I think there will be a lot of other folks using that. I think if the State had come to us and said we see traffic patterns here and we’ll pay 50% of this if you’ll pay 50%, I think we would probably jump at that kind of an opportunity to have 50% State participation in something that is really going to serve the County citizens. So I think this is kind of a combination project and to be able to get \$700,000 from the adjacent property owners I think is just too good to pass up. I think if we don’t do it now we’ll come back in 20 years and think it needs to be done and then we will pay the full load or would have to go to the State. I think the offer of the developer here is good money and we ought to take advantage of it. Thank you.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. I won't disagree with that. I've thought about this project and I think it is a good project and I appreciate the developer putting money up. My concern here is to control the cost of the project. I think I have a commitment to the community to do that and not to build any project at any cost. We've seen that all over the country and I think you folks are responsible people, you've done this before obviously, and you've done it pretty well. I'm just looking for somebody to bring me back a project at its estimate and hoping that's what you accomplish. We really appreciate your being here today and helping us talk this through. Commissioner Miller, do you have your light on?"

Commissioner Miller said, "Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am supportive of the project but I'm not supportive of Sedgwick County being the payor of these \$700,000 or \$700,000 plus dollars in the project. Thinking back to the proximity issue where KDOT has only partially approved this interchange does throw a red flag up to me that first of all, KDOT did not approve it in their long range plan, then secondly, they've approved it partially recognizing there are still some problems in locating an interchange at this site. I will not be supportive of this. Thank you."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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	No
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

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2. RESOLUTION CREATING A ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN (PINE BAY ESTATES).

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Norton said, "The County has received a petition from 100% of the affected property owners requesting that the County create a road improvement district in an area known as Pine Bay Estates. This is an area within the County adjacent to Hydraulic and south of 63rd Street as noted in the cross-hatched area on the map. The proposed benefit district consists of eight lots, a residential subdivision. The petition requests that each of those property owners bear an equal share of the cost of the project. This is our standard road improvement district. Back to that statute, 100% of the cost will be assessed against the benefit district. No County participation. The Bureau of Public Services has prepared an estimate of cost of this project of approximately \$116,000, when divided equally among the eight lots it represents a principal component of about \$14,500 or if spread for 15 years at 6% an annual assessment of approximately \$1,500 per year. Mr. Weber and I would be available to answer any questions that you may have with respect to this project. We have prepared a Resolution which would implement the items that we have discussed here this morning."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you, Joe. Discussion on this item? Is there anybody here today in the audience who would like to speak to this item? Okay, if there is no one here who would like to speak to us then we'll limit discussion to bench and staff. Further discussion? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters 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."

G. STATEMENTS OF COSTS AND ASSESSMENT ROLL, ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING DATES REGARDING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY AND PROVIDING NOTICE THEREOF.

Mr. Norton said, "For your consideration this morning is the first part of an assessment process relating to eight road improvement districts that have previously been authorized by the Commission and which construction has now been completed and final costs have been ascertained by the Bureau of Public Services. Those projections are: Quail Creek Estates; Wheatland Addition; Belle Terre Second Addition; Diamond Addition; Rocky Creek; Brookhaven Estates; Savanna at Castle Rock 8th; and a portion of the 21st Street Project between the Wichita city limits and K-96.

"This is a little hard to read. There is a lot of information here but these are the statements of final costs. The amount to be bonded is the line in the green, right down here on this level. I'm pleased to say that in every case the final cost did not exceed the estimate that was prepared at the time the projects were authorized and in many cases the final amount is significantly lower than the originally estimated costs.

"The action for your consideration today is to accept this cost statement from the Bureau of Public Services to designate Wednesday, May 20, as the date for public hearing., when effected property owners to be assessed can come and present any information that they would like to the Commission. Authorize a notice of that hearing to be disseminated in accordance with statute, which is a published notice for those property owners, and to authorize the staff to proceed with the preparation of items for that public hearing. At that public hearing on the 20th, would anticipate that these project costs be broken down on a per project basis and significant information given at that public hearing and the property owners then would have the opportunity to make comment. Each property owner would receive a statement which would indicate a time and date of the hearing, their property effected by the project and their proposed assessment.

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“So we’ll have that information in writing prior to the time of the public hearing. This is basically just the first step in calling that public hearing for the 20th of May. Be happy to try to address any questions that you may have or read anything that is on that sheet that you can’t read on the screen.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Joe. Today all we’re doing is setting the date and time for this?”

Mr. Norton said, “That’s correct.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Any questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Statements of Costs, Assessment Roll and Notices of Public Hearing; establish May 20, 1998 at 9:00 AM as the date and time for a public hearing and authorize a notice of such public hearing to be published and mailed as required by law.

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, Joe. Appreciate your presentations. At this time, we’ll take a five minute recess.”

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 10:35 a.m. and returned at 10:44 a.m.

Chairman Schroeder said, “I’ll call the meeting back to order. Next item, Madam Clerk.”

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H. BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).

1. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES.

Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, “The first item is in fact a contract amendment with SRS (Social Rehabilitation Services). This amendment was initiated by SRS. It reduces unused State Risk Reserve Funds that have been allocated to Sedgwick County and matches them with federal money to fund Community Developmental Disability Organization operations across the State of Kansas. CDDO functions, as you will remember, were mandated by the state through developmental disability reform, legislation, and following that some regulations. These duties represent a devolution of services from the State level to the County level. Duties fell to Sedgwick County and our area, the State followed this mandate with funding and then conducted a study to determine if all mandated duties were adequately supported. The amendment before you is an adjustment to bring State funding in line with their projection of actual costs of implementation of regulations. The amendment provides a net increase of \$59,164 to Sedgwick County. The amendment also includes a grant of \$2,836 to COMCARE to pay registration costs and related expenses for consumers and families to attend a developmental disability conference which will be held this summer here in Wichita. The recommended action is for you to approve the Contract amendment and to authorize the Chairman to sign.”

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

2. CONTRACT WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS TO PROVIDE SPECIAL ALCOHOL PROGRAMS FUNDING FOR COMCARE'S ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "May I have permission to handle item two and three together? They are very similar."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Yes, you may."

Mr. Bomhoff said, "These agreements with the City of Wichita provide liquor tax funds for two COMCARE programs, the Women's Alcohol Treatment Services, known as WATS, and Addiction Treatment Services. WATS receives \$16,760 and ATS receives \$42,770. Both of these amounts will be used to fund salaries. The contract for WATS funds a portion of the project manager's salary. The contract with ATS funds two counselors, one of which works with an African-American targeted service. There is no cost to the County in this Agreement. The recommended action is to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. Thank you, Kevin. Item number two. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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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

3. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS TO PROVIDE SPECIAL ALCOHOL PROGRAMS FUNDING FOR COMCARE'S WOMEN'S ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT SERVICES.

Chairman Schroeder said, "Item three. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

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. Item four."

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4. CONTRACT WITH VIA CHRISTI REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. ST. JOSEPH CAMPUS TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM CRISIS STABILIZATION BEDS FOR ADOLESCENTS WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "This Contract provides COMCARE access to and establishes a rate for short-term crisis stabilization beds for adolescents ages 13 up to and including age 18, with serious emotional disturbances. The goal is to provide short-term stabilization beds to divert adolescents from the State Hospital or to help them maintain community placement. Hospitalizations are limited to a maximum of 14 days per stay. The rate is \$380 per adolescent, per day. The funding source is the Mental Health Reform Fund dollars that have been allocated to us from the State in the hospital bed reduction process. The Contract runs from 3/1/98 through 6/30/98. Our recommendation is to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Schroeder said, "Kevin, this one is already up and running? We're in the middle of it, correct?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "Well this Contract was late in the proposal stages of it but it will still be funded as per your recommendation. If it is not recommended, it won't be in agreement."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thanks Kevin. Further discussion on this item? If not, Clerk call the vote."

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."

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5. PRESENTATION OF THE PREVENTION FUND REVIEW COMMITTEES' RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "Prior to this meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, you approved approximately \$900,000 in prevention and early intervention funds for community agencies. This morning you will review and make decisions on \$106,000 remaining in this budgetary category. The request for proposals identified were for shop-lifting and Youth Domestic Violence Programs. That is what you wanted to see addressed with the remaining dollars. Two committees were formed. One made up of members internal to Sedgwick County government, the other committee included external stakeholders. The two committees arrived at different recommendations and we were advised to bring those recommendations to you for final decision.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

"We have a spread sheet here that I'd like to go ahead and put up on the screen. I believe these are being handed out and you may have these in front of you as well. It's my first time with Elmo. I consider myself acquainted. We have, what you see here, are various requests along this column from all the different sources that responded to the request for proposals. This line here represents the various amounts that were requested. You can see that on your own sheet in front of you as well. The internal committee recommended these two particular programs, Episcopal Social Services Venture House and Family Consultation Service Programs to be funded at \$26,000 each and then they also internally agreed that the Wichita Child Guidance Center should receive \$26,000 for their program and the Wichita Metropolitan Family Preservation Program another \$26,000, with a remaining contingency of \$2,000. The external committee met and decided that the Episcopal Social Services Venture House proposal would be funded at \$30,000 and then that the Family Consultation Program would receive \$70,000 with a contingency of \$6,000 remaining. The Family Consultation Services and the Wichita Metropolitan Family Preservation applications both address youth domestic violence. Venture House and Wichita Guidance Center applications address shoplifting.

"To assist you in your decision making process this morning, I have available COMCARE's Contract Administrator, Jeanette Partridge, and I also have today with us representatives from each of the recommended agencies. Randy Glass is here from Family Consultation Service. Matt Matthews and Linda Bemis are here from Venture House. Carrie Jones is with us from Wichita Family Preservation. Adrian Churchill is here with us from the Wichita Guidance Center.

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“In addition, one of the applicants not recommended by either of the committees has asked for an opportunity to visit with the Commission. Cindy Boyer is here with Levels Non-Profit, and she would like to have an opportunity to speak with you as well. Our recommended action is to select the programs that you wish to fund.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay. Thanks Kevin. If there are people here today that would like to address the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, please come forward and be reminded that you’re limited to a five minute presentation. Please give your name and address for the record.”

Ms. Cindy Boyer said, “My address is 1653 East Thelma. I want to say good morning to the Commissioners and the Chairman. I’m representing Levels, a proposed program for Wichita and Sedgwick County. Having had a lot of experience in this field and knowing there is a need that is not being fulfilled at this time brings me to our mission statement of Levels. We are a non-profit organization to assist youth between the ages of 7 and 18 who are underprivileged, to learn the basic skills in order to succeed as adults. To accomplish this mission we will teach skills needed to promote self-esteem and to gain acceptance in all environments, promote self-worth by teaching the social skills beneficial to succeed, promote high standards of performance through encouragement and recognition of individual achievements. We’re going to be providing programs with recreation and social activities, teaching each client in a dignified and respectable manner with understanding. We were going to consider all qualified persons for Levels without unlawful discrimination based on race, religion, sex, national origin, or handicap.

“Through active participation the kids develop skills that build self-esteem, improve self-confidence, instill self-respect, and lets them see that they are a part of our society. I was fortunate enough to be involved in this sort of a program in setting it up and I believed in the program and I do still now. I saw great success with many youth in our community and it is a very needed program and I don’t believe there is one of this magnitude currently in our area. We taught our kids respect for themselves and others. They learned to feel good about themselves and their achievements. They could become and did become confident adults. I think that we as a community have stayed silent long enough. Our kids are our future. I hope you will see the need and urgency for our program in Sedgwick County. Thank you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Questions of this speaker? There are none. Thank you for being here. Next speaker.”

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Ms. Carrie Jones said, "Good morning. I'm the Director of the Wichita Metropolitan Family Preservation Agency. My address is 1631 East 17th, Wichita, Kansas. The Wichita Metropolitan Family Preservation Agency is proposing to implement a youth violence prevention program dealing specifically with domestic violence. The broad service area for the program is Wichita/Sedgwick County. The target population that we are seeking to reach is the hardest kids in the city to reach and they are the least likely to have the motivation and support needed to participate in these kinds of things.

"The area that we're targeting has about a 97% minority population. While there are some programs in the area that have been developed to work with youth at risk, they do not address the problems of preventing the onset of violence. Why kids are so violent at such young ages has been a mystery to all of us for a long time. We've spent great deals of time meeting, looking for answers, providing surveys and looking at how we can reduce the amount of violence that our children are involved in. What we have failed to take into consideration is the amount of violence the kids are exposed to on a daily basis. Our kids are exposed to violence on television. They are exposed to violence in their daily lives and for most of these kids, they grow up and live with violence. Once a youth has been involved with the juvenile justice system, unless he or she receives a lot of attention, is almost certain that he or she will become a lifetime repeat offender. No program or intervention currently exists which helps to identify the basis for understanding why such extreme tendencies toward violence exists at such a young age nowadays.

"This program, the Youth Violence Prevention Program, will teach youth the consequences of violence through visual aids and other means. It would use innovative means, such as teaching complex and creative thinking skills while working to reduce the root causes through counseling in individual sessions as well as group sessions. Helping kids to vent their feelings through art, through writing, through development of poems, through development of plays and programs which they could take to schools and other places throughout the City, which would help them to have an outlet for the rage that they are feeling.

"Studies show that a young man or woman who witnesses or experiences violence in early stages of development are more likely to become violent abusers. Failure to adequately address such problems puts law-biding tax-paying citizens and their families and children at risk of becoming unsuspecting victims of crimes committed by youth who roam the streets unsupervised.

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“We have developed a relationship with the law enforcement officials in the City of Wichita, including the Sheriff’s Department and the Wichita Police Department, whereby we are notified of children who have witnessed crimes, whether that be a crime against a person or property. Most usually these crimes involve having witnessed a friend or a relative or someone killed, actually shot and killed. Can you imagine being three or four years old, witnessing your older brother shot in a drive-by shooting. The only thing that happens with you is someone puts you in a chair and says sit there quietly, we have other things to do, while the police go about taking care of their business and the family goes about taking care of business. We don’t understand why these kids are violent. If I were that child, I think, sitting in that chair, my first feeling would be that as soon as I’m old enough I’m going to get the person that killed my brother. So the problem that we are experiencing a great deal of is based upon the fact that there are issues that these children face that are never being dealt with. We would be notified, our staff would be notified by the Police Department or the Sheriff’s Department, through our relationship with them. We would have on-call, 24-hours, a person, in addition to having a licensed counselor on staff, that would be willing to come out and to meet with these families and help with these children on the spot and to make a way to have further contact with the children after the original crime had happened, to try and track them to find out what was going on with them and to provide counseling for them. That’s it.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Ms. Jones. Any questions for the speaker?”

Commissioner Miller said, “There will be questions, Mr. Chairman, but what I’d like to do is allow each of the speakers to come forward and then follow-up.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay, thank you. Next speaker.”

Mr. Randy Glass said, “I’m Director of Family Consultation Service. My address is 12521 Partner Court here in Wichita. I appreciate the opportunity to share just briefly the treatment program that we have proposed at Family Consultation Service for providing treatment to juvenile offenders that are arrested, both in the County and locally, for assaultive behavior. Last year, in 1997, there were 412 local youth, both County and City, that were arrested by local police enforcement and brought to the Juvenile Intake Assessment Center for booking. Out of these 412 juveniles, between the ages of around 8 years of age and 16 years of age, only 10% ended up in front of a judge being faced with the consequences of assaultive behavior. The rest of these juveniles received no sentencing, there was no prosecution and these children were ultimately released to the custody of their parents or guardian with no treatment and with no follow through.

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“It is our opinion that one of the greatest difficulties in our younger generation today is that boundaries and enforcement of those boundaries are not well defined and the consequences for behavior are not followed through immediately. Of the 10% of the children that were arrested for assaultive behavior in 1997, it took approximately three months, 90 days from the point of arrest for assaultive behavior, for that juvenile to be in front of a juvenile court judge and receive the vindication for that behavior.

“What is unique about our program is that it will address these juveniles that are arrested within 5 days of the arrest through coordination of law enforcement, the Sedgwick County and City District Attorneys and likewise, the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center. The program provides a handle. When this child is arrested, he is bound to be eligible for the treatment program through JIAC evaluation, then the child will not be released to the custody of the parent unless the parent or guardian is present. They will then be provided a diversionary opportunity for that child and that parent to be both involved in ongoing counseling and psycho-educational programs that include approximately three months of direct service. If those conditions are met and that child does follow through and the parent likewise, then that child will be diverted from future prosecution. This not only reduces the case load of juvenile court for the judges, for the probation officers, and for the case service officers that provides immediate follow through and consequences to youth that have been arrested for assaultive behavior.

“Family Consultation Service has a staff of 30 licensed and certified clinicians by the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. We have been in existence since the year 1900. We have nearly a century of credible services in strengthening families under stress and would like to have the opportunity of providing this kind of a program. We feel very strongly that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. If we’re able to access youngsters that are first arrested for assaultive behavior, provide them the opportunity to learn anger management, other consequences of expressing anger, and likewise develop an alliance with their parents and local law enforcement, the Sedgwick County District Attorney’s Office and other treatment providers. We feel like we’re going to take a large step in providing direct services that haven’t been provided previously. Thank you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Randy. Questions? I guess there are no questions at this time. Next speaker.”

Mr. Matt Mathews said, “Good morning Commissioners. Matt Matthews with Episcopal Social Services at Venture House. My position at Venture House is Core Programs Director. I am here with our Executive Director, Linda Bemis. First of all, I would like to recognize the County Commission’s interest and dedication in addressing juvenile crime in this community, the Sedgwick County area and the purpose and understanding that they have in intervention and prevention.

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“Venture House has been serving the Wichita community for about 15 years. We provide opportunities for individuals in need to make positive changes in their lives. This includes teenagers and families. I would like to mention that the program that we are here about, the Teen Intervention Program is in place, it is well structured, and it is comprehensive. We deal with juveniles, usually first time non-violent offenders. We emphasize and we educate them in responsibility, making responsible choices, self-esteem, and then also accountability and understanding consequences. I would like to acknowledge the external and internal committees hard work on reviewing these applications and also like to acknowledge the previous speakers who came before me because I know that everybody in this community involved in these programs have credible and valuable programs to offer the community. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Matt. Questions? Next speaker. Anybody else like to speak today? Thank you.”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “We have someone from Wichita Guidance Center, but they’re just available to answer questions if you have any.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Kevin. I’ll close public comment and limit discussion to bench and staff. Commissioner Miller.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Did you want to make the statement you were going to say?”

Chairman Schroeder said, “No, I was just looking for comments and thinking what the next step would be.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Very good. In looking at the . . . first of all, I need to be able to once again recognize the external and internal committees for the work that they’ve done and Jeanette Partridge, because it takes time and it is definitely interest in being able to review these applications and then rate them as basically what you were asked to do and lend us a recommendation. In looking at the recommendations and we have discussed these particularly in staff meeting, I am going to voice a concern of being able to spread dollars evenly as opposed to putting them in a requested amount totally. What I’m saying is the internal committee, I know it was a very difficult decision.

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“That there were some wonderful programs that were presented and it was a matter of choice. The internal committee was able to spread those dollars that were available, \$106,000, I believe, over four individual organizations. I don’t believe that the dollars that were spread, which were approximately \$26,000 for each, met the request of any one of those four organizations. Coming from the perspective of an individual who has been an interim director of a social service agency, it is difficult enough to work within your budget knowing that you’re probably not being funded to the tune that you should be and would need to be. It is even more difficult to be given funds less than what you’ve requested to provide adequate programming. I called it defeatist in the staff meeting that we were at and I would still say that, that it is defeatist of programming when you request an amount, you detail out what it is that you are going to be able to do for that amount, and then you’re funded for less than that. So I would challenge the philosophy and Jeanette, you might want to discuss the thinking behind this decision, but the decision, the thinking, that gave us the decision and the recommendation of basically putting the monies in four agencies and spreading it evenly.

“With the external committee’s recommendations, they chose two. The challenge that I would have for that recommendation is that those two organizations, which are wonderful organizations absolutely, but those two organizations are intervening organizations, the programming is more of an intervening perspective or an intervention perspective diversion as opposed to a prevention perspective, which is what one of our major focuses has been, not that we’re stuck there. Obviously the spectrum includes prevention, intervening, and immediate intervention, but I’m simply saying that is a challenge that I would want to understand the thinking that brought these committees to their decisions. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Other questions and comments?”

Ms. Jeanette Partridge, COMCARE, said, “If I may, I hate to speak for the committees. I wasn’t a proposal reviewer, I was more staff. I think the idea with the internal committee was that they were wonderful agencies and they really couldn’t narrow the field down so they were more egalitarian and split it up very evenly among the four that they preferred. They felt that maybe if they made an offer and the agency would need to come back and tell us we know you can’t do \$70,000 as your original proposal, but what can you do with this. That was kind of the thinking along the internal committee. Maybe do some negotiations along that way.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Okay. And with the external committee in terms of choosing those programs that are primarily intervention and diversion.”

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Ms. Partridge said, "Basically, those were the top two vote getters. They also wanted to do a prevention program. That was discussed. We had all the same discussions that I heard this morning. It came down to not enough money to fund three. They went with their top two."

Commissioner Miller said, "Okay, very good. Thank you. I appreciate that. I probably will have some follow up questions Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "A quick comment. I was looking forward to the discussion today. I'm not necessarily locked into this statement yet, but right now I'm tending to be supportive of this external committee's recommendation for really one principle reason and I think Commissioner Miller addressed this. We're working into this project of prevention with wanting to see results. If you don't fund something to your best ability, then you often times don't get the results that you want, you're spread too thin as you suggested. Try to do too big a task with too much money. So based on the fact that after reading these proposals, and I'm certainly not an expert in this area, but seeing that the Episcopol Social Service and Family Consultation ended up on both committee's chart and were high on each committee's chart and the internal committee decided then to split up the two other organizations, which are very good worthwhile organizations. My thought process now is leaning toward the external committee's recommendation is not a negative comment about anybody who has put out a request. My thought process is just try to fund a couple to the fullest amount of dollars you've got available. Right now, I'm prepared to support the external committee's recommendation unless somebody has got other comments. I'm certainly open to suggestions. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Other questions or comments? Commissioner Miller has her light on."

Commissioner Miller said, "I'll yield, I'd like to hear from Bill."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Go ahead Bill."

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Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Melody. I appreciate all of you being here today. It is an effort and I know it is important to you to make known to us what your missions are and it indicates to me that there are a lot of citizens and many organizations and agencies in Sedgwick County that care very much about their communities and the future of the children that live here and try to grow up here. For all those agencies that have been thus far already successful, I appreciate your interest. Our goal was to distribute \$1,000,000 in funds with a new idea in mind. That is to look at what we could do on the front end. Maybe we could prevent young people from making the mistakes that are common with many young people today and end up some place other than where they should be or where they truly would like to be or like to go. The idea that we had in this, at least for me and I think the Commissioners all at one time shared the vision, that we were looking for something new. We were adjusting although not totally abolishing our paradigm. We were shifting slightly off the trail from where we had traditionally been looking for solutions for our young people. New ideas, not necessarily radical outrageous ideas, but slightly different from what we had tried and what agencies were familiar with doing in the past. I saw in the presentations that we received that the ideas that were given to us were good ideas. For the most part the things the agencies offered to us were concepts that were somewhat tried and true with various degrees and levels of success with the clientele that they were working and those that they were targeting. But for me, this whole thing was a two part thing. While we may have been looking for something tried and true and with a mission in mind and that is to prevent problems for our young people. For me, and I think the Commissioners have expressed it many times, something as I said, something new. I don't think that for the most part with the exception of how we are going to measure some of the outcomes and consider next year what ideas for more preservation funding, I'm not sure that either committee, the internal or external committees really took a look at different methods, different presentation, different concepts in approaching some of the problems of our youth. I had mentioned it to folks that I thought we had made it clear that we were going to try some of that. As I look at what we've done with now I think it is \$994,000, I see much of the same that we've been doing except just an expansion of those things. I inquired at our staff meeting a few weeks ago to the Director of COMCARE, are these programs brand new? Are these programs new ideas or are these expansions of programs that are ongoing? The answer and I hope I don't misquote her and I hope she didn't misunderstand, that these are ideas and concepts that have been ongoing.

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“So I’m going to look very carefully next year at our program to see what the outcomes are, to see if we have met some of what we dreamed would be some of the outcomes. It is a short time to measure it for things that will take possibly decades to determine, but that is what I’ll try to do. In the meantime, I once again will ask that we look at presenters of programs with concepts, whether it be the full range of our million dollars or whatever we budget next year or just a portion of it. I just felt this year maybe we would have been wise to just present \$100,000 or \$200,000 portion of new ideas, new concepts, presented by people who hadn’t been in this business before, who would carry out their mission in the bliss of ignorance maybe. I don’t know. But with a new idea and a new way of doing business, none of it got there. So I today won’t vote for any of the programs that are recommended by the internal or external committee. I want my colleagues to remember that I want something different and the staff to remember that I’d like to see something different, with different agencies, with new folks in the industry doing new things with new ideas. I don’t think that we can keep doing things the same way over and over again and wonder why we still get the same results no matter how much money we throw at these programs.

“At the same staff meeting that I referred to earlier, I mentioned a juvenile justice system that is going on in Florida that is unique. Maybe it isn’t something for us but something that we ought to look at. We’ve obtained a partial tape of it. I was surprised, we can’t seem to want to spent the \$40 to get the whole thing but maybe we will some day. I can’t support this concept today and I’ll vote no on any motion that’s been presented to us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Commissioner Miller.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to be supportive of the external committee’s recommendation. The reason why is even though the challenge is to start at the preventive end, these individuals as I’ve stated, I know provide good services. It is at the intervention, which is just the next level. It is a worthy program that they are requesting funding for. So I will be supportive as Commissioner Winters has stated of the external committee’s recommendations, which is for Episcopal Social Services Venture House funding and Family Consultation Service funding. Thank you.”

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

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Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. This thing about what Commissioner Hancock has said and I agreed with a lot of what he is talking about, some kind of new and innovative change that is not happening currently in Sedgwick County. I appreciate that and I think maybe that we really ought to seriously consider looking at that but I'm not sure we can do that with this money at this time. Again, I'm still open to suggestions. But playing on that a little bit, again we're putting a million dollars into some kind of prevention project. We've already committed a great deal of it. But perhaps the 1999 program ought to be something that is pretty radical in change and something that is really unique. I feel though that if we started working on that now to spend this last \$100,000, we'd probably be working at that a long time. I would put in I guess an informational comment here that the Juvenile Justice Authority of the State of Kansas is very interested and wants to do community based projects that work towards prevention intervention and then sanctions when you need to do that. There is a committee of 22 citizens, Commissioner Miller and I are both on that committee as we work towards what Sedgwick County's plan is going to be in the coming years which will be partially funded by the State of Kansas, partially funded locally, and perhaps even partially funded by the federal government, and developing a local plan. What works for us locally. And Commissioner, I think your comments can be really perhaps discussed by that planning team as Commissioner Miller and I continue to work with them to develop local programs. So I want you to know that I hear what you say loud and clear and agree with a lot of it. Today I think I'm going to stick with the external committee's recommendation to get at least something rolling. I think we do have a big benefit this year in that we do have Jeanette that is going to be about a daily task of looking for outcomes. This money that we've put out into the community this year I don't think is going to be one of those automatic deals of you got it this year you're going to get it next year. I think it is going to be you got some funding this year and did you make a difference? If there is no way that we can see that you've made a difference then it is going to be tough. If I heard what you said Commissioner, you have doubts that doing things the same old way are going to get results and I understand that I think. But today I think I'm going to be supportive of this external committee's recommendation. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate all the comments. I think I find myself in kind of the same dilemma that the internal committee must have found itself that you read what these programs are going to be, what these programs hope to accomplish. It is awfully hard to make a choice. They are all terrific. Carrie, on yours particularly, I was really happy to read your goals and objectives and I applaud the outcomes that I read specifically on yours. But obviously we couldn't fund all the requests that we got to that amount. I imagine we probably got requests for twice the money that we had available to spend throughout the project. I don't know that for a fact but I'm pretty sure that we got requests for a lot more than we had to spend."

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“So I certainly understand that both of the committees had to make some very difficult choices on what they thought would be effective. Having read again the final four who are still in the running, if you will, I think I find myself where the internal committee did. I know it doesn’t fund any of them to the request but doggone it, they’re good programs. I guess I’d like to see what they could do with that funding although be it not what they wanted in total but at least a part of it. I think that’s kind of where I’m sitting right now, to give them all a challenge. It is very hard for me to pick a favorite there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. When we started this process, I asked the Manager to look at the possibility of putting aside some amount of money of \$10,000 or so or less for contingency and or emergencies that an organization may have. I thought that would be a good way of supporting somebody in a time of crisis by having some cash set back. I do favor the internal committee’s funding recommendation. However, \$2,000 in my estimation is not enough. So I would recommend we delete \$1,000 from each one of those recommendations to bring that total to \$6,000 for contingency. That’s where I’m at. I think we’re all over the board. Obviously I think it is apparent to the folks who are here today, this is not an easy process. I think everybody has a good program that is willing to do what it takes to make our community successful. However, we have limited funds as Betsy said a moment ago, there is only so much we could do. I would, at this point, I know we’re into the year quite a ways, but Commissioners?”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Can I ask a question?”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Sure.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Are we saying that the recommendations that are being voted on by the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners today we have two votes for the internal committee and two votes for the external?”

Chairman Schroeder said, “I have a vote for the internal committee but I’d like to see the contingency increased by \$4,000 to make it worth something. Two thousand dollars to me wouldn’t be enough to do much in an emergency.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Excuse me Bill. Mr. Chairman, you’re reducing the amount of funding for those very projects that are already being under funded.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Yes. I'm going to offer a Motion and it is not a Motion to approve anything but a Motion to delay this for one week. I think we need more time to talk about this, obviously we do. I don't know what you all think, unless you want to try to hack it out today. I'm willing to do it. I do like the internal committee but I just think \$2,000 is not sufficient to help somebody in the time of an emergency if they need it. I was sure hoping when we got the review committee's recommendations back it would be a lot higher than \$2,000. That is a lot less than \$10,000 which was my original thought."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Tell me what . . . because like I said I could certainly support the internal committee's funding recommendations, what do you envision the contingency funds would be held for?"

Chairman Schroeder said, "That's a pretty good question. I'm not sure. If an organization came to us and said we have a serious problem in an area that we think we could help but we need some additional money in order to get it done or something that is not planned happens that they can help us in a way of dealing with these kids and their well being, I think it would be great if we had some kind of contingency set aside that would allow us to jump in and help in the time of need. I don't know what it might be. I have no idea. But I know from time to time throughout the year there are crisis that occur and I thought it would be responsible if we set some money aside for something like that that may occur. I can't tell you what it might be. But it was just my thought that we have a contingency and \$2,000 to me just isn't enough, \$6,000 is okay but for some reason the external committee recommended \$6,000 and the internal recommended \$2,000. My guess is because they had spread it out over four. Even if we could get \$4,000 in the contingency I would be favorable to that. At least that is something that would make a difference. I don't think \$2,000 would go very far at today's dollars."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I don't know that it would either but I'll tell you and I think I know what you're thinking, but I would rather use all of this funding and call upon our already existing contingency fund if a problem or something unforeseen or someone needs our help would come to us. I'm like the others. I feel pretty strongly that we made a commitment to fund agencies as close to \$1,000,000 as we could. I know \$2,000, \$4,000, \$6,000 is not . . . it's pretty close, but I think I'd well I don't know. I just think we could find those funds elsewhere if we had to. I don't know."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. Commissioner Hancock."

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Commissioner Hancock said, "Mr. Chairman, as you are aware, right now the long range planning team is working to come up with an idea in the future. Commissioner Miller is on it, Commissioner Winters is on it, dealing with juvenile offenders and how those will be dealt with in the future. I think that is going to be a part of next year's decision making process for us. I think it is really hard for us at this time to really make the best decision possible, even if that is possible. I'm not sure that we can. We can only do the best that we have with the information available. I've made a statement. I think we ought to look forward to results of that long range planning team and see where they land and take a look at some of the results that we have from the agencies that we have funded. I certainly don't want to under fund anyone. If I had my druthers, I would support the external committee recommendations and with leaving a \$6,000 contingency and then move forward. I would rather see two agencies have almost enough money versus four agencies knowing they don't have nearly enough. I just don't think that is . . . maybe it is a wrong way to go but it's the best decision I can make at this time. I'd be willing to vote on this. I've made my statement. I'm sure I've got the staff's attention and I'm sure my colleagues attention for next year. Maybe we can find the \$40 for the tape."

Commissioner Gwin said, "We can, in the contingency."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I may write the check today. But anyway, I would like to go ahead and proceed with it today versus . . . we're already a quarter into the year, 25% of the way, we need to move on with it."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Again, being a member of this community planning team, I won't speak for Commissioner Miller, but I think you got my attention with the fact if you're willing to spend no money as opposed to getting the same old same old, you're looking for something different. I clearly heard that and I think Commissioner Miller and I as we talk with the community folks will be relaying that message."

Commissioner Miller said, "When you think of research and development, that is exactly what we're doing. Being able to ID what is intact, what programs are there and how they're working, and then development just elicits the newness, the uniqueness, and the ability to come up with something that is innovative, creative and could possibly work also. Yes, that is definitely part of our task. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. Further questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to select the programs to be funded and that is to approve the external committee's recommendations.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Appreciate you all being here today and your interest in obviously your organization and helping the children of our community. Thank you very much for being here. Next item please."

I. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

1. FISCAL YEAR 1999 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMPREHENSIVE ADULT ANNUAL PLAN AND GRANT APPLICATION TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You got my attention too on the last item because part of the planning team process for innovative programs. Today I'm here to talk with you about the Community Corrections Plan. The Sedgwick County Department of Corrections has received Community Corrections Grant Funds from the Kansas Department of Correction (KDOC) ever since 1983. In the past, this process has included both adult and juvenile community corrections programming. However, for this upcoming State fiscal year, we'll be making application to KDOC for the adult grant funds and to the Juvenile Justice Authority for the Juvenile Community Corrections Funds.

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“Today we have the annual plan and grant application for adult funding. Correctional programs provided in this plan include: adult intensive supervision, which has an average daily population of about 800 census; and the adult residential center, which is in the mid seventies average daily population. In fiscal year ‘98, the award from the State was \$3,081,000. We anticipate a similar grant award being available, a similar amount for fiscal year ‘99. In order to receive these funds, a Comprehensive Plan and grant application must be submitted to KDOC for approval by the Secretary by May 1. The Community Corrections Advisory Board has approved the plan in their April 9 meeting and has recommended this approval to you. We request your approval of the plan.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Application 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. Next item.”

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2. ADDITION OF ONE SEDAN FOR THE JUVENILE INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM.

Mr. Masterson said, "The Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program currently has one sedan used by eight supervision officers. Another sedan would provide appropriate availability of County vehicles to conduct necessary field visits. The purchase of the additional sedan and its ongoing use cost will be funded out of Juvenile Justice Authority Grant Funds, State funds. The initial purchase of the sedan is expected to be approximately \$16,000. The annual Motor Pool costs is expected at about \$4,500. We request your approval to add the sedan to the fleet."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, Mark. Commissioners, any discussion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the addition of one sedan to the fleet.

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, Mark. Thank you, Commissioner Hancock. Next item please."

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J. CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT.

1. AMENDMENT TO THE 1997-2001 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are asking on page 80 through 82 in your backup for your approval of an amendment to the CIP for this year, which will allow us to go through an RFP process, a request for proposal to hire an architectural engineering firm to do a study of preliminary design work on what we should do as far as expanding 911. We've had in our CIP for a number of years in the future category but it has never really been defined where it should be, how big the program should be, that type of thing, how we should address the needs. We feel like we need to do that first so we can bring you the best possible package to make a long term decision on CIP. There are funds available up to \$50,000 for the architectural engineering firm if we need that amount."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Ken, I have a question. With the event of the jail operations for food preparation moving out of the basement of the courthouse, do you know how many square feet that would free up in the cafeteria?"

Mr. Arnold said, "Not off the top of my head. Of course we're looking at another program down there relative to solving the basement drainage problems and how that might be effected by the cafeteria, what operations might stay in that area. That is still being analyzed and reviewed."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. It is kind of two or three-fold. You've got food preparations moving out, the issue of what we put back in versus if we do put something back in versus maybe we can move 911 and change places because the cafeteria operation would obviously be much smaller. I think you've got a lot of space that is usable down stairs and I'd like to see the architect really look at that hard before we go out and unearth any front lawns or build bunkers. I think it would be a lot cheaper to do something in the basement, my own opinion."

Mr. Arnold said, "We would propose to look at that as well as other options that might be out there to bring you the best possible program so you can make a decision."

Chairman Schroeder said, "You mentioned size of operation. Is that something that we're going to be discussing in this year's budget, the size of the 911 operation?"

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Mr. Arnold said, "I don't believe they have any proposals to ask for additional staff or anything this year. This would be for longer term, what the future needs might be to have some growth possibilities, some training capabilities, those types of things in that area."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, very good. Thank you. Other questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the amendment.

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. CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Arnold said, "This is on pages 83 through 90 of your backup. I wasn't going to touch on any specific projects although I'd be happy to answer any questions. I will tell you we are in the middle of the CIP process. We have developed a new process for this year. We've just provided our recommendations to the Bureau Directors and we will be having a series of hearings assisting the Manager in his hearings and eventually you and your hearings with the departments on their CIP requests for this next five years. We're looking forward to that and hopefully be able to provide you much better, more detailed information, for you to make decisions for the future CIP. I would be happy to try to answer any questions or any additional projects."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you, Ken. Questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to receive and file.

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, “Ken, before you go away, I’m going to ask that we take an Off Agenda item.”

MOTION

Chairman Schroeder moved to take up an Off Agenda item.

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

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OFF AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Arnold said, "Commissioners, in light of your action this morning on Item F-1, we would ask that you authorize an amendment to the Capital Improvement Project for the intersection project at Greenwich and K-96 to be added to the 1998 CIP Program. Mr. Spears is here and I believe Mr. Norton is here if you have any questions."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Amendment.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

Chairman Schroeder said, "Discussion?"

Commissioner Miller said, "Yes, just quickly. Mr. Pepoon if I voted against that does it matter? It doesn't seem to me that it matters."

Mr. Pepoon said, "I doubt that it would."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Any other questions or comments? If not, Clerk call the vote."

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, Ken. Next item please."

K. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Jack Brown, RS, MPA, Acting Director, Community Health Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thought I'd update you on three items on grants that we've applied for that we hope to be successful."

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“The first one is on a Pollution Prevention Program for dealing with the dry cleaning industry. Some of our issues in the community relating to ground water contamination, that type of thing. Find some of those sources with the dry cleaning industry. There has been a change in the dry cleaning industry to address some of those types of problems. We feel this would be a good opportunity to work with small businesses in providing technical assistance and pollution prevention type efforts and we hope we’re successful. That grant would come from the EPA.

“Secondly, we’ve applied with the EPA for a grant in the amount of \$200,000 if we were successful, these are currently being reviewed, that would make available loans to developers and individuals who wanted to purchase property in and around contaminated areas or areas thought to be contaminated. These are generally referred to brown field sites. We have had several applications with EPA. This community has been out in front of the pack in terms of brown field initiatives with Gilbert and Mosley and the North Industrial Corridor but we think we have now found a new niche in the brown fields funding that we hope we’re successful in this particular application.

“Speaking of funding and grants, we’ve had a bilingual, bicultural grant at the Health Department for three years now and it has been very beneficial to us in dealing with Asian and Hispanic clients that visit the Health Department. The funding is running out and will run out this year, but we had a site visit from the federal office of Minority Health and we hope to extend that for another three years. So we’re hoping to see another extension of that particular grant. It has been a very beneficial program for the Health Department.

“On local issues, the food protection staff has participated as we always do each year in the preparation for the River Festival, particularly with all the food vendors that are available at the River Festival. We always do some preplanning with all those vendors to make sure they follow all of the proper sanitation procedures. That is an annual event and I don’t know how many vendors there are. I know there are quite a number of them and it is quite an undertaking. I think the community can feel safe that we have good food sanitation, food protection programs in place at the River Festival.

“In terms of groundwater issues. The Riverview neighborhood, which is 57th and North Broadway area that recently annexed into the City of Wichita, we’ve preformed a lot of water sampling up at that area. The EPA held a formal public meeting last week to discuss initiatives in the area to connect people that live in the area that have contaminated groundwater to public water supply. That program is going forward. We did a large sampling in that general area and did not find any chemical contamination issues outside of that area that was previously defined by the EPA and the State, which is of some benefit to those individuals who thought they might have contaminated water. They can rest assured that they do not.

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“However, the area in general will be a public water project here in the near future. But those individuals with the problems are receiving bottled water and filtered water right now and will in the next few months be connected to the City water supply. Those that are eligible, those costs that will be paid by the Environmental Protection Agency. Those costs will not include special assessments, they’ll include the typical fees when making a connection to a public water supply system.

“You may already know, maybe some of you participated, the Country Living Workshop, which we were one of the players in, dealing with issues living in non-urban environments. It was quite a success. I think we had over 300 participants and I think there are plans to repeat that next year. This was dealing with all sorts of issues from soil conservation to water quality issues. A number of different speakers, a number of different departments and organizations were represented there.

“Lastly, I thought I might tell you that, I think I mentioned this before, the RFP for collection of household hazardous materials is out on the street and will be due back here I think in the next week or so. We are developing a City and County screening selection committee to select a contractor to handle the household Hazardous Materials Collection Program until the Brooks Landfill closes in 2001. That concludes my report. I’d be happy to respond to any questions.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “I see no questions. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Concerning the household hazardous waste RFP that you’re putting out, are there organizations or businesses here in town now currently that you think will respond to that are already doing some kind of business concerning that or do you expect somebody to start an entirely new operation? What do you expect to see come in?”

Mr. Brown said, “We have at least two or three local companies that are already in that type of business. I would see it as a local firm. I’m sure there will be some outside groups that may be interested. But right now, it looks like two or three local firms are very interested. We’ve had a meeting to explain the RFP and answer any questions. We had several of those groups show up.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, good. Well I hope we can . . . if we can be of any assistance, we certainly would like to be informed because I think we have a very strong interest in that too. If we do, as we move forward, keeping household solid waste out of the waste stream is going to be one of our goals and objectives. So we would certainly hope that we could put together some kind of system that will be seamless as we transition from one kind of system to another. We’ll be interested in hearing your report of how that works out and if we need to be of assistance or have information before your next report . . . I mean if we’re in some kind of time sequence, please don’t wait but come and visit if there is information we need to know.”

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Mr. Brown said, "I will. That is one reason we wanted to have a joint selection committee when we review these proposals to have representatives from both City and County government looking at the proposals that will be submitted."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Hancock said, "Just a real quick question. Jack, hazardous waste would the contract be approved and let this year, '98, or is it for '99?"

Mr. Brown said, "It's for '98."

Commissioner Hancock said, "And the funds are available and ready to go?"

Mr. Brown said, "Yes. Well, we'll have to have them authorized by the Council, but it would be from the tipping fees."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Very good. Thank you, Jack. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

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

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Jack, thank you for being here, appreciate it. Next item please."

**L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' APRIL 16, 1998
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Ken Williams, Assistant Director, Purchasing Department, said, "Good morning Commissioners.

**(1) 1998 BITUMINOUS OVERLAYS - BUREAU/PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

"Item one on our report of the bids is bituminous overlays for the Bureau of Public Services. The recommendation was to accept the low bid of Cornejo & Sons in the amount of \$832,323.25.

**(2) PERSONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE & SOFTWARE - DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING: DISTRICT COURT**

"Item two is personal computers and software for District Court. The recommendation is to accept the low bid of Gateway 2000 for the 5 each Gateway E-3110 computers and 4 each PC3270 for Windows 95, in the amount of \$9,245.

**(3) COPY MACHINE - DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING: DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

"Item three is a copy machine for the District Attorney. Recommendation is to accept the low bid meeting specifications of Business Systems, Inc., for the amount of \$16,512, including the 5 year maintenance costs.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

**(4) COPY MACHINE - DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FUNDING: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

"Item four is a copy machine for the Department of Corrections. The recommendation is to table this for review.

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(5) PLAT SCANNER SYSTEM - GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS
FUNDING: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

“Item five is a plat scanning system for GIS. The recommendation is to table this indefinitely for review.

(6) BANKING FINANCIAL SERVICES - BUREAU OF FINANCE
FUNDING: BUREAU OF FINANCE

“Item six is banking financial services for the Bureau of Finance. The recommendation is to table indefinitely for review. That is the report of the Board of Bids.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “I have one question. I’m not sure who can answer this. But when you talk about banking financial services for the Bureau of Finance, are you talking about doing the County’s checking account?”

Mr. Williams said, “Yes.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay. That’s the first time I ever saw it down as financial services for the Bureau of Finance. Who’s our present?”

Mr. Williams said, “It slips my mind. I think Bob can answer that for you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Is it Nations Bank?”

Mr. Lewis (Bob) Rogers, Assistant County Manager, said, “Yes, Nations Bank is our current designated banking facility.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “And that is what we’re discussing here, a designated banking facility?”

Mr. Rogers said, “Yes, we are.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay. That threw me when it said financial services for the Bureau of Finance. I thought this was . . .”

Mr. Rogers said, “This is for our designated banking facility which include the County Treasurer and the Finance Department, all of our funds, including the Courts.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Obviously Nations Bank's options have run out in this process, which was the old Bank IV?"

Mr. Rogers said, "Yes. What we've run into of course is that Bank IV is no longer and they were our banking facility. They've sold out twice now. State law says that we need to be doing business with a bank that is chartered in the State of Kansas. Nations Bank is not chartered in the State of Kansas. The statute also goes on to say that if we do not have another banking facility that is satisfactory that meets our needs and that we can work with, then we can go to a bank that is not chartered in the State of Kansas. But in this case, since Nations Bank or Bank IV has changed, Nations Bank, we felt it was necessary that we need to go back out and rebid the banking services and reapproach this to make sure that we are in compliance with State law."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Let me ask you this. Is United Missouri Bank chartered in the State of Kansas?"

Mr. Rogers said, "Yes, they are."

Chairman Schroeder said, "But Nations Bank has not as of yet."

Mr. Rogers said, "That is correct."

Chairman Schroeder said, "But they still were given the option to bid on it."

Mr. Rogers said, "We included . . ."

Chairman Schroeder said, "In case we didn't get anybody sufficient for what we needed."

Mr. Rogers said, "That's right."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. Now I understand. Great. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Just a quick question. When do you anticipate making a decision on this item?"

Mr. Williams said, "The County Treasurer, the Finance Bureau, and the folks representing the Judicial District met this morning at 9:30 with one of those institutions. I would suggest to you that you will be receiving a recommendation as a separate agenda item within a couple of weeks."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, that's all I have."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Bob, let me ask you this real quick. When we worked with Bank IV years ago, they did a deal with us where they charged us X amount of dollars a year but they handled our checks and did not charge us for checking and that sort of thing. Are we getting the same kind of feed back from these new bids now or is it just a one lump sum and they do everything?"

Mr. Williams said, "This sum will fluctuate. Several years ago we changed. It is based upon a bid for these services and it is all inclusive. However, there is a periodic adjustment opportunity for I believe it is 10%. I didn't write the specs in this particular case but I believe if our business varies by 10% then there is an opportunity to adjust what we pay for the banking services."

Chairman Schroeder said, "To adjust in our favor what we pay."

Mr. Williams said, "Either way."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Would somebody come around and talk to me about this because I'm not aware of all that."

Mr. Williams said, "You will be briefed on it before we bring it back to the agenda."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	No
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

M. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Instruments.

One Temporary Construction Easement and one Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 630-22-4484; Bridge on 47th Street South between Hoover Road and Ridge Road. CIP #B-297. District #2.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V98018	\$106.00	5	Cottage Grove
C98019	\$450.00	2	Douglas P. Bramwell

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>
C97021	\$156.00	\$158.00
V94116	\$237.00	\$295.00
V96030	\$66.00	\$239.00

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- 4. Extension of funding for the Detention Facility Project Manager through June 30, 1999.**
- 5. Agreement with K. Verdou Parish for maintenance of a property located at 6800 East Springdale, Derby, Kansas, purchased by Sedgwick County with Federal Emergency Management Agency funds.**
- 6. Order dated April 15, 1998 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 7. Consideration of the Check Register of April 17, 1998.**
- 8. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980181	County Commission	Transfer
980182	Election Office and Legal Department	Transfer
980183	Information Services	Transfer
980184	Appraiser	Transfer
980185	COMCARE-CDDO	Transfer
980186	COMCARE Administration	Transfer
980187	Public Services Highway	Transfer
980188	COMCARE-Topeka State Hospital-Adult	Supplemental Appropriation
980189	Corrections Juvenile Justice	Transfer
980190	Series A-1998 Bonds	Supplemental Appropriation
980191	Temporary Notes Series 1998-1	Supplemental Appropriation
980192	1998 Bridge Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
980193	Country Club Court-Street	Supplemental Appropriation

Mr. Jarold Harrison, County Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it as presented."

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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.

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. Any other business to come before this Board? I've been informed we do not need an Executive Session today. I'll adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

N. OTHER

O. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 a.m.

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