

Regular Meeting, May 6, 1998

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, you've received the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Minutes of April 8, 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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Abstain

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, you received the Minutes of April 15, 1998. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Minutes of April 15, 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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Mr. Daryl Gardner, County Controller, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I certify that there are funds available for those items that we have identified on today's Agenda 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."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. I see no questions. Next item please."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

- 1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 3 - 9, 1998 AS "CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK."**

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children and adolescents who have been diagnosed with severe emotional disorder must be supported in their attempts to remain in the home and in the community; and

WHEREAS, one of every twenty children and adolescents is severely emotionally disabled; and

WHEREAS, without support, the cost to keep these children in their families and in the community can be devastating to families; and

WHEREAS, efforts to provide education and information in the community regarding mental illness and its effect on all aspects of the lives of children and adolescents must continue;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 3 - 9, 1998 as

“CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK”

in Sedgwick County.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, “Today we have one of our own, Shelley Duncan, Director of Children’s Services here to accept the Proclamation. Welcome Shelly.”

Ms. Shelley Duncan, Director, Children’s Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of all the children and adolescents and families that are affected by childhood mental illness, we thank you. I’d also like to thank Commissioner Gwin for helping us kick off this week. Monday we had an event at the Old Courthouse on the steps of the Old Courthouse, and we had about 30 second graders from Park Elementary walk down and talk about ways to praise children. We appreciate that. I’d also like to remind you that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and I do have some ribbons in honor of the whole month. I’m going to give them to you and ask that you wear those if you can. I’m also going to turn it over to Nina Lomley who is the Director of Parent Advocacy Organization with the Mental Health Association to say a few words about children’s mental health.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Very good. Thank you. Welcome, glad to have you here today.”

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Ms. Nina Lomley said, "Thank you. Young people can have mental, emotional, and behavior problems that are real, painful, and costly. These problems often called disorders are a source of stress for the child as well as the family, school, community, and the larger society. The number of families that are effected by mental, emotional and behavior disorders in young people is staggering. It is estimated that as many as one in five children and adolescents may have a mental health problem that can be identified and treated. At least one in twenty or as many as 3,000,000 young people may have a serious emotional disturbance. This term refers to a mental health problem that severely disrupts a persons ability to function socially, academically, and emotionally.

"Mental health disorders in children and adolescents are caused by biology, environment, or a mix of both. Examples of biological factors are genetics, chemical imbalances in the body, and damage to the central nervous system due to a head injury. Many factors in a young person's environment can effect his or her mental health such as exposure to violence, extreme stress, and loss of an important person. Caring families and communities working together can help children and adolescents with mental disorders. A broad range of services often is necessary to meet the needs of these young people and their families. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you very much. I didn't catch your name at first."

Ms. Lomley replied, "Nina Lomley."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Nina, thank you for being here today. I appreciate your presence today. Thank you. Shelley, do you have anything else you'd like to say? Thank you. Appreciate you being here. Next item please."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 3 - 9, 1998 AS "SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK."

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are more than 30,000 reported suicide deaths in this nation every year. The majority of persons who die by suicide use a handgun or long gun to kill themselves; and

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WHEREAS, most suicides occur in homes, and guns stores in the homes are used for suicide 40 times more often than for self protection; and

WHEREAS, the risk for human self-destruction can be reduced through awareness, education, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to regard suicide as a major health problem and to support educational programs, research projects, intervention services, and handgun legislation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 3 - 9, 1998 as

“SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK”

in Sedgwick County.”

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, “Today we have Jan Burghart with us, Project Manager for the Crisis Services.”

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Ms. Marilyn Cook, Clinical Services Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Actually it is John Burghart and he's not feeling well today so I'm going to accept this for him. Tonight, by the time all of us go to bed, there will be 500 family members throughout the United States that will start a very long and complicated grieving process because a family member has committed a suicide. You read the statistics in the Proclamation, about 83 people a day commit suicide, almost 31,000 a year. I'd like to tell you a short story about one of those families as a community awareness and education activity here today.

"When I was growing up I lived in a neighborhood and the neighbors across the street from us were a family of five. Dad was a Highway Patrolman, mom was a homemaker and they had three children, Denise and her two younger brothers and sisters. They had the misfortune of having me with my first babysitting experience so I watched Denise and her siblings grow up. Denise had an asthma problem which kept her from playing with a lot of kids in the neighborhood, kept her from a lot of activities, and kept her more isolated than I think she really would have wanted to be. After I graduated from high school, graduated from college, and was living away, I got a call from my mother one day saying that Denise's mother had called and Denise had died that day. When we talked about it some more, what Denise's mother said was that when she got up that morning she called down to Denise, they had a large house with an intercom system, and asked Denise why she wasn't there for breakfast. Denise, in a very faint voice, said to her, 'I don't really feel like going to school today mom and I just don't feel like living any more.' Denise's mother did what I think any loving parent would do or any good friend, and that was offer her love and reassurance and her support and did coax Denise to go to school that day. What Denise's mother did not do that, what I would like to ask people to do when they are faced with a similar situation is to ask two more questions. One of those is, do you have a plan and if you have a plan what is your plan? Denise did go to school that day but she drove her car very fast into a grove of trees and was killed instantly. She was a junior in high school and it had a very profound impact on the community, on her friends, and on her family. And her mom, for a very long time and I'm sure to this day still, is replaying the conversation in her mind about the conversation they had on the intercom.

"Denise is not alone. You heard the statistics. Thousands of people take their lives. An overwhelming majority of them give us some kind of warning. They say something to us. I'm going to ask people who are faced with that situation and it is a very difficult one to be faced with to ask that person if they have a plan and if they have a plan what that plan is. Then the next step is to stay with them, remove the obstacles, whether it be a hand gun or in this case a car. Remove that from them and get them help. Sedgwick County has the prevention suicide service for the entire County and we are open 24 hours a day and also the mobile unit. You can find that number in the front cover of the Southwestern Bell phone book as well as the Feist book in the yellow pages. We're also listed under suicide prevention in about seven or eight places throughout the phone book.

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“Or, if you’re panicky and can’t think about that at the time, you can call 911 and they would patch the call to us. I would ask that people do act on that and ask those two simple questions if they are faced with that dilemma.

“I would also like to thank the crisis team as well as all the clinical providers at COMCARE for helping individuals in Sedgwick County stay healthy and alive, and to thank the County Commissioners for making this part of your business today. Thanks.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Marilyn, appreciate your being here. Commissioner Hancock.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “I just wanted to comment, the suicide prevention, as I recall, has come a long ways in the last five or six years. It has changed dramatically from what I recall as a volunteer system?”

Ms. Cook said, “The clinical staff at COMCARE used to take rotation and do their regular clinical duties and then cover the hot line at night. We, about five years ago, switched that over. We have many staff. There is always a person available to talk for a face to face intervention. We have put resources into a mobile crisis unit and tried to promote that service in the community. So we have come a very long way.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Thank you, Marilyn for being here today.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Thank you for being here, we really appreciate it.” Next item please, Madam Clerk.”

3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 10 - 16, 1998 AS "NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL WEEK".

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of American has designated the week of May 10 as “National Law Enforcement Week” and May 15th of each year as “National Law Enforcement Day”; and

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WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are warriors in the fight against crime; our guardians of life, and property; defenders of the individual right to be free and are dedicated to the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County desires to honor the valor, service and dedication of its own Sheriff's Deputies and all law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, it is known that every 57 hours an American Law Enforcement Officer will be killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States and 189 officers will be seriously assaulted in the performance of their duties, our community joins with other counties and cities to honor peace officers everywhere;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 10 - 16, 1998 as

“National Law Enforcement Memorial Week”

and call upon all citizens to honor and show our sincere appreciation for the law enforcement officers of Sedgwick County who make it possible to leave our homes and family in safety each day with the knowledge that our communities are protected by men and women willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violate the law.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, today we have Sheriff Mike Hill accepting our Proclamation."

Mr. Michael Hill, Sedgwick County Sheriff, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of all law enforcement in the metroplex area thank you for this. You always hear about the federal government and the military putting members of the military in harms way. Well, state, local, county, they also put some of their employees in harms way every day when they pin that badge on and go out on the street. We're paying them to go out and be placed in harms way.

"Over the past years, there have been 40 plus people who have made the ultimate sacrifice, highway patrol troopers, police officers, and sheriff deputies. We'll have our annual roll call next week, Tuesday at noon, over at City Hall. You're invited for that. I think it is appropriate at this time to mention the Sheriff's Deputies who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Those are Deputy Frank Hill, Detective Roy Vance Johnson, Detective Terry W. McNett, Deputy Christopher C. Willems, Deputy Kevin S. Easter, and Sergeant Kenneth E. Snider. It is always hard to find words and we've all heard it, but I think it is very appropriate. It isn't a sad time, it is a time to remember, a time to reflect, a time to remember the smiles, a time to remember the good times. There is an unknown author and you've heard this before, but I think it is appropriate that we listen to it one more time. It is called, A Part of America Died.

"Someone killed a policeman today and a part of America died
A piece of our Country he swore to protect will be buried with him at his side
The suspect who shot him will stand up in court with counsel demanding his rights
While a young widowed mother must work for her kids and spend many long lonely nights

The beat that he walked was a battlefield too just as if he'd gone off to war
Though the flag of our nation won't fly at half-mast to his name they will add a gold star.
Yep, someone killed a policeman today in your town or mine
While we slept in comfort behind our locked doors, a cop put his life on the line.

Now his ghost walks the beat on a dark city street and he stands at each new rookie's side
He answered the call of himself he gave his all and a part of America died.

Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Sheriff. Appreciate you being here today and thank you for all the staff from your department being here today. We really appreciate it."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, I have an Off Agenda Proclamation regarding Public Service Recognition Week."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to take up an Off Agenda Proclamation.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Commissioners, I will read that Proclamation into the record."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, government public service employees have both responsibilities and opportunities to improve the quality of life of others in our community; and

WHEREAS, dedicated women and men working in public service in Sedgwick County provide vital family and health services ensuring community safety and responsiveness in emergencies, constructing roadways, and preserving our environment, maintaining property information, and utilizing a multitude of internal services all to meet the essential needs of a dynamic and diverse community; and

WHEREAS, these quiet heroes utilize their talents and energies to give their fellow citizens the tools and opportunities to make the most of their lives, working 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

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WHEREAS, these public service employees work daily to make government better, improving efficiencies, and forging partnerships to provide the best services to the citizens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 3 - 9, 1998 as

“PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK, 1998”

in Sedgwick County.”

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, “Commissioners, Mr. Buchanan would you like to say a few words?”

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you for this. We often hear and you certainly hear most often from the public when things don’t go well. But in fact, we continue to deliver service on a routine and regular basis and you just heard an example of that this morning from our Sheriff and the folks who deal with people with mental illness. When we drive to work in the morning, road signs are properly placed, lines are painted straight, the surface of the County roads are smooth. It is a safe place in which to come to work. We deliver services in our parks. The list goes on. Government makes people’s lives better. In fact, the public servants who do that in this County are dedicated to doing that as best they can. Thank you.”

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

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APPOINTMENTS

B. APPOINTMENTS.

- 1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING GARY L. WILEY (COMMISSIONER HANCOCK'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

Mr. Richard A. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this is a reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three year term to expire on April 15 in the year 2001. The Resolution is in proper form."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Mr. Euson. Discussion on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock 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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Next item please."

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2. RESOLUTIONS (THREE) APPOINTING DAVID E. SPROUL, RANDALL R. COONROD AND GREGORY F. WILHITE (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS) TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, these are three year appointments to this six member board and the Resolutions are in proper form. These terms of appointment will expire on May 2 in the year 2001. These Resolutions are in proper form."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolutions.

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Next item please."

Commissioner Winters said, "Randy Coonrod is here."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Please come forward Randy."

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Ms. Linda Leggett, County Clerk's Office, said, "Raise your right hand and after I read the oath, say I do swear.

"I do solemnly swear I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of the Board of Building Examiners and Appeals so help me God."

Mr. Randall Coonrod said, "I do swear."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Randy. Appreciate you being here and thank you for volunteering to serve on this Board. We really do appreciate your commitment to our community. Next item please."

3. RESOLUTIONS (THREE) APPOINTING ROBERT G. BOLING, MONTE T. VINER AND ERNEST E. NELSON (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS) TO THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this is a five member board. These appointments are also for a three year term to expire May 2 of the year 2001. The Resolutions are in proper form."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you, Mr. Euson. Discussion on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolutions.

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Anybody from that Board here today to be sworn in? Next item please."

4. RESOLUTIONS (THREE) APPOINTING RON LOVE, DALE E. MALTBIE AND GEORGE FAHNESTOCK (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS) TO THE BOARD OF MECHANICAL EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, this is also a five member board and these three appointments are for a three year term to also expire on May 2, 2001. We have prepared the Resolutions and they are in proper form."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock 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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Anybody from this Board here today? Please come forward. Mr. Love is here to be sworn in."

Ms. Leggett said, "Raise your right hand and after I read the oath say I do swear.

"I do solemnly swear I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of the Board of Building Examiners and Appeals so help me God."

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Mr. Love said, "I do swear."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Appreciate your being here today, Mr. Love. Thank you for serving the County. We really do appreciate it. Next item please."

5. RESOLUTIONS (THREE) APPOINTING RODGER EATON, KEITH BREWER AND RODNEY KETZNER (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS) TO THE BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, these appointments to the five member board are also for a three year term to expire in May in the year 2001. We recommend the Resolutions for your approval."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock 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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Is there anybody here today from that Board? Next item please."

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARK F. SCHROEDER TO THE WICHITA PROMISE STEERING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we have prepared a Resolution which is for an indefinite term at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners and we recommend it for your approval."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Discussion on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Next item please."

7. RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM P. BUCHANAN TO THE WICHITA PROMISE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we have prepared this Resolution. This is for a term for an indefinite term and we recommend it for your approval."

MOTION

Chairman Schroeder moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

C. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA FESTIVALS, INC. FOR USE OF COUNTY FACILITIES DURING THE MAY 9-18, 1998 RIVER FESTIVAL.

Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is our omnibus Agreement with Wichita Festivals. It covers several activities that occur, use of parking lots for the carts for the festival parade that is going to occur this Friday, snow fence from Public Services for the Iron Kids Triatholon, use of County roads and parks at Lake Afton for the Wicked Wind 100 bicycle race, and a number of other activities. It is a standard Agreement that we've done very year with them and we would recommend your approval.."

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

MOTION

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

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT.

1. AGREEMENT WITH ALLEN, GIBBS & HOULIK TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY'S SECTION 125 REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR PLAN YEARS 1999 AND 2000.

Mr. Phil Rippee, Risk Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item D-1 is an Agreement with Allen, Gibbs & Houlik to administer Sedgwick County's health and dependent care reimbursement accounts. They currently provide this service through a subcontracting agreement with Great Lakes Strategies. This action will merely allow us to contract directly with them. It will not change the services. I would recommend you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

2. AGREEMENT WITH GREAT LAKES STRATEGIES TO PROVIDE IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY EMPLOYEES FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN.

Mr. Rippee said, "With regard to Item D-2, Sedgwick County has had an Agreement with Great Lakes Strategies for the past three years for consulting service in connection with our Employees Flexible Benefits Plan. This Agreement will enable us to utilize their services for an additional two years, through plan years '99 and 2000. I recommend you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

E. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA FESTIVALS, INC. FOR USE OF PORTABLE BLEACHERS.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Agreement before you is our standard equipment rental Agreement. This is a reoccurring instance with Wichita Festivals. They rent our bleachers every year for River Festival. Recommend your approval."

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

F. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING OF THE SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SUPPORT NETWORK OF KANSAS.

Dr. Corrie L. May, Coroner-Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you know, we are forming a volunteer group based at the Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center trying to provide support services after the tragic loss of an infant. As you are aware from my presentation in late March, Kansas is only one of four states left in the nation now who is not organized in terms of providing counseling services and so forth to families who have lost an infant to SIDS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or crib death. We are making application to the March of Dimes to get together some family packets that we can mail out very soon after the loss of an infant. I brought with me today Linda Popp with the Kansas Children's Service League and she is just going to briefly fill you in on what the project is about."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Welcome Linda."

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Ms. Linda Popp, LMSW, Crisis Counseling Supervisor, Kansas Children's Service League, greeted the Commissioners and said, "SIDS Network of Kansas, as we continue to develop and progress in that, are wanting to focus now on making that first contact of support with a family who experiences the death of a child. That needs to be done about as soon as possible. Families, we find, have many questions like what is the whole process, what is the autopsy about, what is SIDS and that. So in developing a packet that can be sent out fairly soon to a family after they experience the death of a child containing relevant information such as specific death information in regard to an infant and also counseling and support referrals would be important to these families included along with what's the role of the coroner and the medical examiner would be some of the information. Receiving such a packet is one of the first of many steps a family will take in their grief process as they journey through dealing with the grief of the death of an infant."

Dr. May said, "We'd be happy to answer any of your questions about the project. If not, we'd recommend that you approve the grant application."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Doctor, we do have a question. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just as a reminder to the public, once this is up and running, this is a service for the entire State or just for this area?"

Dr. May said, "Commissioner, we hope to expand it to the entire State. We've made several presentations to the Kansas Legislature this session. We are servicing families not only in Sedgwick County but also one in Emporia and one in Dodge City."

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

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you for being here Doctor and thank you, Linda for coming here today. Good luck to you. Next item please."

G. BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE.

1. AGREEMENT WITH HUNTER CARE CENTERS, INC. D/B/A CHOICES TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDER STATUS TO CHOICES.

Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, Director, Developmental Disability Programs, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item is a Contract which provides Developmental Disability Community Service Provider Status to Choices. It does not include direct funding at this time. Choices does have the ability to initiate services in Sedgwick County as a result of this Contract as long as it complies with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. It allows access to State funds and to mental health and retardation hospital closure funds. It also allows them access to Sedgwick County funds if a consumer identified in the Sedgwick County developmental disability finance plan is served by this particular agency and that is selected for service by this particular organization. No direct funds are allocated until an individual selects them for services. We would ask that you approve this Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Kevin. Discussion? Commissioner Hancock."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Kevin, I'm just curious, how is an organization such as this approved for provider status, is it by the State or by the County?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "It is initially licensed by the State. It receives a provisional license and then during a period of time it has to go through a number of processes and quality assurance activities. Then at that time it is given full licensure. We also have the ability at Sedgwick County to look into the service provision there, but our involvement becomes more active once an individual selects them for services."

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Commissioner Hancock said, "I see. Do all agencies like this have to go through a state mandated process?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "All that are licensed to provide services."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Okay, thanks, Kevin. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH PROJECT INDEPENDENCE, INC. PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY-EMPLOYED MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS TO HELP SUSTAIN EMPLOYMENT.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "This amendment alters the original contract with Project Independence in two ways. It adds a peer support group and it also lengthens the term of the contract. The peer support group will assist employed persons that have a mental illness with their job retention. It will be for individuals who are on the job but need a little additional support in the evenings and weekends to deal with the stress of working and the adaptations they have to make in order to do that.

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“When you have a mental illness it is actually quite a challenge to hold a job. Actually it is quite a challenge just to deal with the day to day symptoms. For these individuals who endeavor to hold a job additional support in the evenings and weekends will be provided to them by peers who are also serving as role models of persons who are out there producing their own income and adding to the taxpayer contribution to our community. Also, the amendment changes the contract period. The original contract term was mistakenly set for June 1 through May 31 and we just want to line this contract up with the regular state fiscal year. There is an additional \$513.34 as a result of this support group starting at this phase of the year. It is a very inexpensive project. It helps pay for refreshments to the support group et cetera. The recommendation is to approve the Amendment to the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Amendment to Contract 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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

3. PRESENTATION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ANNUAL PLAN FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Bomhoff said, “Commissioners, if I could direct your attention to the screen, I’d like to review with you the annual needs assessment and the plan for fiscal year 1999, which was developed in cooperation with COMCARE.”

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“A community council made up of 60% consumers, the other representatives were agency representatives. It was approved by the Physical and Developmental Disability Advisory Board. We now bring it to you for your approval.

“One hundred forty-one family members and 148 persons who are served were surveyed in late 1997. The survey was conducted in the last quarter actually and it was designed to follow the Rucker Powell report which you commissioned several years ago. We wanted to design our needs assessment in a very similar fashion so that we could detect trends.

“Some of the initial information that we found for respondents with children or a ward over the age of 21 is that in 1997 there is a great deal of concern about health and medical supports, recreational activities, and more help from paid staff, as well as safety. We’ll look at some detailed trend shifts. The area of more help from paid staff and safety has escalated in terms of concern over the years between 1994 and 1997. You can see in ‘94 health and medical supports remain high but other areas such as friendships, transportation, recreation, jobs, having freedom were higher ranking than they are in ‘97. We’ll talk a little bit about some of those trend shifts at this time.

“You’ll notice in 1994 more help from paid staff was at a level below 15% while it elevated in 1997 to above 30%. This particular survey is designed in such a way that it is pretty difficult to get many items over 30% because they are asked to name their top three items of concern. So a high ranking item could actually be anything at 25 and above per cent. You’ll also see that safety in ‘94 was less of a concern but elevated to almost 28% in 1997. Other shifts that we see is that having a job tends to reduce and concerns about freedom tend to reduce. We’ll analyze those trends here in just a moment. Any questions about those shifts at this time?”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Kevin, when you say safety, what do you mean by that?”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “Safety such as health concerns, not having any kind of concern about medical equipment that they might be using in order to sustain their health, might have to do with how they’re fed. Some of these are assisted feedings through gastro-intestinal tubes, et cetera. Any safety issues around that. There also would be any risk of abuse by care givers, neglect in a situation, those would be the kind of safety types or exploitation of any nature.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “I see. Okay, thank you.”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “Exploitation for instance might be using an individuals money for someone elses personal gain. Taking an item from them, like a television off their premises or something like that.”

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Commissioner Winters said, “Kevin, I’ve got a quick question. I remember back in ‘94 I was involved in a group and a discussion that I think we talked about a lot of these issues. I see that the issues of freedom, job, and transportation have fallen a lot lower in ‘97. Can we take that as an indication that we’re doing a whole lot better in those issues or are you going to address that later on in your presentation?”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “In just a moment, I’ll talk a little bit about trends, but we do attribute the change in jobs to more persons being employed and also the concern about having a better job with higher satisfaction among persons who have jobs with the type of jobs that they have. However, the item of freedom we think has shifted down merely because if you’re moving safety up and you’re moving concern about paid staff, something gives. So we basically see freedom as becoming less of a concern because they’re more concerned about safety and help from paid staff.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay.”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “Respondents who have a child or ward of any age consider the following types of services for children to be very important. These are both from 1997. Our survey found that parents are wanting services that are tailored around the individual. These are parents by and large who have no intention of ever having their child in an institutional setting. These days, we’re talking support in the home. They want to have those supports customized. They are also concerned about the mental health services that persons receive who have developmental disabilities. We’re going to talk about that. For the first time, we have a real opportunity to impact that because COMCARE recently named as a Community Developmental Disability Organization is also the mental health center. We’ll talk to you in a moment about our plan to integrate those two service systems. They’re also items that are important but of slightly less importance is help. They want to see helping persons use fewer supports. In other words, more independence and away from dependence on supports. They also want to see improved planning for persons who are moving from a school to the community service. One of their least important items were focusing on persons who had concerns and needs but don’t meet the mental retardation/developmental disability definition. However, I should note that everyone in this study met the MR/DD definition. So they would have that as a less concern because they do meet the criteria in order to be part of the survey.

“Respondents with a child or ward under 21 years of age used these types of services just to give you an idea of the trend. It is all in-home. It is those kinds of supports that we really are focusing on for this age group. In-home respite, this is a chance to give the family a break from their primary care giver allowing them to go out and do some shopping, have some social time, or maybe some individual time with other children and their family and providing the in-home respite support.

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“Support services in the home, such as special assistance during high intensity need times like getting them ready to go out to school in the morning as a time when you have three other children and you have a seriously disabled child, bringing in some support during that period of time. Summer and after school programming for their older children. Transition assistance from the public school to community services. Then their least frequently used services are the out-of-home type services, family support groups, center based early intervention programs, and full-day child care as well as consultation in community care. However, an important note is that utilization patterns are always impacted by availability and child-care and consultation and early intervention are not as available as these other services are which are funded by Part A, Part B, as well as County funding and Medicaid Services. So part of this is impacted by availability.

“Persons who are served were asked also about their needs and what they think are most important. Here you’ll see some significant differences between what they believe are most important issues from what their families believe are the most important issues. What you see is some consistent things. In 1994, transportation was a concern and it continues to be a concern for them. We have a very long term problem in this area for persons with disabilities. The bus system in the metropolitan area system has limited hours, limited range, cost associated with it, agency transportation is tied up often times with transporting individuals to and from medical appointments et cetera. There is not a lot of flexibility. Actually, recreational activities and transportation are very closely tied together. If you have transportation, you can access different kinds of more mainstream recreational activities. The person that the individual lives with is significantly more important to them in 1997 than it is if you’ll look at 1994 over here at less than 15% but in 1997 it became much more critical, over 25% indicated this was a concern. We’ll talk about that in just a moment when we discuss trends. Their medical support and health supports were very important to them in ‘94, less important to them. Safety continued to be of low priority to the actual individual who was seeking services and using services and we’ll talk about that in just a moment when it comes to discussing trends as well. Any questions about this particular slide?

“A review of the ratings by respondents with a child or ward over 21 years of age indicate some important trends. Families again are more concerned about the amount of help they receive from paid staff. This concern we think is related to a strong economy which has resulted in vacancies and high turnover among direct care staff. This is a critical concern. Turnover is at 50% and higher in some agencies. They are running 30% vacancies. The direct care staff are almost all working overtime. The salaries that they receive have not kept pace with the economy. Persons are concerned because that is the relationship they depend on, the person they receive help from as the individual that they expect to see the same face come through the door every morning. They want to see the same person, they want to depend on that. Quite frankly, that is not happening. So that is what we think that concern and why that has escalated.

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“Families are also more concerned about safety issues. We think this could be related to a couple of items. One is that it may be triggered by consumers gaining more control over their lives and choosing to take risks. If you’ll notice that consumers are saying they want more independence and freedom they value that higher. When I make a choice over my life and especially when I was 18 or 19 years old I think my family got more and more concerned about risks at that stage as well while I was concentrated on freedom. It is not much different for a person with a disability. They want more freedom. They take more risks. The families become more concerned about that. It also may be elevated as a concern because our agencies are conducting more risk assessments and when you do a risk assessment you more or less let the family know every possible thing that could go wrong. We think that has elevated their risk awareness. So they may actually have more concern. Persons with serious disabilities are living more independently and frankly that results in more safety concerns.

“Transportation and recreation always remain a critical concern. Respondents place less importance on freedom. We think that is just because we’ve improved some integration in the community but also because there is an increased focus on safety. Any discussion or questions about trends? Okay, progress is also being made in the number of persons who have jobs and that is increasing their satisfaction in this area.

“In terms of the trends with persons who receive services they consistently list transportation and recreation as being very much a concern. Their freedom and friendships rank very high. Parents and guardians rank safety as being important but persons that are being served are less concerned about safety. Persons served moved health and medical supports from highly important in ‘94 to one of the least in ‘97. Parents and guardians consistently rank that as a high and critical concern. Persons served are more concerned about who they live with. We think this is because we have made them very aware that they have rights about who they live with. I think in ‘94 they were accepting whoever they were given as a roommate and now it is our job as a CDDO to let them know what their rights are. If they have an independent living setting that they’re not satisfied with, that the agency has to be responsive to their needs based on DD reform regulations. As a result, they are voicing their concerns about it and they have a right to do that.

“Here is some demographic information. We see that age distribution 21 to 40 years of age are the most persons who are served. Under 5 is 4%. Twenty-two percent are in the 6 to 20 year range. We have a small over 65 population but we also see shifts happening in our own demographics. We may see some shifts in this over time. Gender distribution, more males than females. Qualifying disabilities, primarily it is mental retardation only but the second largest qualified disability is mental retardation along with some other type of disability. Cerebral palsy alone makes up a very small category and a lot of other disabilities are mixed in for a small percentage as a qualifying disability.

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“When a person has more than one diagnosis the primary disability still remains mental retardation in most cases. Other categories, there is a whole range of different disabilities, cerebral palsy ranking third, autism and epilepsy being a small portion of primary disabilities among our population.

“Psychiatric diagnosis, we see that most individuals, 84% in fact, have no psychiatric diagnosis while 15% do have a co-occurring psychiatric diagnosis. However, more recently we’ve found that almost 50% of the population is using some kind of psychotropic medication. That’s a concern to us. Fifteen or 16% with a diagnosis and 50% on medications? We’re going to be looking into that to determine whether some of these medications are behavioral controlled issues that could be dealt with through environmental supports.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Kevin, can I ask you a question? When you say diagnosis, that means done by a psychologist or psychiatrist or somebody of that nature other than a family physician?”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “Precisely, it is a diagnostic and statistical manual diagnosis category that has been assessed and they have been found to meet those criteria for that diagnosis.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Is some of that or a lot of that probably stress related when you talk about those kinds of medications that are given out by family physicians and there is probably, I’m going to guess some concern on the part of those individuals to go to somebody like a psychologist or a psychiatrist for fear that the implication is that they have a serious problem of some kind.”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “What we’re hearing from families and individuals is that they want better access to counseling and therapy for stress related issues for adaptation or adjustment problems that they may be having. The category psychiatric diagnosis are more serious mental illnesses that are diagnosed.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay, thank you.”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “We can see also we’re looking at some trends and shifts that are taking place. We expect to see these kinds of changes in the next fiscal year. These are duplicated counts so it is very important not to get the idea for instance that 1,354 new people are entering our system. This is a duplicated count. However, more accurately we can say because everyone receives case management, 99% of the people receive case management, that we expect to see 206 new individuals entering our system and 54 leaving. That would be for relocation issues perhaps and determining that they don’t need the supports any longer although in most cases these are life long supports and some accounted for by natural causes.

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“In the largest percentage of those of this increase is in the area of socialization. These aren’t new people. These are people that are now being qualified for Mental Retardation Developmental Disability (MRDD) eligibility so they can participate in County funded programs. ARK of Sedgwick County for instance has had a long term socialization program but in the last couple of years we’ve made the determination that people have to fit eligibility criteria in order for the County to pay for it. They can pay for it themselves or find other sources if they don’t meet our criteria. So as a result, slowly but surely more and more people have been going through the eligibility process to qualify for those socialization programs.

“In all, we can say that basically we can expect to see 206 individuals entering and 54 persons leaving. WE also expect this trend with the school system, individuals making a transition out of the school system and into MRDD services would be about 88 in ‘98 and about 103 in 1999. These are actually named individuals. We identified the persons. I know waiting lists and names of people have been brought to you a lot in the past and you’ve been confronted with kind of difficult data that you can’t really tell whether these are individuals or are these just projections. These are actually individuals who we have identified. There are a lot more individuals in special education of course but they don’t qualify for MRDD services. In fact, there is some discussion that special education is doing a good enough job that they are making some of these kids ineligible for the ongoing services and thus moving them on to the main services as VR, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, get out and get a job, get on with their lives. So that is what most of the children in the special education system do although some of them have serious enough disabilities to qualify for the ongoing supports.

“If you’ll take a look at our current utilization and if you put on our projections, you’ll see that we project an increase in case management of 152 individuals, which is a 19% increase over our current utilization. You can see some of these other numbers as well. Overall we see about a 22% projected increase in utilization of services over the next fiscal year. That is a fairly large increase in services. Some of this is happening as a result of a better organized care system. Having a Community Developmental Disability Organization in Sedgwick County government, we find that we’re in a position to do a single point of entry process where we’re identifying persons who might otherwise float through the system and not be able to connect with the kinds of service options that they in fact have.

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“Another situation that occurs, for instance one example is a family recently an older woman was hospitalized for a health condition and the hospital discovered upon her admission that she had three seriously disabled children at home that were in no services. So those are new individuals into our system and because we have a coordinated system, the CDDO, Community Developmental Disability Organization at COMCARE was able to immediately provide support services in the home to do emergency eligibility determinations and to move those persons in their appropriate support system. Before, these individuals may have been out there languishing for a while and perhaps not receiving services that they needed. So we do think some of this trend increases through a more coordinated system. There are also some geographical shifts of individuals choosing to come to a service rich environment from a more rural community.

“We also asked community service providers how can we improve as a CDDO, a Community Developmental Disability Organization. What they say is that they want to see us be more responsive. They want us to return phone calls faster. They want us to process applications faster. They want eligibility to be done quicker. They want our data base, our base information system to be updated on time. They also want to see our attitude improved toward providers. They want us to be very respectful. They want us to celebrate their successes as agencies and they want us to reserve judgement while we work with a service provider until we’ve taken an objective look at the circumstances. They also want us to discover any efficiencies about streamlining any kind of paperwork and other areas. So we’re going to be talking a little bit about that in just a moment when we talk about our plan. They also would like to see us do more training. These are our affiliate network service providers telling us as a CDDO what they’d like to see changed.

“The Council of Community Members took all this information and they went through a process. I talked a little bit about them before. They have 60% consumers. They went through a process of reviewing this data and came up with a number of areas that they prioritized as their main concerns. We did a participatory process along with the Community Developmental Disability Organization and helped them to come up with a plan. This plan is what we’ll present to you at this time. These are their top priority issues discovered through their strategic planning process. Their number one issue is staff. They want to see staff issues addressed. They are concerned about low salaries, high turnover, and burnout. They want to see better communication. They want to see services be improved by assuring better communication between providers and parents, between agencies, between staff and between medical personnel and agencies. That continued to be a concern for them. Funding issues, they want more funding concerns addressed. They also want to see us be more efficient with the dollars that we have as service providers. Importantly, they want to see flexibility and self-determination. They want more control over the funding for their individual needs. They also want to see medical services improved. They have limited coverage in the area of vision care and dental care and they are concerned about those areas.

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“Lower priority areas are transportation. They continue to have this concern and they want to work with Metropolitan Transit Authority as well as coordinating bodies to improve these areas. Dual diagnosis concerns, we talked about that, persons who have mental illness as well as mental retardation. They have educational opportunities that they’d like to see happen. They want to learn more about their rights and responsibilities and do more self-advocacy. Other issues are about housing, consistent implementation of DD Reform, persons who have mental retardation want sex education and parents want better child care for children under six. These are their primary focus areas for their annual plan.

“Under staffing they have a vision statement, to improve the quality of care by creating a larger pool of qualified staff who are consistent, trained, valued, and competitively compensated. They have some recommendations for CDDO affiliate providers. These are the actual service providers. Kansas State recently did a staff turnover study and they want us to study that and implement efforts to reduce staff turnover, improve retention. They want to promote value and importance of direct care staff. They want to see public education going on about the importance of being a helper for direct care for this particular population. They want to create uniform criteria for hiring and applicant screening. They want to see also more collaboration between programs as they train their staff. They’d like to see the CDDO use available data to provide support for needed wage and benefit increases and for us to work with the Kansas Legislature to increase the Medicaid reimbursement by 8% and dedicate that increase to salaries. We’ve worked toward that and did not receive an 8% increase from the Legislature this year. The House approved it but the Senate moved it back to about a 1% to 3% increase. Our job will be based on this plan to make sure that that is seen in direct salary and benefit increases for the direct care worker and not absorbed in some other fashion by the service provider.

“There vision statement for communication is to create functional, consistent, simplified methods of communication for all the parties involved. They want to see the CDDO and affiliates increase their communication when more than one provider is involved. More and more often now individuals are choosing more than one provider. Because they have a choice, they get case management from one agency, day services from another, support of employment from another. This is a new phenomenon and the agencies are struggling with their inter-agency communication as a result. They want to see us address that. They want to see better communication with case managers. They want more information about service choices and they want to widen the involvement of the consumers in all decision making as well have a proper explanation and interpretation of the rules and regulations.

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“Under funding, they want stable and timely funding that is flexible and meets their real needs. By this I think they are saying they want more control over the dollars themselves. They want to see flexible funding that has self determination as an aspect where a person may have more control over the dollars that they are receiving and may be able to purchase services from non-traditional service providers as well as the traditional service providers. They want us to communicate with parents and guardians more about their funding sources and what their options are. They also want us to collaborate to obtain funding outside of government sources. The community council wants us to push for legislation to increase funding and expand sources of funding and involve more consumers in this process.

“In the area of dual diagnosis they want to integrate these services and they want us to do that by creating a coordination council which has representatives from both Mental Health and DD providers. We have in fact initiated this plan. We will be bringing to you very soon a contract from a psychiatrist for a psychiatrist to staff this particular council and it will review individual case needs of persons who have both diagnosis and it will have all service providers from both systems there to make plans and strategies to address their needs. Very excited about this. Other places in the State are watching us to see how we do with this process. We’ll also include training every quarter and we want to create dual diagnosis experts at every agency in the County so that we can better work with the problem of dual diagnosis and mental illness and mental retardation. We’ve also involved our local hospital, Via Christi, one of our local hospitals who had an in-patient psychiatric unit in order to help them to adapt to the special needs of these individuals. We’ve also involved Parson’s State Hospital that has a special dual diagnosis treatment unit. They come down every month for these meetings and consult with us about our particular dual diagnosis issues. So we’re excited about this process and it’s at the recommendation of this council that we’ll go forward with it.

“Housing and transportation they basically said these are huge problems and we need more information. So they are going to, during the year, the council will bring in experts, stakeholders, and make some plans around these particular issues.

“The CDDO has made a number of plans and I won’t go through every one of these. But to address DD Council recommendations, we’re going to move forward with our self-determination process because they want more control over dollars. We’re going to work toward that increase in HCBS rates. We already have done that. I expect we’ll do that again during the next Legislative session. We want to conduct quarterly consumer town hall meetings in order to better educate them in the area that they have in fact asked for more information on. We want to increase our consumer representation and decision making groups and initiate our dual diagnosis coordination council as I just discussed.

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“We also want to be more responsive to our affiliates based on their input. Our plans in those areas are to set response time standards and to review those standards. We want to create and monitor single point of entry time frames. We’re going to automate our voucher systems to speed up our payments. We just installed our voice mail to improve our phone responsiveness and we are going to have our staff attend customer relations training in order to improve in areas that they’ve asked us to take a look at. We’re developing a web page in cooperation with the Sedgwick County web page and we’re going to put successes of our providers on there in order to have them believe and understand that we are in fact very pleased with our network of service providers.

“In terms of efficiencies, We are streamlining our paper work process. We just reduced by one half the amount of paperwork involved in getting a person eligible for services and that is one of our goals as a result of the planning process. We’ll continue to focus on those things. We’re going to be looking at better orientation for our affiliates as well as a pilot electronic transmission of our quality assurance information. That is our plan. We would like to have you if you have any other questions we’d respond to you at this point. Also, ultimately, we would like you to approve this plan so that we can send it to the State of Kansas and meet our required submission date that we have.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Kevin, I know we have some questions up here but let me ask you a little housekeeping note here. On our Agenda it says receive and file, but you would like an approval of the plan.”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “Yes, I would. I’d like to change that request.”

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

Commissioner Hancock said, “Thank you. Kevin, is this going to be an annual ongoing resubmission of a plan each year?”

Mr. Bomhoff said, “Yes, it will be. However, our needs assessment process will vary from year to year. I find families get frustrated being asked the same questions over and over again. They are saying don’t ask me about it, change it, improve it. So what we do each year in our needs assessment, we focus on a different aspect of the population. We expect next year we’ll focus on children specifically because this report didn’t focus real directly on them.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Well, it looks to me like it is quite a job and it seems you spent a lot of time. I know it’s been a tremendous effort, it had to be with the information you’ve given us this morning. I’d be more than happy to approve the plan. State funding requires that we submit a plan each year then?”

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Mr. Bomhoff said, "Yes."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Recently, toward the end of the Legislative session, you may not have been aware and I don't want to put you on the spot or anything, there was some significant changes in the funding coming down from Legislature, I believe they reduced it. Is that correct?"

Mr. Bomhoff said, "In the area of Developmental Disabilities there were two increases. One increase was in the area of early intervention programs, approximately \$1,900,000. The other increase was this home and community based services increase that I talked about earlier of 2% to 3%. That actually equated to about \$1,400,000 additional funding. They also did an adjustment on the consensus reporting system for home and community based services which allowed for more people to come in to Medicaid services so there were no reductions. The tax situation, the tax reduction efforts really tied their hands in a lot of ways from making the 8% increase for HCBS because it already talked about returning taxes to taxpayers. They really weren't in the position to go the full 8% but I think there is some recognition in our Legislature that direct care staff need better compensation so they did make an effort."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Well it was probably a case where I read it that there was a recommendation to reduce DD funding and maybe I thought they were going to."

Mr. Bomhoff said, "It was recommended, it was acted on fortunately."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Okay, good. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Kevin, I just wanted to say good job. You can tell that there has been a lot of work in putting this plan together and there has been a lot of dealing with citizens who use these services. I want to commend you and your staff for putting together what looks like an excellent plan and one that has got consumer input into it. Good job."

Mr. Bomhoff said, "I appreciate that. Sedgwick County has provided COMCARE along with every department within the County government an opportunity to learn about strategic planning. When we utilize those ideas that you provided for us. On an ongoing basis we'll use strategic management to take on individual issues and make sure that this plan is actually used and not used in any way to gather dust, hold doors open, other things that annual plans sometimes get used for. We're going to actually live by this plan and use it to guide our day to day work."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Very good."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Kevin, obviously our department, your staff, have made Sedgwick County a key player in mental health and how those services are delivered. We probably have one of the best in the region if not one of the best in the country. In the years that I've been here I've seen the improvements and I just want to give you a personal thanks for the effort that you guys put forward. This isn't a typical eight to five job that you and Debbie and your staff undertake every day and we really appreciate the extra effort. Obviously it has with what has happened at the State level with the funding, the monies coming to the local level which makes so much sense and it took years to get it there, has made a dramatic increase in improvement of services. I think those people know that. With your personal attention to it I think it is even better. By the plan I saw here today it was very thorough and very well thought out and as Commissioner Winters' said, does include the consumers input that is so critical in anything and everything that we do."

Mr. Bomhoff said, "You make a critical point. There is a devolution of services. Many of our functions were provided in the past on a State level and they are now brought to a level closer to home where the persons who receive the services have more input and more control over them and it is an important national trend and we're seeing it happen right here in Sedgwick County."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I think over all it is as I saw through your presentation, people have more control over their lives. There is not this issue of going through a bureaucracy of trying to get those services, the funding, the help they need, or making trips a long way from home in order to get those same services. I think it's great. I think you guys have done a very good job in providing those services and I hope you continue to do that."

Mr. Bomhoff said, "We have a saying that is, we're helping people not get a program, we're helping people get a life."

Chairman Schroeder said, "You bet, sounds great. Commissioner Gwin has a comment."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Just a follow-up. You talked about the changes that have occurred in a pretty short period of time really from a past system that was expensive, that tended to isolate individuals and put them in institutions away from their friends, family, people that they cared about. When those changes came and the idea of change may have taken a while to get here, but what I like about you and Debbie and Shelley and others is that when those changes occurred you were able to respond quickly and absorb those and create programs that a, address the changes and b, provide a better service. How are we so lucky? How did Sedgwick County get so lucky to have you all there who are willing to accept the change and make something happen?"

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Mr. Bomhoff said, "I think a lot of things that have happened in Sedgwick County go to credit outside and I appreciate your recognition of COMCARE, but outside to our network of providers as well. In the area of developmental disabilities, we have 17 providers in this community that have a history of providing services and I want to recognize their efforts and their ability to respond to for instance the closure of Winfield State Hospital. There really are no services that can't be provided locally. There is no reason for a person to be institutionalized. These services can be provided at the community level except for one exception and that would be perhaps behavioral areas where we are talking about public safety issues. So we still need institutional care in that area. Some families choose to have institutional care and that's their choice. We're working with those families to accept the safety that we're able to create and the work that we're making to accomplish that. But I think one of the things that I see within the management within COMCARE is a director that says how will we do it instead of can it be done? That attitude and I think you can see in any organization the attitude of the management goes through all the way down to the direct care staff or as we like to think in our inverted hierarchy, all the way up to the direct care staff. That's what we really see. I think that is also a credit to the County Manager and the attitude that we see within Sedgwick County at large. There is an attitude that we will serve our customers, our citizens, and we will adapt. So the expectation that I have on my job is how, I will find the way to do it, not how it won't be done."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I appreciate that. What I'm really especially proud of is we've not gone from just the past to the present, we've leaped over that in our aiming right toward the future and I think that's wonderful."

Mr. Bomhoff said, "There are several state of the art programs at COMCARE. You'll be hearing about one very soon about the homeless program which is getting national recognition. Commissioner Winters attended a State Conference and was able to see just how COMCARE's program stood among federal programs and we appreciate your presence at that meeting. We also look forward to the opportunity to share that information with the full Commission."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Kevin."

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the plan and submit it to the State.

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Again, thank you, Kevin for your presentation. Next item please."

H. AMENDMENT TO THE 1997-2001 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP).

Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We would ask that you amend the CIP to provide in our case better customer service to the Juvenile Detention Facility. We have some mechanical system issues to deal with, some roof issues, some electrical issues, and those types of things to deal with. Rather than doing these as a piece mill or like a road project, David doesn't do this of course, but you've seen a new road put in and two weeks later they tear it up because they forgot to put a pipe in and two weeks later they tear it up because they forgot something else. We don't want to do that with this building. We want a consolidated total look at the structure. So we're asking you to amend the CIP so that we can hire an architectural firm to do that study for us. Be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Schroeder said, "We do have some questions. Commissioner Hancock."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I see in the financial considerations, Ken that architectural engineering fees will run around \$85,000."

Mr. Arnold said, "That's our estimate, yes sir."

Commissioner Hancock said, "That certainly isn't just for the Juvenile Detention Facility is it?"

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Mr. Arnold said, "It is for the Juvenile Detention Facility as it relates to the mechanical system, electrical system, roof structure itself, the internal ceiling structure, sprinkler system, fire alarm, all of those things basically being integrated from the ceiling to above the roof. That is our estimate of what it might be. Of course, we'll know better when we get proposals back from architectural firms. We will not be using our in house architect unless they happen to be selected for that process through the RFP."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I see a total project cost of \$935,000. Are you estimating that's what it would cost to work on the electrical, mechanical, and the above ceilings, smoke detectors, and sprinkler systems that much?"

Mr. Arnold said, "Right, architectural plus the engineering pieces that are involved. That's less than 10%, about 8% I believe and I think that is fairly close."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I'm not sure I'm smart enough to answer any questions, for what we're doing and I know we're replacing the roof, but I can't understand what the big problem is there. Roofs are replaced every day. Why would we need an architectural engineering firm to look and see what we need for a roof?"

Mr. Arnold said, "Let me see if I can explain it a little bit better. There is a roof issue and the roof leaks now. We also have a mechanical system that is failing, that is not functional, that is not going to live on any longer. It has met its useful life if you will. We don't want to go in and put a new roof on and then two weeks later have to come back in and change out the mechanical system. That involves the curbs that are involved with holding that equipment, where that equipment is physically placed, those types of things. When you get below the roof into the ceiling cavity, we have to deal with issues of smoke detector system that has to be added, sprinkler system because of the type of facility that it is, secure ceilings as opposed to laying grid ceilings like they are now. Those all need to be integrated so that as the duct work comes through from the mechanical above the roof and ties into the rest of the system in the building, that's all a coordinated effort if you will. We want one group of folks to do that for us instead of three or four different groups of folks and all the problems that would create."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I'm sorry, Ken, I just have a little trouble understanding. The heat and air handling unit will not work and I guess what you're saying to me is that the duct work we currently have there is inadequate and can't do the job. Is that what you're saying?"

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Mr. Arnold said, "It is and we have several units that are there and they're not necessarily in the right locations. They are not necessarily the right size. That structure has been modified internally as you know a number of times since it was originally built and we need to look at that whole system if you will."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Okay. There isn't any chance that the contractor themselves would do any of the design?"

Mr. Arnold said, "There is a possibility on the issue of the roof side of it certainly, but we want to make sure we put the right type of roof on. We want to make sure we can get to the mechanical equipment to maintain it in the future without impacting that roof. As you know, there are literally over a thousand roof types and we want to make sure we've got the right structure to go with that facility."

Commissioner Hancock said, "My experience has been especially with air handling units and mechanical plumbing, sprinkler systems, installation of a centrally located fire control system, many times the installers themselves, the provider of that service will provide the design for it and include it in the architectural plans. Sometimes it is a little cheaper, I don't know. It just seems, and I'm not complaining about the whole thing and I understand that we need to have work done down there. We went down and toured it recently. I just wasn't expecting a \$935,000 bill to redo a building that exists. I wasn't expecting that one. I was just curious and I know we need heating and air and I understand all that. I just don't want to go into a building and do something that we're just not getting our money's worth. I'm not blaming you, I'm just questioning things."

Mr. Arnold said, "We questioned it as well as we were looking at these individual parts and pieces that have been requested and the price kept going up. That got into the whole issue of the future usage of the building, life cycle issues on all those types of things and I would agree with you whole heartedly sir that we could have a company come in and maybe engineer the fire alarm system or engineer the roof system or whatever. Vendors do that. We feel like we've got about six systems that we need to put together and coordinate and I know from my experience with the detention facility and other projects you need to have a group of engineers and an architect sitting around the table with the owner and coordinating that stuff so that you don't end up having three and four changes moving, one guy says do it one way and one guy says do it another way."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Can you tell me what previously approved CIP projects are going to be clobbered to this to the tune of about \$119,000?"

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Mr. Arnold said, "Those were projects that we had for initial thought process a couple of years ago on roof replacement for part of the facility and interior dormitory ceiling replacement, and interior ceiling tile replacement and a vast majority of the facility. So those three '97 and '98 projects totaled \$119,000."

Commissioner Hancock said, "So they were then part of the already planning . . . they didn't come from other projects outside that project."

Mr. Arnold said, "That's correct. We're integrating those into this total package."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Okay. Thanks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Just a question here. Would it be possible if you put this request for proposal out there and bring back to us what you get before we proceed on?"

Mr. Arnold said, "We would have as part of the proposal that the architectural engineering firm will look at this total system and they will come back to us with their suggestions and ideas and specifications and budget estimates and we can then make a determination at that point in time to proceed with construction documents and the actual work itself."

Commissioner Winters said, "So if we just put the request for proposal out there in the community, what we get back will give us a clearer indication of what all is needed to be done before we proceed onto the next step."

Mr. Arnold said, "Yes sir, that's correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "Then would we have an opportunity to review that before we proceeded?"

Mr. Arnold said, "We will come around and brief all of you on that, yes sir."

Commissioner Winters said, "Does that help at all?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Yes, that'll be fine."

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Mr. Arnold said, "We're hoping obviously that the total number will be less than that but at this stage in the game this is the closest we can come up with."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I guess my problem is that I'm not sure I know what is bothering me about this, something is. I just can't tell you what it is."

Mr. Arnold said, "I'd be happy to come around and visit with you some more."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I intend to support this today, Ken."

Mr. Arnold said, "Obviously it is a major project. It takes a lot of coordination. It is in a secure Juvenile Detention Facility setting and there are issues relating to that piece of work when we actually do the construction. There are a lot of issues we have to deal with and obviously we don't just want to peel the roof off and open it up and have all those issues to deal with at once. We're going to build the road right from the beginning as David does."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I understand and a lot of the area down there is and shouldn't be two by four and two by two lay and ceiling. I know we're going to change a lot of that and you think about what you're going to do above that before you ever close it up. It isn't a lot of fun to tear it out again to get to it."

Mr. Arnold said, "No sir, it's not."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I don't know how much space is between it and the roof itself, whether there is a crawl space up there to do any future work, I have no idea."

Mr. Arnold said, "I don't know the exact amount. Typically it would be 18 to 24 inches maximum."

Commissioner Hancock said, "That's not good unless you're working from below. You can't work within."

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

Commissioner Hancock said, "Anyway, just keep me posted. I just don't feel good about this but I know the work needs to be done."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, Ken, I've heard enough. I move we hire Commissioner Hancock to do that work."

Mr. Arnold said, "All right."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ken, when we go back and talk about the previously approved CIP projects, the roof replacement and some work on the ceilings, we didn't have anywhere in our five year CIP the replacement of this HVAC system?"

Mr. Arnold said, "We had talked about that, that it was a need, but this is something that really has developed over the last year so really analyzing the facility we've spent a lot of money repairing those units that are there. Their annual maintenance budget has taken a big hit in the last few years. What we really need to look at is a total and engineers who looked at it for us earlier said we've got a major problem here, these things are not going to last a whole lot longer. Are you going to continue to put out a whole lot of money annually for a system that's out of date?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "So we didn't have, if I look at my '97 to 2001 CIP I wouldn't find that identified in there."

Mr. Arnold said, "No ma'am, that's correct."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. All right, thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Ken, as a relationship to what Commissioner Gwin just asked, help me with the funding sources previously approved, CIP projects of \$120,000 and then \$150,000 from juvenile justice contingency."

Mr. Arnold said, "Several years ago you might recall, you as the Commission set aside \$150,000 for Juvenile Detention Facility project issues. At that time, you didn't know whether you were going to work with the State, whether we were going to do a whole new program, what we exactly were going to do and you set aside some funds at the end of the year that were designated for this facility to be used for future items that might be necessary to comply with the State's requirements or upgrading the facility or whatever is necessary. Those funds have been held back for a couple of years now."

Chairman Schroeder said, "How much was that?"

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Mr. Arnold said, "It's \$150,000."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That's the total amount being used. For some reason I recall that as part of a new facility or expansion funding, but you're saying we were going to use it for upgrading and those kinds of things rather than expansion or construction of a new facility?"

Mr. Arnold said, "That's my understanding, yes. It was in the same time frame you were talking about whether we should build a new facility or not and the studies were starting at that point in time. You wanted to at the year end set aside those funds for whatever would be necessary."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That's what I thought it would be for but you're saying according to the way that it was approved that it could be for anything that has to do with juvenile justice, not just a new facility or expansion then."

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. Operating fund CIP, so this \$665,000 is coming from the CIP budget. What projects were those taken from?"

Mr. Arnold said, "They are not taken from any specific projects. They are part of the annually approved CIP fund that you've set aside, say \$1,300,000 or \$1,400,000 a year."

Chairman Schroeder said, "So is that undesignated money?"

Mr. Arnold said, "It was set aside for CIP work but not a specific project except for those three that you talked about that were \$119,000 or \$120,000."

Chairman Schroeder said, "My last question then is once we've put all these projects together do we have an increase in the project cost or a decrease in the project cost?"

Mr. Arnold said, "Well, we'll have a little of an increase obviously because we've added more things to do the project if you will. Our ultimate goal would be to try to keep the total cost of this package to the lowest level we possibly can. That is part of the reason we want to integrate it so we don't put in one system and come back and have to make a change and pay to move part of that system around to make the next system work. We want it to mesh together and that should save us cost in the long run overall."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. So that juvenile justice contingency is now depleted once we approve this."

Mr. Arnold said, "Yes sir."

Chairman Schroeder said, "For some reason I just remember that money being set aside for expansion, one of those considerations. I just didn't recall it was set aside for maintenance and those kinds of things."

Mr. Arnold said, "How this facility will fit into your ultimate plan for a new facility or an expanded facility we're not sure. Obviously we need to do something with this facility to let it survive the next three or four years. Even if you started tomorrow to go out and build something new somewhere else, this facility needs to be maintained."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you, Ken. Other questions or comments on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the CIP amendment.

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

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**I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' APRIL 30, 1998
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the April 30 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are six items for consideration this morning.

**(1) SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS - BUREAU/PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

"Item one, sanitary sewer improvements for the Bureau of Public Services, Country Club Court Addition. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Nowak Construction. That amount is \$86,232.50.

**(2) BITUMINOUS SURFACING - BUREAU/PUBLIC SERVICES
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

"Item two, bituminous surfacing, also for the Bureau of Public Services, Kansas Coliseum Parking Lot E. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Ritchie Paving. That amount is \$230,594.

**(3) AUDIO & VIDEO SECURITY SYSTEM - JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

"Item three, audio and video security system for the Juvenile Detention Facility by Capital Projects. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Shields Electric. That amount is \$50,150.

**(4) LANMETER - INFORMATION SERVICES
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES**

"Item four is a lanmeter for Information Services. It was recommended to accept the only bid received from Management Communication Services. That amount is \$16,466.50.

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(5) DISPOSABLE SHEETS - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

“Item five are disposable sheets and supplies for Emergency Medical Services. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Alliance Medical at this particular time for the disposable fitted sheets and the pillowcases. The total for those two items is \$41,382.40. The recommendation on the disposable flat sheets was tabled for review.

(6) UPGRADE CAD SYSTEM SOFTWARE - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: MCT GRANT

“Item six is the upgrade of the CAD system software for Emergency Communications for the mobile data terminal project. It was recommended to accept the sole source bid of PRC Public Management Services, Incorporated, to match existing software and applications and provide the upgrade is \$406,814. There is a summary of the recommendations following.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

(7) RUBBER TIRED EXCAVATOR - MOTOR POOL
FUNDING: MOTOR POOL

“There is just one item that was tabled and those proposals are being reviewed. That is a rubber tired excavator for the Central Motor Pool and the Bureau of Public Services. I would be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes provided by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

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

MOTION

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

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

J. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easement.

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

Road Number 620-1, Owners: Jeff D. Teague and Renee L. Teague, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 27 South, Range 4 West, more specifically located on the south side of 6th Street South (Maple) and west of 391st Street West. Grand River Township. District #3.

2. Floodway Reserve Easement.

The following tract of land has been granted by Floodway Reserve Easement at no cost to the County. The Director, Bureau of Public Services, requested this Easement as a condition of receiving a Platting Exemption on an unplatted tract.

Owner: Troy D. Miles, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 28 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located north of 71st Street South and east of 311th Street West. Afton Township. District #3.

3. Right-of-Way Instruments.

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- a. One Owner Release for Damage for Sedgwick County Project No. 17-G through N½ J; Meridian from the north city limits of Wichita to the south city limits of Valley Center. CIP #R-169. District #4.
- b. One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 630-22-4484; Bridge on 47th Street South between Hoover Road and Ridge Road. CIP #B-297. District #2.
- c. One Corrected Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 612-18-2000. CIP #B-313. The original document with the incorrect legal description was lost. The dollar amount shown on the Easement has been paid. District #3.

4. 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>
C97039	\$275.00	\$290.00
V98011	\$324.00	\$94.00
V97020	\$321.00	\$325.00
V97054	\$138.00	\$256.00

5. Agreements (two) with Heavenly Helpers and Dependable Assisted Living, Inc. to provide Developmental Disability Registered Community Service Provider status.

6. Application for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>d/b/a</u>
Mark C. Reed	Sedgwick County Zoological Society, Inc.

7. Order dated April 29, 1998 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

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8. Consideration of the Check Register of May 1, 1998.

9. Budget Adjustment Requests.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980197	County Clerk	Transfer
980198	Sedgwick County Park	Transfer
980199	Personnel	Transfer
980200	Corrections	Transfer
980201	Road and Bridge	
	Sales Tax	Transfer
980202	Information Services	Supplemental Appropriation
980203	Aging	Transfer
980204	Aging	Transfer
980205	Solid Waste	
	Implementation Grant	Supplemental Appropriation
980206	Corrections	Transfer
980207	Corrections	Transfer
980208	Corrections	Transfer
980209	1993 Series A and B	
	Bond Issue	Transfer
980210	1998 Bridge Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
980211	Central Motor Pool	Transfer

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, before we make a Motion, I have a couple of questions I need to ask the Manager. One is Item 6, application for license to retail cereal malt beverages for the Zoo. Is that pertaining to the Zoobalee only?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "This is the routine and regular license that we get every year so that we can use our facilities for events that are rented in the evening and for special events and we provide the malt beverage license so that those events can occur."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. My next question is under Budget Adjustment Requests, Item 980197, which is the County Clerk. It is a transfer? I was looking at it and it showed that we are taking part time salaries to buy two new Xerox digital copiers. My first question is, it shows that's a planned expense but I don't think that was included in the 1998 budget but yet they are showing it as a planned expense. Do you know anything about that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "These copiers were purchased in the end of 1997 after the budget had been adopted and printed. Therefore, they weren't planned in the 1998 budget but they were planned when they purchased them, it was planned to spend the money out of other funds. So the answer to your question is yes."

Chairman Schroeder said, "So we already bought them."

Mr. Buchanan said, "They're already purchased, they're already in use. Those machines are in existence already."

Chairman Schroeder said, "And they are leased machines is my understanding. I just wondered because it said planned and according to this form here planned means that it was a budgeted item. That was what I asked for in 1990 when we put those in or 1992 or whenever it was. So I guess we need to educate some of these people on what planned means versus unplanned. Okay, I didn't quite understand it and now I do. Do you have any idea what happened to the other copiers?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I only can assume that we traded them in."

Chairman Schroeder said, "All right, very good. Thank you. Any other questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. I'll recess this meeting."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Sewer District Meeting at 10:47 a.m. and returned at 10:49 a.m.

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of May 6, 1998. Other business?"

K. OTHER

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 40 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the attorney client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation and legal advice and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:22 a.m.

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed in to Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. and returned at 11:55 a.m.

Chairman Schroeder said, "We're back in session. Let the record reflect there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Mr. Manager, do you have anything to add? Mr. Counselor? Then we're adjourned."

L. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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

MARK F. SCHROEDER, Chairman
Fifth District

PAUL W. HANCOCK, Chairman Pro Tem
Second District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner
First District

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Commissioner
Third District

MELODY C. MILLER, Commissioner
Fourth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

, 1998