

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 15, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, July 15, 1998, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Mark F. Schroeder; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Paul W. Hancock; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Melody C. Miller; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Becky Allen-Bouska, Director, Bureau of Finance; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Services; Mr. Ken Williams, Assistant Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; Ms. Mary Anne Nichols, Personnel Director; Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Administrative Officer, Department of Housing and Economic Development; Mr. Matt Benoit, Management Intern; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Central Motor Pool; Ms. Jan Kennedy, Sedgwick County Treasurer, Mr. Bill Meek, Sedgwick County Register of Deeds; Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, Director, COMCARE; Ms. Cecile Gough, Assistant Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Kathy Sexton, Budget Director; Dale Bukety, Chairman, Advisory Board, Department of Aging; and Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Louise Pierpont, 1102 S. Hillside, Wichita, Ks.
Mr. Mike Oatman, Box 1401, Wichita, Ks.
Mr. Gene Hughes, President, WSU.
Ms. Nancy Bereman, 202 S. Ashley Park, Wichita, Ks.
Ms. Bassima Schbley, 12515 Birchwood Drive, Wichita, Ks.
Mr. Lawrence Britton, 2820 S. Roosevelt, Wichita, Ks.
Mr. Richard Hesse, Cash/ Debt Management Coordinator, Accounting Department.

INVOCATION

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

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Chairman Schroeder was absent..

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, June 24, 1998.

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Gwin was absent at the Regular Meeting of June 24, 1998.

Chair Pro Tem Hancock said, "Commissioners, you've received a copy of the Minutes, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Minutes of June 24, 1998.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item."

CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Finance Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have previously received the certification of funds for expenditures on today's Regular and Sewer District Agendas. I am available for questions if there are any."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Becky, I see no questions. Thank you. Next item."

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PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY 12-18, 1998 AS "THE CENTER FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS WEEK."

Mr. Fred Irvin said, "Good morning, Commissioners. We have two Proclamations this morning, and I would like to read the first into the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, throughout the State of Kansas, citizens want to receive affordable, accessible health care and consider it among the most critical of social issues; and

WHEREAS, Kansas considers good health and healthy communities a treasured possession. The attainment and maintenance of healthy communities is the responsibility of individuals as well as society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Health and Wellness' focus is to provide outstanding family health care for the entire community through improved access, a heightened and unrelenting focus on education and prevention, and state-of-the-art treatment and control; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Health and Wellness has taken great strides in building a community coalition to bring affordable health care to all of Sedgwick County's citizens;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Community Action Agencies will sponsor the National Dialogue on Poverty on Saturday, June 22, 1996, hosted locally by the City of Wichita's Human Services Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the week of July 12 - 18, 1998 as

"THE CENTER FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS WEEK"

"That is the Proclamation and I would recommend you adopt it and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Irvin said, “Arneatha Martin is here to accept the Proclamation.”

Ms. Arneatha Martin said, “Thank you, very much. I’d like to thank Melody Miller and the other County Commissioners for all their support as we have tried to get the Center for Health and Wellness up and running. We’re ready for our grand opening celebration this weekend and we’ll be there to offer, as we said, the community family health care with a focus on prevention and wellness education. Thank you, very much.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Arneatha, you might want to stay for just a moment. I have just some, I guess you would call them, applauding comments for your work and for the work of the Board and for the work of all of those participants, particularly from the community that gave of their hard earned money and time and commitment to make this happen. It is just a wonderful experience to realize it. I’m so happy that we as a Board and I personally was able to be a part of it and involved in it. I just simply needed to say that publicly. You’ve gotten lots of attention and now it is time to do the job that you say you are about to do and I’m happy for you.”

Ms. Martin said, “Thank you all, very much. Like Melody said, the community has really supported this project. Just to let everybody know, the northeast community was helpful in raising almost \$100,000 for this project, which has been very, very unusual for a blue collar community. So we stand very proud and thank Melody so much and the other Commissioners for supporting us back in the beginning when we needed that encouragement.”

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Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. I know there was a picture in the paper yesterday. It is a beautiful facility. It is fantastic. We appreciate what you're doing up there also. Good luck with everything. If we could just get coverage like that on this side of the bench it would just be really good. It looks like it is up and running and congratulations. Thank you for your hard work. Next item, please."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY 20-24, 1998 AS "SEDGWICK COUNTY LAW CAMP DAYS."

Mr. Irvin said, "Thank you, Commissioners, this is the final Proclamation and I will read it into the record at this time."

WHEREAS, approximately one hundred fifty youth between the ages of 11 and 15 will attend the Fourth annual Sedgwick County Law Camp July 20 - 24, 1998 at Lake Afton Park; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Law Camp is to create a partnership between law enforcement and youth by providing a positive experience using law enforcement personnel as role models -- building self-esteem, confidence and trust; and

WHEREAS, a squad of 10 youth will be assigned to a mentor who will keep track of the activity schedule. The mentors will operate in teams of two, consisting of one Deputy and one Guardsman from the Kansas Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Law Camp is a partnership involving over 25 public and private sector organizations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim July 20 - 24, 1998 as

"SEDGWICK COUNTY LAW CAMP DAYS"

in recognition of this effort to involve our youth in alternatives to crime and violence.

"I would ask that you accept the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Irvin said, "Commissioners, here to accept the Proclamation is Captain Elaine Wohlgemuth from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department."

Ms. Elaine Wohlgemuth, Captain, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, said, "I would like to accept this on behalf of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Mike Hill. As you know, this is our fourth annual Law Camp. We do partner with the Kansas Army National Guard and we take 150 of our youth, 50 girls and 100 boys, and they're all between the ages of 11 and 15. We take them to Lake Afton and stay with them for a full week. We have many activities planned during the day and at night. Everyone involved sleeps on a cot in a tent with the kids. If you're used to air conditioning at night it's a trip. The purpose of course is to be a role model and to provide a positive environment for these youth. This could not be possible without the help and donations of over 25 businesses and organizations throughout Sedgwick County. The only thing that we could not get donated for the law camp was air conditioning and we did try. Our department does feel that working with these kids is important because they are our future leaders. Thank you."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

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RETIREMENT

B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO RICHARD HESSE, CASH/DEBT MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Mary Anne Nichols, Personnel Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is my privilege this morning to present a retirement certificate to Richard Hesse. Richard is the Cash/ Debt Management Coordinator in the Accounting Department and will retire August 1, 1998 after 10 years of service. Richard was hired on September 12, 1988 as the Cash/ Debt Management Coordinator.

"Richard has family all around the country that he plans to spend time with. His son Kevin lives in Florida. His son Brian and his daughter-in-law and grandson live in Phoenix. His wife's mother and sister lives in California. Her brother lives in Albuquerque. His mother, two brothers and sister live in Kansas and Oklahoma. He says, 'My wife Monica is a gifted clay sculptor. We will be free to attend Kansas and out of state art shows where she can sell her work.'

Richard has spent his career at Sedgwick County as the Cash/ Debt Manager in the Bureau of Finance. He describes his period of employment as, 'I have enjoyed working with the very capable and dedicated County Commissioners, Managers and fellow employees. I want to thank Carol Poe, Debbie Rogers, Vickey Horton and others in the County Treasurer's Office. I want to thank them for their assistance. I will miss working with Joe Norton and Robin Busenitz with Gilmore and Bell, and Jim Weber and Larry Sanchez on the County Bond and note sales. I will also miss the daily contacts with commercial banking officers regarding depository accounts and investment opportunities for the County.' We want to wish Richard the best of luck in his retirement."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I give you this clock as a token of our appreciation for what you've done. For those of you who don't know, Richard has probably saved and made us more money than anybody here in the County including the Manager and the Board of County Commissioners. This guy has been responsible for a lot of things for the last ten years. I always knew him as that man running around with that big wad of money to invest. Richard, thanks very much for your hard work and your service. We wish you the best of luck in your retirement."

Mr. Richard Hesse said, "Thank you, very much."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Call the next item."

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

C. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED 1999 BUDGET.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Part of Richard's work allows us to bring to you a budget last week that required no tax increases. I would remind you before you hear from the community that this Budget for 1999 has a recommended total of \$179,000,000 that again requires no tax increase. The average property owner for a \$80,000 house would require \$277 to be paid to the County for services. Half of those services are of the public safety area. They include operations for the jail expense and enhancements for EMS operations, providing for juvenile detention and investing in prevention programs to reduce the future detention costs.

"The Sedgwick County government budget also benefits the community with programs that enhance our quality of life, including Exploration Place, good roads to get people to work and to play and to their families, the Kansas African American Museum, programs which enhance physical and mental health of the community for those vulnerable folks who live here, a variety of entertainment options at the Kansas Coliseum and of course programs to provide transportation and other services to assist our aging population. Sedgwick County government is also proud of its partnership with Wichita State University. As you recall, that dollar bill which we placed in front of you last week, \$.04 of every dollar that we spend goes to educational opportunities in the County including community college support and for WSU, the big portion to WSU. It is a partnership that enhances program for the community and it is a good investment for us as a community and for the university. It is now time to hear comments from the public and we will be anxious to hear those so that we can proceed in developing this budget. We'll be available for any questions or comments from you."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Mr. Manager. Any questions? I'd like to open the public hearing to receive comments regarding the 1999 Budget. I believe there are some folks here from WSU who would like to go first so they can go to another appointment. We'd like to hear from them first. Thank you."

Mr. Gene Hughes, President, Wichita State University, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to begin this morning by recognizing the Chairman of our Board of Trustees, Mike Oatman, who would like to say a few words to you."

Mr. Mike Oatman, Box 1401, Wichita, Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm not accustomed to speaking."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Oh right."

Mr. Oatman said, "I've been asked by the Board of Trustees, who as you know is a group of appointed volunteers who administer the mill levy funds that you give us, to come just for a moment and let you know how very much we appreciate this partnership that the County Manager alluded to earlier. We don't take it lightly. This Board views its function as facilitating the needs of the university. This fund is one of the most unique partnerships in the country, is administered with a lot of conscientiousness and care, and we find every year there are different challenges and ways to spend that money. We have really appreciated this last year the awareness that each and every one of you all have been very much concerned about the university. I had the opportunity since I've been Chair over there to work with most of you individually and with the County Manager on various issues. I have to say that what has been clear in all of that has been a real strong concern for WSU. They just wanted me to come and say thank you, and to let you know that they really appreciate it, and acknowledge it publicly that you all are very much for the university and what it does up there and that you've all extended yourselves this last year to us to help make that partnership even more strong. That's my mission is to say thank you to each one of you individually, and to acknowledge the County Manager's help. He's been very conscientious also. That's all I have to say."

Mr. Hughes said, "I would like to just comment briefly. As many of you are aware, this is my 20th year as a university president and entering the 6th year here. So this is the 6th time I've had a chance to talk to you about the mill levy budget. As Mike and Bill Buchanan have both indicated, this is a very unique relationship between a state university and a county and a city. It is one that has benefited Wichita State greatly and there are many things that have happened over time that could not have happened were it not for the support from the County Commissioners and of course the tax payers of Sedgwick County. We are very appreciative of that. We've tried to be good stewards of those funds. As you have watched the budgets over the past few years, you have noted that where a program has started with mill levy funds to the extent that we could convert it then to state funding, we have done that. But there are a number of areas that the university needs to have continued support and one of those is for scholarships. You are providing a significant amount of scholarships for students who come to Wichita State University. Of course, there are a number of different projects that have been funded by bond issues and we're pleased to be able to have those as well. Again, without your support, those would not have been possible. I want to point out that uniqueness. I want to thank you."

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“ In my 20 years as a president, have never worked with a County Commission as fine as this one. I can say the same thing about the City. That’s a special relationship that exists. I want you all to know that as the Committee is searching for a replacement, one of the things that I have said to the Board of Regents is that they needs to find a president who will understand this unique relationship, who will work with the County Manager and work with the County Commission because of the importance of this particular relationship.

“I would like to recognize the members of the Board of Trustees. I thought it was interesting, on the way down this morning, Fred commented, and I think ‘Old’ Mike said to him yesterday, that there are boards and then there are boards. With so many boards, you have an expectation that they will come and you will tell them something and they’ll go away and you’ll do your thing. This Board of Trustees is not that kind of board. This Board is involved. They want to know about the details of various aspects of the operation of the University and of course particularly about the items over which they have fiduciary responsibility. But the members of the board and I would just like to recognize publicly, of course you have ‘Old’ Mike who is here this morning serving as the Chairman of the Board, but we also have Joan Beren, Dale Diggs, Jeff Turner, Brad Beets, Marilyn Pauley, Mary Lynn Oliver, Bill Moore, and Mike Burris. I think as you hear those names, you will recognize that we have a pretty powerful Board of Trustees. We’re very pleased for that and thankful to Governor Graves for having made a number of those appointments now that have made this a very significant board not only for the University but for Wichita and Sedgwick County. I would ask this morning that you support the budget request that has been approved by the Board of Trustees. As you know, our process is one in which the Board approves it, it comes to you and the City. We hope that both will ratify that and then we actually have to take it to the Board of Regents for approval after you have gone through your process. I want to thank each of you individually for your support of the University but also of me during my time here. I’d be glad to answer any questions that you might have.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Commissioners, any questions? Gene, just for me, I want to say that it has been a pleasure having you here. I hate to see this go. I hate to see this is going to be your last budget with us. You’ve been wonderful to work with, along with the Board of Trustees and Mike Oatman. I appreciate the work we did last year with him and the Board. I think the University and the selection committee is going to have to go a long ways to find someone to fill your shoes. You’ve brought the University a long way. It has been very positive what you’ve done here. You’ve made our work a lot easier, too. Thank you, very much.”

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Commissioner Miller said, "I do have one comment. That is, coming from the Commissioner of the District that the University lies in and recognizing the shaky, sometimes very questionable, relationship between the surrounding inter-core community and the University, I would like to be able to publicly commend you as a president having an agenda, the foresight, and a desire to build some bridges between the community that surrounds you to extend a helping hand and a partnering hand from the University to the community that surrounds you. I think that it is obvious and evident, I could say that there is more that needs to be done and hopefully will be done, but I needed to be able to tell you that, because I've seen it deteriorate some and at this point though I'm very hopeful and positive and appreciative of the direction change that the University, in terms of looking at who surrounds it, and what surrounds it, and being able to extend a partnering hand to it to lift up everyone that is within it. I simply needed to be able to say thank you, because you are the administrative head. That direction had to come somewhat from you, and obviously within your philosophy you had to believe in the strength of strengthening the community, which is where our university lies in."

Mr. Hughes said, "Thank you very much, Commissioner Miller. I want to assure you again that as part of that search process, we're looking for someone who will continue those efforts."

Commissioner Miller said, "Very good. Thank you."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Gene."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Next speaker, please."

Ms. Nancy Bereman, 202 S. Ashley Park, Wichita, Kansas, said, "I'm the Chair of the Board of Directors for Senior Services, Incorporated. I want to thank you for allowing me to speak today about the older population in our area and the role that Senior Services, Incorporated plays in meeting their need to remain in their own homes and helping family members who are involved in their welfare and care. My only purpose here today is to thank the Commissioners for your on-going financial support and commitment to helping older Kansans to remain independent. Without the County mill levy support that we receive from you that we coordinate with our other multiple funding sources, our programs would definitely suffer."

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“I would like to take a few moments today to tell you a few stories about our services. People often tell us that our services are life savers. We don’t usually take that literally but one day in April, our grocery van driver may have done just that. When our roving pantry driver tried to deliver a grocery order to one of our clients, she didn’t answer the door. Because she is always home for her groceries, the driver was concerned. From his next delivery home, he called the office asking that we check again. Our social service department has, when possible, an emergency contact for home bound clients. In this case it was a neighbor who knocked again with no answer but called back to tell us that she thought she heard a noise from within the home. We called 911 and emergency workers found the client on the floor. She had fallen and been on the floor for 18 hours. Because of severe arthritis, she could not crawl nor pull herself up. This client is in her early eighties and lives alone. Poor health has pretty much made her home bound except for a Saturday taxi cab outing to visit her adult disabled daughter who lives in the Starkey Center. She has no close relatives, no other family in Wichita. Neighbors are not accustomed to seeing her outside and she expected no visitors. She, and we, believe that our driver saved her life.

“Most people are aware of our Meals On Wheels programs. Besides providing a nourishing hot meal and daily contacts for home bound elders, the program also enjoys the support of many community volunteers. One of our volunteers, Doris Uhlig has been a meals volunteer since 1979. She was recently named in 1998, Volunteer of the Year by Reynolds Metal Company and the Project Meal Foundation. Doris does something that is very innovative. She takes her six grandchildren on her route with her, each at different times, as a way to teach them the value of helping others. Senior Services has always been aware of the strong ties between older and younger generations. According to the American Association of Retired Persons, many older people are engaged in raising their grandchildren or involved in the day to day care of their grandchildren. This trend is reflected in Sedgwick County among older people who use our services. One of our in-home respite care clients not only takes care of her mother who is in her nineties and bed-ridden because of severe osteoporosis, but this lady also is the custodial grandparent for an adolescent grandson.

“Our Neighborhood Connection program matches volunteers with older neighbors who need help with tasks like housekeeping, yard work, and errands. A very simple task for us, for younger people, I don’t always consider myself younger anymore, but younger than some of our clients, a very simple task like changing an overhead light bulb may be impossible for an older person. This program works with local church youth groups, United Way Youth Volunteers and others of all ages who are willing to give a little time to help older neighbors. Our Neighborhood Connection staff also offers sensitivity training to youth groups, schools, et cetera, about age related changes.

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“I’d like to make just a couple of comments about our Senior Centers and Judy Finnell is with me today, the Executive Director, and she has a letter from one of our Senior Center clients. Participants from our Orchard Park Senior Center were reading mentors to first graders from Bryant Elementary School during the past school year. They meet once a week to practice reading skills and work on book reports. They will continue to be mentors during the 1998 school year. The material I’ve given to you, that Judy has given to you, is a letter from one of our 104 year old senior center participants thanking the senior participants for a birthday party that they provided for her. I hope that I am able to write a letter at 104 as this lady is. Again, I just want to thank the County Commission for your support through the mill levy. As I said, Judy Finnell is here if you have any questions or comments regarding our programs, we would certainly try to answer those.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you. Nancy, I want to thank you today for coming and giving us some specifics. I think it is important for the community to understand what kinds of services are provided and the fact that you humanize some of those is important. One of the challenges you and other service providers for seniors face is the challenge of keeping seniors in their homes with dignity and with the services they need coming to them and not the patterns of the past where we used to just shuffle older persons off to nursing homes and call it a good life. Obviously, too, as our population continues to age and there are several of us up here who are doing that at a more rapid pace than others, the services and programs will be even more in demand. I think my comment today would be that as there are times when these seem to be the times when people talk about cutting taxes and doing those kinds of things and I think I would like to point out and your presence here allows me to do that, in this County when you are talking about cutting taxes, you talk about cutting programs like yours. Those tax dollars go to fund very worthwhile programs and to fund programs for very worthwhile people. It is important to me and to this Commission, I believe, that programs for seniors continue to be good. That we continue to make sure that the services are provided to the people where they need them to be. I’m very supportive of the recommended budget, particularly as it relates to senior services and the other wonderful agencies that provide services for our seniors in this County. Thank you for coming today and pointing those out to us. It was very important. Thank you.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you. Thank you, Nancy. So far we’ve had two thank yous. The rest of the speakers have a lot to live up to.”

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Ms. Bassima Schbley, 12515 Birchwood Dr., Wichita, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm sorry, I'm a little nervous and I don't have a speech prepared, I'm just going to speak to you from the heart. I am a licensed social worker and I have a masters degree in Gerontology and working on my M.S.W. currently. I work with Communities in Schools as a Vista Leader. I had the privilege to do my internship at the Colvin Senior Center last summer. It was quite an experience. Even so, I'm working currently in a school setting with children, but I really care deeply about our seniors and I believe they should have a safe place to go to especially in the Plainview area where I did my internship. I heard that they are going to cut the budget by \$1,500 or so and I'm just urging you to reconsider this decision because as a person who is directing the program at this time, she doesn't have a professional degree but I have observed her doing her job and she is really doing the best that she knows how and she is doing a wonderful job and the seniors love her. She is able to do an inter-generational activities which I believe in between the seniors and the children at Colvin. Colvin is a unique school because it is an Edison-like School. Our job in Communities in Schools is to help this intergenerational program keep on going. Please, reconsider your decision. I know this lady is not making good money in the first place, but she is really doing what she loves to do and it is very hard to keep someone motivated when you are cutting money away. We're talking about \$1,500 but \$1,500 goes a long way at that center. That is really all that I have to say. I would like to introduce Larry Britton, he is a site coordinator at Colvin."

Mr. Lawrence Britton, 2820 S. Roosevelt, Wichita, said, "Mr. Chairman, County Commissioners, I'm Larry Britton, I'm the site coordinator for Communities in Schools based at Colvin. I have worked with Joanne Sudkey for over 20 months and one of the things that we were able to do is bring these vital people from the communities, the seniors, and connect them with the young people through a program with WSU and with Bassima's masters degree to do an intergenerational project. A lot of the things that we were able to do during that period, I guess the previous year she had taken the \$1,500, everybody was asked what they could give up to help in the building of another project, the understanding that it would come back. This year we went through the process with her supervisors and her board and they have suggested that the \$1,500 be reinstated. Because of the Edison-like project, the program that we did with the intergenerational studies that helped support the program won't be as supportive in the future because we have students that have to be at task three hours a day so there is less flexibility there. We will continue those efforts and look for other efforts in order to intergenerational activities. We need support in the form of funds for her, for transportation, and other operational activities. Are there any questions?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yes, thank you. I notice, if we're talking about the Colvin Senior Center recommendation, that budget was lowered last year, but it appears that it is being raised back up \$2,000 above what it was last year. Am I reading the right thing, Kathy? Can you help me understand. Someone may have heard your request already. Kathy, am I reading it right?"

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Ms. Kathy Sexton said, "I'm looking at the same page that you were seeing as well and that's what I see. I would like to talk to the Aging Director and find out a little more details. Maybe there is someone here from Aging. I was looking around the room and didn't see anyone."

Ms. Lynne Melton, Assistant Director, Aging, said, "Their budget request was \$16,500. The Advisory Council and our recommendation was \$15,000."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I see, that's where the difference is. So the budget request was \$16,500 and the Aging Council's recommendation was \$15,000."

Ms. Kathy Sexton said, "Okay, thank you, Lynne for that clarification."

Ms. Schbley said, "If I could add one more thing, I brought a copy of my thesis, I called it An Intergenerational Encounter of the Third Kind. I would be happy to leave a copy with you, to see what I did in the program."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you."

Mr. Britton said, "It shows the kind of activities that are going on at Colvin."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Do we have more questions? Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. Schbley, I'm listening as you talk and you say that you actually work with the Communities in Schools Program but yet this is a Lighted School or whatever they call it where there is an integrated service provided at one site."

Ms. Schbley said, "Correct."

Commissioner Miller said, "You're concerned with the aging and the services that are being provided for them and you know the individual that runs that program and are stating that you personally feel that she does an excellent job with the monies that she has and so it is going to be difficult for her to continue to do this. It is difficult to do it with the monies she has is probably what you are saying."

Ms. Schbley said, "She relies a lot on donations and she works hard. She doesn't sit down physically for a minute. She is always trying to find a way to have a breakfast going for the seniors. She is really, she makes the best of what she has."

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Commissioner Miller said, "So you are saying that to cut what she has is going to make it that much more difficult for her."

Ms. Schbley said, "This lady has epilepsy and she depends upon her husband driving her a lot so she has additional costs. I'm going to say this, I think she is almost at the poverty level. She is not getting paid well at all. I'm assuming if she had a Bachelor's Degree she would be making a better salary and she is not in it for the money. That's why I am speaking for her because I saw how involved she is."

Commissioner Miller said, "As a question regarding the Advisory Board, can you speak to that or would it be Lynne? Let me speak to the Chair."

Ms. Dale Bukety, Chairman, Advisory Board for the County Commission on Aging, said, "I'm certainly here to advocate for the budget and no cuts from what everyone had requested. When we meet in our separate committees to try to decide where we are going to allocate monies and measure needs as compared to dollars. We're constantly compromising and I'm sure you all understand. Their budget last year was \$15,000. We did take a look at that. We do take a look at all the wonderful things that they do. Everyone has kind of a budget that they need to work within. I was not on the visiting committee and I don't know if there is anyone else here who was on that senior center committee. I know that the committee members actually went to some of the senior centers to try to even evaluate and make as good a decision as they possibly could. You know yourself that there are some things that just go by the way side and if you can see fit to up the budget, we'd be very happy to accept it."

Commissioner Miller said, "Basically, I was going to ask the process and just how much background information you gather in order to make the recommendation that you did. It sounds as though as you are certainly detailed and concerned and would love to have as much monies as are being requested because we know the services deserve that, but yet we are all restricted. We are all needing to be able to look at a budget and figure out how we can maintain within it. That was basically what I needed to hear from you as the Chair of the Advisory Board. Very nice to hear from you and thank you for your championing on the behalf of this service."

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Ms. Bukety said, "I'm here today to thank you for your support. I think it has been very evident in the comments and questions you've been asking this morning and we really thank you for that. With regards to senior centers, I'd like to share a little bit of what we call a success story. Last year I was here telling you about that we were establishing a committee to look into and formulate performance evaluation measures for senior centers. We did come up with what we thought was a good pilot program and we sent that to all the senior centers. Two members of the Department on Aging this year went to conferences in San Francisco and Washington D.C., where they shared this pilot program and the forms that they were using to establish true measure of demographics as to who was coming to the senior centers, criteria for the program, there are requirements with regards to education programs at the senior centers and assistance programs. It was very well received at both conferences. It was not being done anywhere else in the country. Many of the cohorts and the staff members there at the conference actually took the report forms back with them to incorporate into their communities. We even got some good feedback from senior center directors with regards to it. When they first looked at it they thought more paper work. But they said it actually helped them to zero in on what kinds of programs were successful and how many people were actually coming to those programs. It seems like it has been a rather successful story.

"I wanted to bring up to the County Commissioners, and I know you are aware of this, but the fact that for any mill levy funding that we get, it enhances our ability to go elsewhere and leverage monies from federal funds too. It is not only important what we get from the County budget but also what that enables us to do with other programs such as Senior Care Act.

"I was really coming here today to advocate for the overall advisory council recommendation. I almost think I didn't need to be here because there are so many others who are telling you specific stories of what we have hoped to accomplish on the advisory board and I already shared with you how we have spent many diligent hours. You appointed us and we feel that responsibility that we need to, in accessing our recommendations for the budget, that we really delve into it and visit sites and that sort of thing to try to come up, again, with some sort of a compromise, the shortage of dollars and the length of needs. Again, I would like to thank you and ask for your continued support and ask if you have any questions. I'm sure you'll be hearing from other members of our programs because we do feel like it is important to humanize it and to really bring some outcomes before you. Thank you."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Dale. Next speaker, please."

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Ms. Louise Pierpont, 1102 S. Hillside, said, "I'm a senior, a real senior. I'm going to address you. I work at Medical Service Bureau. I also have received services from Medical Service Bureau. If you don't know, we provide prescription medication for those who have a fixed budget, have no insurance. Medicare doesn't pay for prescriptions if you have a supplemental, it doesn't pay if Medicare doesn't pay. I was working in the insurance business and we had what we called the Alphabet Supplements. Depending upon whether you go from A to F, you get less or more coverage. The supplementals pickup, in general, what Medicare doesn't.

"We serve children. We serve young people. We serve teenagers and even as old as I am. We serve people with chronic illnesses who have unbelievable expenses for medication. Now, most of these people don't have any insurance. The majority do not carry supplemental because it is expensive. We have people with respiratory, asthma, allergies, diabetes, heart problems, all the itises that go around. A lot of those medications are extremely expensive. I have one. I have a medication that is an inhaler, well it is a calcium inhaler, something quite new. When my doctor prescribed it, he said it is very expensive. Right then I knew it was very expensive. I was able, through one of our pharmaceutical companies, to get that medication sufficient for two months for \$5. We have a program called PDP. It is a prescription drug program. Pharmaceutical companies require applications from our service for people in need with chronic illness, not episodic, not antibiotics, but chronic, asthma/ allergies type things. We have a representative in our office who works with these companies. We also work with all the pharmacies who are more than kind. Our people go with vouchers and up to our dollar limit, we help these people. Now, some people come once. That wipes out the allowable we have per year. The allowable is based upon age, number in the family, if they're single, married, whatever their circumstances are. Most of these inhalers are in excess of \$50 each. They go from \$50 to \$70. Myself, I have a member of my family who is a young mother with a big family and she has chronic asthma. She has to have an inhaler which costs \$58.19. She has a large family and sometimes it is very difficult for her to be able to get this but she has to, to avoid a trip to the hospital. We were able to get her an inhaler through our program. But primarily, as far as Medical Service Bureau, which has been here since, I don't know when it started, this is my second time around there. I'm just part-time and it is heart warming. People come who are desperately in need of either an episodic medication or a chronic help, or some people who take eight, ten medications, month in and month out. Well, the money doesn't go very far. Most of them are more than extremely grateful and delighted when they find that we do have this drug program. The pharmacists are very helpful."They do accept our vouchers, very kindly.

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“ We do have doctors, optometrist who give eye examinations for a very small fee and then we provide the glasses. That is for children. If children are in school, they have a recommendation from the school nurse, they come to us, we get the appointment, they get the glasses. The adults come on a once a month basis. We’re very limited by the number of available provider doctors, but we’ve never turned anybody away to get glasses. We really appreciate what’s been done and we feel our clients appreciate it and I know I do. As I said, I’m on both ends of the spectrum and I see how it has helped my family, it has helped me, and the people who come to us. Some of them have just given up. They live on social security, they live on a fixed income. They don’t take medicine because they can’t afford it until they get sent to us. Then sometimes it is kind of disappointing. They get one prescription and that takes up all the money that we’re allowed to provide them with, but it gives them that hope. Next year they can come back and do that again. Thank you very much.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Kathy, I’m trying to find that. Would that be Plus Medical Services? Lynne says yes in the back. Thank you Lynne. Ms. Pierpont, I want to thank you for being here. I wanted to identify it in the budget. It appears that the recommendation is to fund that to a larger extent than we did in the past.”

Ms. Pierpont said, “I’m not on the budget end, nor am I on the Board. I think Rosa just decided we have a senior who has seen both ends so go down there and see what you can come up with. Unless you have experienced a chronic illness, unless you have been ill and not been able to go buy the prescriptions, you aren’t aware. People come in to us with long faces and aches and pains and I can empathize with a lot of them. A lot of times it is a real pleasant relationship and they go out smiling when they find that they can come back. If they run out of money they can come back next year. It is very rewarding. Very hectic, but very rewarding.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I’m sure it must be. Thank you for your help there.”

Ms. Pierpont said, “We also work with Medicaid. We don’t perform the services of Medicaid. The only service we perform for people with medical cards are those which are not covered by Medicare.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “That’s good to know. Thank you, very much.”

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Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Any other questions? Next speaker please. Is there anyone else who would like to address the 1999 Budget? If not, we'll close the public hearing. Thanks to all of you for being here today. We appreciate your comments. This is my tenth budget, and this is the most unusual one I've ever heard the first day. A really good group. Thank you very much for being here. At this time, I'd like to recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into the Sewer District meeting at 10:00 a.m. and returned at 10:14 a.m.

D. RECESS TO THE SEWER DISTRICT MEETING, THEN THE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 MEETING.

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of July 15, 1998. At this time, we'll take a five minute break."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 10:14 a.m. and returned at 10:22 a.m.

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of July 15, 1998. Clerk, next item, please."

E. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, 1998 SERIES A, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS.

Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Administrative Officer, Department of Housing and Economic Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Last week you took action to decrease the 1988 Series C and E Issues Mortgage Revenue Bonds. That provided a substantial amount of cash which will be split by the two issuers, Sedgwick County and Shawnee County. In addition, it made available approximately \$30,000,000, which can be used in a new mortgage revenue bond program. Combined with that is about \$15,000,000 that we've recaptured and will be able to recycle into a new issue. In addition to that, the State has assured us that they will make an allocation to Sedgwick and Shawnee Counties an amount totaling \$20,000,000 from the State Private Activity Volume Cap. This will be a new allocation. All of this together combined will permit us to facilitate a new single family mortgage revenue bond program in the amount of approximately \$65,000,000."

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“This program will be very much like the current program, which is depleted at this point except for the target areas set aside. The new program will also have a target area set aside of \$4,000,000 and this will remain available for a period of one year to be used in the target areas only. One additional comment that I would like to make is that the new issue will have a subsidy, a gift so to speak for the first time home buyer of 4% of the loan amount. So at closing, the home owner will get assistance, which does not have to be paid back equaling 4% of the loan amount and this is to help with closing costs and down payment. I think we’re all aware that one of the biggest stumbling blocks to getting that first home is being able to save enough money for a down payment and closing costs. This program is being structured to give that little boost which may make it possible for an individual or family to get into that first home.

“The Tax Equity and Financial Responsibility Act of 1986 requires that you conduct a public hearing to allow comment before the program can be implemented. This morning, I’m recommending that you adopt the resolution facilitating the program and authorizing the Chairman to sign appropriate documents following the conducting of the hearing. If you have questions, we’ll address those. Otherwise, I would request you conduct the public hearing.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you, Louanna. Just one question. When we approve this, when will it become available?”

Ms. Burress said, “We anticipate that we’ll close about the second week of August. So this is coming down very quickly. Next month, the money will be available at participating lenders and we will make available to the public a list of the lenders and program guidelines, income and purchase price guidelines. I would also like to give a phone number that the public can call if they have questions. We will not have details such as the exact interest rate for another few weeks yet. I would say after about mid-August. If the public has questions and wants to know how they can access the program, they can call me at 383-8270. I will be putting together an information sheet that we can mail out.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Okay, very good. Thank you. Is there any other questions? If not, we’ll open the public hearing. Those who would like to comment regarding this authorization of issuance of Mortgage Revenue Bonds. Is there anyone here who would like to comment on this item? Must have done a good job, Louanna. If not, we’ll close the public hearing.”

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

F. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY BOARD, AND GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE.

Mr. Matt Benoit, Management Intern, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For the third year in a row, Sedgwick County has been named eligible for a Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant. This year the amount is \$51,788. There is a 10% match requirement equaling \$5,754. This grant is meant to support local law enforcement efforts by providing additional dollars to the effort. We received three applications internally this year. In compliance with the grant requirements, an advisory board was convened on July 6. This consisted of Commissioner Miller, who Chaired the Board, Jeanette Cary from the District Attorney's Office, and Colonel Mike Pulice from the Sheriff's Department. The Board is making a non-binding recommendation today to fully or partially fund all three of those requests.

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“Our recommendations with the accompanying amounts are as follows. We recommend that the Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center be funded in the amount of \$14,489 for a drying unit used to dry blood stains and enhance preservation of potentially crucial evidence. We recommend the Sedgwick County Sheriff Department be funded in the amount of \$12,200 for updated radar equipment. We recommend that the Sedgwick County Security Department be funded in the amount of \$30,853 for the installation of security cameras to monitor the old courthouse. A public hearing is required for this grant. Myself, and representatives from various departments are here to answer any questions if there are any. If there are none, I would recommend that you open the public hearing. One quick change. The Agenda suggests that there is a request for the Chairman to sign and apparently there is no need for one. The application will be submitted electronically, so there is no need for that.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you, Matt. Commissioners, any questions for Matt? If not, I’ll open the public hearing for comments on Item E. Is there anyone here who would like to make a comment regarding Item E on today’s Agenda? If not, I’ll close the public hearing and would entertain a motion.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Application and authorize the filing.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Commissioner Miller.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Just simply wanted to elaborate on the decision of the Board and to thank Matt Benoit for coordinating everything. You did a great job, Matt. In the one request that we are going to recommend to the Board, the Sedgwick County Security Department. I just felt that it was important for us to recognize that we do not have, and have not had, security or surveillance in our old County courthouse. I really thought that was interesting and was very happy to see that our Security Department recognized that as a need and that we were able to find the funds to invest in that.

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“I just felt that was important and I see that we do have representation from the Forensic Science Center. That is going to be more of a partnering opportunity for the City of Wichita, for the Forensic Center, for Sedgwick County to not have to handle these specimens, hopefully, more than one to two times in the very valuable process of having to dry them and then run the test on them. Then that would bring us to the Sheriff’s Department, which we know, when we think about safety, is a very important and a large amount of our budget. To be able to find the funds to upgrade these particular radar units, we were very appreciative of that. Thank you for coordinating that, Matt. Hope the recommendations will be accepted.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Very good. Thank you, Commissioner. Are there any further comments? If not, Clerk, call the vote please.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you. Thank you, Matt. Good job.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you too, Marty. Marty’s the funds guy.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you, all. Next item, please.”

NEW BUSINESS

G. STUDY REGARDING OFFICES OF CLERK, REGISTER OF DEEDS AND TREASURER.

Mr. Buchanan said, “Several months ago you, at the urging of staff, gave us a task to do a study to review the consolidation of the elected Clerk, elected Treasurer, elected Register of Deeds Office. At that time, there was an internal committee appointed to take a look at that and their study is finished. Bob Lamkey will present that report to you.”

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“When he is finished I want to talk to you about what the further recommendation is from me and that would be to create a citizens committee of seven members and there is a resolution prepared and I will give that to you to create that, to study the report, to validate the internal committee’s findings. If it can’t be validated, we need to know that too, and to make a recommendation to you as to whether to place this on the November ballot. As you know, if this issue is going to be decided upon, it only can be decided upon in gubernatorial election years at the general election. We happen to have one this year in November. So the decision, whether to put it on the ballot, needs to come and I will give you the time table for those decision making benchmarks when Mr. Lamkey is finished.”

Mr. Bob Lamkey said, “Good morning, Commissioners. As Mr. Buchanan said, I’m the Committee Chairman. Several months ago, Mr. Buchanan, on your behalf, formed an internal committee to explore and define potential opportunities to increase effectiveness, efficiency, and reduce costs by reorganizing the functions of the County Clerk, County Treasurer, and Register of Deeds. It was intended that recommended outcomes should provide substantively increased service benefits to customers and added value to the tax payer.

“The Committee was composed of myself, Dorsha Kirksey from the Appraiser’s Office, or formerly from the Appraiser’s Office, and now in Aging, Art Larson from Information Services, Jo Templin from Human Resources, Daryl Gardner from Accounting, Brent Shelton from Public Works, Patricia Parker from Legal and Matt Benoit and Jennifer Rose the two hardworking and they tell me woefully underpaid interns. As you can see from this group except for myself is quite a gifted and talented group of folks and it was a pleasure to work with them.

“In moving forward with this body of work, some essential assumptions were made. First, recommendations would be made solely on logical work processes, organizational principles and opportunities for positive change. We were looking at form and function. Second, the committee assumed a clean sheet of paper approach to the project. Statutes and existing protocols were not considered as impediments in conceiving better organizational relationships. Third, we assumed that the tax system would provide a common backbone from which to begin the study.

“The study was conducted in three parts. The first part was preparatory. The committee was established, major stakeholders were advised of the study, and the support and consent was sought. Committee tasks were outlined and a planning time table was established.

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“The second portion of the study, research and data gathering, focused on understanding organizational structure, work flow, and functional relationships among effected County departments. Assigned committee members spent time in the Treasurer’s, Clerk’s and Register of Deeds Office areas to fully understand the functional roles and responsibilities of those entities. Each office holder was given an opportunity to further educate the entire committee in a series of briefings. Finance, GIS, and the Appraiser also provided organizational overviews to the committee. The third part of the committee was validation and synthesis phase. During this phase, organizational functions and processes were reviewed and validated.

The committee then explored reasonable opportunities to increase efficiency, effectiveness, and customer support. The committee looked at opportunities to streamline processes, reduce duplication, and create logical organizational relationships at a reduced cost. Opportunities for technology improvements were also explored. Functional issues were addressed before leadership questions were considered.

“It was important to the committee that the study be conducted in a logical, thoughtful and effective manner, and that recommendations were sound and consistent with the research. Therefore, an independent consultant was hired to review the process, to provide constructive criticism and review and comment on suggested outcomes. The firm of Allen, Gibbs and Houlik was retained for that purpose.

“In exploring opportunities, the committee examined in detail organizational functions related to the tax system and those separate from the tax system. Those functional arrangements were evaluated for structural or procedural inefficiencies. Correcting these would form the basis of our work. Those areas identified were then arrayed to determine if they effected internal or external customers. Lastly, potential opportunity gain was listed. None of the disconnects we found were singularly monumental. However, efforts to mitigate or eliminate them resulted in some dramatic organizational changes. Most promising areas for improving concern non-optimum document handling or information flow procedures, multiple customer service centers, sometimes providing redundant or partial information, multiple payment or fiscal transaction centers and uncoordinated technology applications.

“The problem that form basically were based on existing statutory duties or historical organizational development patterns. Once we arrayed functions, it became clear that within the tax compliance system, certain natural relationships exist.

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“Land discovery and recording to include real estate mapping are functions so intertwined that placing them together organizationally appears to offer some real advantages in terms of information flow, technology opportunities, and reduced document handling. GIS, albeit more than just a mapping function, has an essential tie to land discovering and recording an entry point for basic information for which to build a geographic data base. Aligning the Register of Deeds real estate recording function, the Clerk’s mapping and real estate documentation correction responsibilities and GIS appears logical.

“Another significant issue that emerged from our review was the need to reduce the number of stops and locations a citizen must make to conduct business with Sedgwick County. Too often, a citizen is required to make multiple inquiries or stops to conduct simple business. Sometimes the ‘shuffle’, as it is known around the courthouse, is a result of an unknowing customer. Often it is a result of a segmented process. Elements of tax and property information might be found with the Clerk, Treasurer, Appraiser, or Register of Deeds. All have people dedicate to answering questions or providing direct customer assistance. Most have services in which fees are collected or routine documents are processed. If routine transactions could be consolidated into a single location, service could be enhanced dramatically. Those two major themes drove our recommendations.

“The center piece of the study’s recommended action is the creation of a one- stop customer service center on the first floor of the courthouse. Certainly this is not a new idea, but it is clearly one whose time has come. This one- stop shopping center was recommended 12 years ago. A recent tax compliance committee recommended it in their study and the Treasurer I think is on the road to establishing something akin to this right now. The need to provide a single place where citizens can conduct most routine transactions and get basic call in or person to person assistance has long been seen as beneficial and desirable. Self- service computer work stations that provide public access to appropriate information should eventually be part of the center as well as Internet and other on-line public access technology. An effective customer service center would not only serve the public better but could reduce work interruptions in departments with high routine transaction demand.

“The Treasurer’s functions, with minor variations remain intact. However, the customer service-center would now become an adjunct to this office. The basic financial nature of most transactions coupled with an opportunity to further deploy County services in outlying tag offices makes this a logical organization arrangement. Personnel from the Clerk and Appraiser would be transferred to help staff the center. Ideally, the District Court will augment the service-center with personnel to process routine court payments.

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“The committee recommends the Treasurer be non-elected, competitively selected and report to the Board of County Commissioners. This assures organization parity and accountability between tax collections and distributions and evaluations. The committee also recommends that the Treasurer’s Department assumes responsibility for computing the mill levy for various taxing entities.

“The committee recommends the consolidation of all land discovery, ownership, transfer, recording and all mapping under the Appraiser. Essentially this new arrangement merges the Register of Deeds and the County Clerk’s land functions under one supervisor reporting to the Appraiser’s executive officer. GIS would be an addition of the Appraiser’s field mapping GIS support functions complements this group as a separate department reporting directly to the Appraiser.

“Consolidation of the Register of Deeds and Clerk’s archiving functions of the records manager is also recommended, coupled with a centralized microfilming document imaging capability, a more effective County-wide record service could be achieved. Records management staffing would increase by two positions. The record manager would become the official custodian of County records.

“The committee also recommends the transfer of one position from the County Clerk to the BOCC staff for the purpose of coordinating, recording and processing meetings held by the Commissioners in an official capacity, administering oaths, receiving summons and executing other secretarial administrative duties performed currently by the County Clerk for the Commission. Under this proposal, the Finance Bureau will assist townships with mechanics of budget preparation and the township expenditure report.

“Organizational consequences of the proposed recommendations are significant. The County Clerk was most effected by the committee’s recommendations. After uniting land functions and creating a service center, the committee discovered that most of the Clerk’s functions had been realigned. The diverse nature of the Clerk’s responsibilities made this almost inevitable. The office plays an important part in so many processes that when blending functions to enhance effectiveness and efficiency, related County Clerk duties were invariably moved to another more homogeneous function. Six positions were transferred to the customer service center, five were aligned with land functions, two to the Treasurer’s tax function, and one to the BOCC staff. The remaining three positions would be eliminated.

“The Register of Deeds was also significantly impacted. Functional elements were moved intact to an entirely new supervisory change and organization and two positions would be eliminated.

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“Bottom line, the proposed organizational structure would save about \$186,000 in annual salaries through the elimination of five positions. They are the County Clerk, the Chief Deputy Clerk, the Register of Deeds, and the Deputy Register of Deeds, and one unfilled administrative position in the Clerk’s Office. Those positions remain, quite frankly, after all the other functional alignments were made.

“Initial estimated savings were nearly \$200,000. However, if one assumes that the appointed Treasurer would be renumeralated on par with bureau directors, the first year annual savings of \$186,000 is more accurate. A capital expenditure approximating \$200,000 would be needed to make the customer service center a reality as envisioned and the estimate is based upon preliminary costs for similar capital projects under consideration. Approximately \$200,000 would be required to provide or upgrade technology to maximize efficiency and effectiveness at the service center although existing technology is not a barrier to implementing proposed recommendations. Given the potential salary savings, capital improvement and technology expenses would require a little more than two year payback period.

“There are a couple of other significant issues. The first one is legal. Sedgwick County requested an opinion from the Attorney General concerning whether the three County elected offices of Register of Deeds, Clerk, and Treasurer, can be consolidated into one or more non-elected officers and whether KSA 19-512, which prohibits the Treasurer from acting as the County Clerk and vice-versa prevents the Board of County Commissioners from consolidating offices. The Attorney’s Office has issued an opinion which generally supports the ability to consolidate role offices into non-elected offices pursuant to KSA 12-3901 and related statutes.

“The Attorney General’s opinion with regard to the same person functioning as the County Clerk was that the existing prohibition should not act as a limit to consolidation. However, the opinion also stated that the applicability of prohibition consolidating treasurer and clerk functions is impossible to determine with certainty without review of a specific proposal. The Kansas Courts of course have yet to rule on these specific questions so we have no definitive case law to guide us. The Kansas Supreme Court recited however, conflict between two statutes the more specific more recent statute controls. The newer statute is consider the legislatures most recent expression of legislative intent. In this particular case, 12-3901 and related statutes are the more recent newer statutes.

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“To implement the proposed recommendations, first the BOCC must determine to your satisfaction if the proposed action meets the criteria of KSA 3901 and related statutes and your desire to move forward. If you desire to move forward, a Resolution so stating must be passed. Before acting on the Resolution, the County must hold public hearings with specified notice periods and procedures. If the BOCC decides to act on the resolution, the ballot initiative must be submitted by September 18, according to the election commissioner. If the ballot initiative is successful, consolidation cannot be effective before the expiration of the current term of office of incumbent office holders. Then there is a whole host of other resolutions making internal changes that need to be completed. Commissioners, that completes my briefing of the report to you. You each have a copy of the complete report and I stand ready to answer any questions.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Okay, thank you, Bob. Commissioners, are there any questions? Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Bob, did your committee, in looking at background, look for reasons for the original state statutes requiring or permitting or having these be elected officials. Why were they elected in the very beginning? Why did we come up with this elected process?”

Mr. Lamkey said, “It is my understanding that back in the middle of the last century, these offices were essentially extensions of the state. A lot of the issues that were involved at that that included checks and balances for financial transactions, land recording, and those kinds of issues. I think that is the basis although I don’t think we looked in any great depth at those particular statutes. Quite frankly, as time has progressed, more rapid communication, some of the things that were enacted as controls, really now have become, at least in the committee’s opinion, functions. The mill levy computation, for example. At one time, I think it was legitimate control but quite frankly what happens now is in its most elemental sense is taxing entities provide a budget, the Appraiser provides an evaluation and then a function happens to take those, put that information into a computer and generate the mill levy. So it is not really control anymore, it is a function. That has changed over time because at a time before computers and all those kinds of things, there was some real control over making those kinds of computations.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thanks. I think that might be interesting to explore a little more in detail about the difference in systems in the late 1800s and today regarding auditing and checks and balances on the financial side of things, which I would assume that is where the checks and balances were meant to happen. I don’t think we’re set up in the system to have checks and balances as far as policy decisions concerning public policy that Commissioner’s are involved in.”

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Mr. Lamkey said, "Basically, our understanding is they were established as financial controls that time and technology I think have loosened some of those as controls and made them more functional."

Commissioner Winters said, "I hope your committee didn't think its work was over."

Mr. Lamkey said, "Well, we quite frankly stand ready to answer for our work, to explain our work."

Commissioner Winters said, "That's something I think I'd like to know a little more about, is the change in the times, just routine procedures now that certainly weren't applicable a hundred years or so ago. I didn't understand exactly the requirements on the Board of County Commissioners to place this on the ballot. What do we have to determine to do that? Do we have to determine that there is potential savings or that there is something else? Rich, do you want to speak to that?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, "In order to place this on the ballot, you have to hold a public hearing and you have to pass a resolution which determines either that there is duplication in the functions or the duties in these offices or that their functions can be more efficiently and effectively exercised by consolidating them into one entity."

Commissioner Winters said, "Bob made the statement that the Attorney General seemed generally supportive. I read that opinion and I guess I'd like, Rich, your interpretation of that as far as you're concerned and the Attorney General's opinion, we could proceed forward?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, I believe we can proceed forward. What the Attorney General said was that she did not have before her a specific plan, a specific resolution, a specific ballot question, a specific way of doing the hearing. Therefore, she could not comment on specifics but in general the statute under which we propose to proceed does not conflict with other statutes detailing the duties and the differences between the various elective offices."

Commissioner Winters said, "I know we're a ways away from doing this, but lets suppose that we had had some public hearings and the Commission decided we were going to proceed on. Where would we likely receive challenge to that and could we receive challenge to that somehow? I'm thinking about, is there a way that there could be some kind of protest petition or is that actually going to happen at the ballot box if we went through the process?"

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Mr. Euson said, "I think that, depending upon how this develops, depending upon how the recommendations are made, depending upon how the public hearings are conducted, certainly there are ways in which this could be challenged. I would not prefer to elaborate on that because we haven't done that and certainly I'll advise you as it goes along."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, that's good. I guess the last thing I was going to say right now anyway was that I would be pretty much supportive of this one stop shopping and efficiency on the first floor of the courthouse. I guess the comment I would have to the Manager since I've been here the short time I have, the space around here is so scarce that I've seen, I don't know how many plans to reconstruct the first floor, second floor. Where is this space going to come from and if this is going to be a key part of customer improved service, can we actually even produce on this part?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, yes, we can. We have done some preliminary reviews. As you know, we have a proposal in the '99 Budget for construction in the Treasurer's Office to provide space that would allow, no matter what occurs, allow at least those who wanted to participate in a one stop shop could. So I think in looking at the design and with the cooperation of the Treasurer, there appears to be sufficient space to proceed."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay. Thank you."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner Winters. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Bill, just a follow up question because this just tags onto the idea of one stop shopping. This committee may have not even gotten to it yet, but there are tag substations outside the courthouse, other satellite facilities. Have we ever discussed making those more than just tag substations? That might be the next step I suppose or one of the next steps, but has that discussion ever taken place?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "That discussion has taken place since the new Treasurer was elected and very briefly in concept only."

Mr. Lamkey said, "We did see that the consolidation of the one-stop under the Treasurer as providing a real opportunity to do that should the logistics permit it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you."

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Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Any other questions? It is a very difficult issue. We're almost conducting discussion like the Treasurer and Register of Deeds are not here. I would sure welcome any comments that they may have at this time and always feel free, as long as this discussion is going on, to join in and give us your comments. We welcome them and we want to work with you as much as possible. Do you have something?"

Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I couldn't think of another group of people that could come to an end result than you. I think you have shown the leadership in the past on the trash issue, and also are definitely willing to get into the trenches to seek out the truth and the exact answers of the problems.

"In my opinion, we get information from our constituents in two different directions. We get them from a grass root level where it swells and we get the information direct to us or we as a group, a body of elected officials, see a need and try to fill that need and to focus in it. From the people that I've talked to and the groups that I've talked to that there is not a grass root support for this consolidation, although bear in mind, based upon your track records and the way that you do things, that the Register of Deeds Office will give every possible available piece of information and help in any direction in which the constituents feel that we should direct our attentions to. If the constituents feel that it should be a consolidated factor, then indeed, we'll give you every piece of information and every piece of technology that we can possibly find to promote, and to effectively consolidate those offices.

"As you are setting up the committee for the review, it is my strong recommendation that you look at three groups. All of these three offices have a distinct group of constituents that they're reporting to. My office, 90% of the traffic and work are coming from professionals, title companies, lawyers, banks and et cetera. Less than 10% or somewhere in that area is a walk-in traffic. So the one stop shop is flawed in its conceptual belief for the Register of Deeds Office. I feel, and I'll speak to you in detail about that at some other time, because I just got this report last night and I appreciate it and just had time to read it. I feel there are tremendous amounts of error in the methodology of how this was put together. I think in your committee that you set up, you need to have a title person, one who actually works in the title business, you need two attorneys in my opinion, one who is a title attorney and one who is a municipal attorney. These should be people, in my opinion, other than staff. I think then some obviously from the citizenry of the small towns because the Clerks will have been working closely with them. Then lay people I think would be another consideration. Primarily the three that I'm concerned about is the attorney, the title company person and an attorney who is well versed in government affairs.

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“As we’ve been in the Register of Deeds Office trying to work through some of the problems that we’ve had, we have seen the election process work extremely well. In the past, we had a real serious problem. Because it was an elected official position, you as a Commission were able to act much quicker than you could have if it would have been an administrative problem in your own organization. Because the elected person, their staff could by-pass the entire chain of command and come directly to the Commission, where an administrative staff, they can’t do that. They have to follow the chain of command because that’s just the way it is and that’s probably not a bad idea.

“In the recent two or three weeks, we worked extremely with IS, Information Services, and with Records Management, because we have some concerns. I have concerns on how things have been done in the past. No reflections on anybody’s management style or lack of management style, just things that really concerned me. One is in a budgetary matter which we will be bringing to your attention in the next three to four weeks that is extremely important. Another is in the management of the records. On page 9 of this document, they have recommended a CD stacking system for records management. Information that I’m getting from the professional in this business is that CDS in 20 years start to delaminate. This is not necessarily a good system. Now the State has just come out with some requirements that they’ll allow digital computer imaging in our own operation. With IS and with Management Records, we went to the most progressive system in our State, which was Johnson County, and looked at their system. Information Services felt that their language that they’re using in their computer system could save time, could save effort, could do a better preservation of records and is something they could adopt and at a lot less what your estimated cost on this CD package would be. Johnson County said that they would be willing to give us the product at cost. All we would have to do is implement it into our program. Those are my recommendations. I think they are reasonable and sound. Bottom line is we’re all elected by the people. If that’s what they want and if that’s what they desire, then that’s what we’ll give them and we’ll give them our very best effort. Thank you. Any questions?”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I’m not sure I have a question, Bill, but a couple of comments. I certainly want to begin by saying I appreciate your comments today. I think I know I, and I hope the other Commissioners listen to some of your remarks and comments over the coming few weeks. You are certainly part of the solution that is happening here in Sedgwick County. The reason we’re talking about this is because we had a serious major problem. You’re the kind of person that has come into a situation and has really opened up and said I know what my responsibilities are but what can others in the courthouse do to assist and how can I come to the Commissioners and work with the Commissioners, which you’ve done and done it very well.

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“We’ve made some adjustments. We’ve made some personnel changes at your request. Along with you, you requested County personnel to get involved. You have respect for County personnel policy. You have respect for other people that work for Sedgwick County and various departments and you look for assistance and help and you’ve devised a great plan and have a plan to get the Register of Deeds Office back in process.

“The place where I disagree you a little bit and I hope you and I can have some further discussion is how the elected process worked for really in almost a record keeping function which becomes highly technical. I have a great deal of faith and confidence in the electorate. The folks make decisions. We’re in that process now where they are going to elect representatives to represent them. One of the things, when you look at the Board of County Commissioners, they elect all five of us but yet we act in tandem. We act as a group of five Commissioners. We don’t make decisions here that effect big changes unless there are at least three of us that agree that that’s the way we’re going to go. We got in a place where we had a Register of Deeds who absolutely reported to no one and would not work with the Board of County Commissioners, refused to give information, refused to deal with the Personnel Department, refused to deal with issues that were of significant importance as to how we deliver services to our constituents. I got calls from constituents and others that this system was out of joint. I think that is what caused the beginning of the process and I think what I’m trying to look for now is some solutions to how we avoid getting there again. If every Register of Deeds we get is like you, I don’t think we’d have that problem again. You understand how processes work. I think it is going to be important in the process. I think this is certainly a report that’s a good place for us to begin. If we come out and at the end we say that we need to consider making some changes so be it. If after looking at this report and doing other investigative work and if we appoint a citizens committee to help us, if we come back and say elected is the way that we should go, then so be it. I think now is clearly the time for us to take a look. I clearly want to say that you’ve been part of a solution here and I hope that we can continue to take some of your counsel as we work through this. I certainly for one have appreciated the work that you’ve done in the last couple of months. Thank you.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill, since you’re here. Give us an update. How are you doing on the workload and what you inherited as far as your work being caught up. Where are you now and how are you doing?”

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Mr. Meek said, “The staff is probably the hardest work I’ve ever seen them do or any staff in my entire life. They are absolutely at it 8 hours a day and sometimes even 9 or 10 hours a day, hitting it with all they’ve got. It is as important to them that they get caught up as it is important to me and it is to you. When Linda and I took over, our main function was to treat the employees with respect and dignity and allow them to become vested into the solution rather than being vested into the problem. We think that has accomplished itself. When we took over, we initially could have been . . . I have no idea how far we were behind because I couldn’t calculate it. I would say right now we’re probably 7, maybe 8 days behind. I got a call from a constituent the other day that wanted to know if something was wrong because they got their document back too quick. I said no, that wasn’t a mistake I don’t think anyway. The staff is working hard. They’re working harder than I’ve ever seen anybody. They deserve all the credit because that is where the work is. Any time that you want to come up and say ‘hi’ to them, I know they’d appreciate it. They really are putting out the effort.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I appreciate that. As Commissioner Winters alluded to, you came into a situation not of your own making and that was, in fact, in need of some healing. I really do believe you, because of your personality, and your willingness to let people do their job, and understand how important they are, that you’ve made that happen. I really look forward to the day when you can tell us ‘by gosh, what’s done today is done today and out tomorrow’. I know that is just around the corner. I commend you on the improvement that you’ve made since you’ve been here in a real short period of time. Your recommendations I think are important. I’ve made note of the things that you’ve cautioned us about. Like you, I just got the report yesterday so I have not had time to spend a great deal of time with it other than just a brief reading last night at home. As we proceed, I certainly hope that you’ll stay close and give us your counsel and advice from where you’re standing.”

Mr. Meek said, “Absolutely.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Bill.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Any other comments? I don’t have a lot to say. I just want to say that I echo what the other two Commissioners have said. I appreciate what you’ve done at the Register of Deeds Office. From lack of a better word that comes to mind is it is kind of a sticky wicket. I always felt like, in my experience, and in my life as an elected official, that us elected officials, whether we’re democrats or republicans or other political persuasion, have been somewhat of a community and a brotherhood if you will. I always empathize with those folks out there even today running for reelection. I know what they’re going through and the struggles and so forth.

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“I could always count on, to a certain extent, more than not county on other elected officials to react to work with other elected officials such as me in doing the right thing. My experience for the last ten years as a County Commissioner is one that has been very positive when it comes to working with elected officials here in the County. So when I say this is kind of a sticky wicket, it’s as if we are perceived as trying to do away with three offices. The reality is yes, this could do that. The other reality is that it has nothing to do with those people who run those offices. Once we have gotten into it and we have tasked Bob and his group to go through the process, including the investigation, once things begin to settle down after your arrival, there are days when maybe this isn’t a good idea for me at least personally. I won’t speak for the other Commissioners. There are days when maybe we should try something else. The good thing may come out of this. Depending upon the recommendation of our citizen committee and if it goes to a vote and that remains to be seen, just to look at three departments and how they interact and how they interact among themselves and interact with other departments in the County may be a good thing that we can help improve those. That is information we needed to know so we can direct the resources in the right direction. It is hard to be clear enough on this in that we want the citizens committee that we’re going to appoint to have a real honest look at things. To consider not only the technical aspects of the report the committee has given us, but to consider the needs of the community also and how they think that they can best be served. I guess what I’m trying to say is I appreciate the elected officials that I’ve worked with in the past and I’m working with today. I hope that you don’t look at this as confrontational as an aggressive move by the County Commissioners to ‘take over’ and I’ve seen that. I haven’t seen it from you or the Treasurer who is here today, but I have seen that. In the end, I hope we can work together, that we talk among ourselves and arrive at what works out to be a very good end result for the citizens of Sedgwick County. I just wanted to tell you that I appreciate what you’ve done and the attitude that you’ve had about this whole thing so far. If I were you, if our positions were reversed, I wouldn’t be too happy with me right now. I want you to know I understand that.”

Mr. Meek said, “I don’t normally say things lightly and usually when I say something it carries all the weight of what I consider my integrity on a matter. In all seriousness, the citizens of Sedgwick County could not at any given time have two of the most important issues come to them by the vehicle of this Commission, better prepared and better educated than they ever have been before. Bottom line is that you’re out for the same reason I am. We’re in a fact finding issue right now to find out what is best for the citizens and to present that information complete, total and as reliable as we can to the citizens for them to make a proper decision.

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“Quite frankly, you don’t hold back one bit. You get down and say this is exactly what it is and this fact is incorrect and this fact is correct. That’s exactly what I’m looking forward to and that is exactly what you’re looking forward to. Our job is to present the information to the citizens to the best we possibly can and then they make the informed decision and of course we follow it out. That’s what we’re here for. We’re servants first. I appreciate working with you guys and gals because you have helped me every step of the way I’ve gone and we have a great relationship and I don’t say things lightly.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you, Bill.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I just had a question for the committee, not you Bill, but either the staff or the committee in the way of a comment. It might be helpful for me, as you continue to work, to have a little bit of the background about the change from the time when the Election Commissioner and the County Appraiser were elected officials. Here are two highly technical kinds of jobs that, at one time, were elected and they’re no longer now. I would be interested in some history behind that.”

Mr. Lamkey said, “I think Elaine Turner will be happy to do that research for us.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “I just want to thank Bob’s committee. I think they’ve taken on a very difficult job. I fully appreciate what you’ve done and appreciate the elected officials for their cooperation and information they’ve given us. Jan, do you have anything you want to add?”

Ms. Jan Kennedy said, “I am the elected Sedgwick County Treasurer. I only wanted to reiterate what the Register of Deeds said is that we feel that it is very important that we find out what is best for the citizens and that’s really why we’re all here. However, if you remove the ability of someone to vote for a position, you have diminished democracy. So I would like you to think about that. Again, I would be more than happy to help in any way we can in coming up with what I consider to be the right solution, and we are moving toward a one-stop shop. We are beyond conceptualizing extending County services out into the tag offices. We now have our very first stuff to actually start physically moving out. We’ve had discussions with several other departments regarding this. I think that will happen more in the future as the word gets out that it is permissible, space available. Anything you need to know or anything you’d like to know or if you want to know my opinion I will unfortunately give it to you. But if you don’t want it that’s okay too, you don’t have to ask for it. Thank you, very much.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you, Jan. Sorry, Bill. Go ahead.”

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Mr. Buchanan said, "You stole some of my notes. The reason this issue feels like a dilemma is because it is. It is about conflict of some values. Jan Kennedy just said that it was a diminishment of democracy not to vote for those folks. I would suggest to you that's not true, but in fact, democracy is enhanced because the power and the control is placed with the decision makers, the policy makers of the County. So it is an issue about which reasonable people can disagree. When we have those reasonable people can disagree issues and our values are in conflict, values of efficiency and effectiveness, values of representative democracy, and when individuals come at those issues, those values from different points of view, we have this feel of a dilemma and conflict and in fact it is. The purpose of this study was to see, because the law requires, whether efficiencies or effectiveness can be enhanced by eliminating those folks from being elected or whether duplication has occurred. You have received that study, and the committee has been thanked by Chairman Pro Tem Hancock. We need to say again that it was through the help and cooperation of the elected officials, Bill Meeks and Jan Kennedy and the Clerk that the study could be completed in a timely fashion and they were helpful and cooperative in this process.

"You have before you a resolution. My recommendation is that you receive this report officially, that the second piece of action that you would take would pass this resolution and if you so wish Mr. Chairman, I will read it. It is, 'Whereas the Board of County Commissioners has determined a need to establish a citizens task force to study and make recommendations regarding the advisability of reorganizing certain County elected offices. Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby create a citizens task force. The task force shall operate in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners to matters relating to the proposed reorganization of certain County elected offices. The task force shall examine the report submitted to the Board of County Commissioners by the County's in house committee regarding the reorganization of elected offices of the County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Treasurer into non-elected positions. The task force shall review the committee's report regarding the effectiveness and efficiencies to be gained by such reorganization and it shall then make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners as to the advisability of placing the issue on the November 1998 ballot. The task force shall be composed of seven members who are citizens at large of Sedgwick County and shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The task force shall meet as soon and as often as reasonably possible in order to undertake and complete its duties described hereunder. The task force shall make its recommendation by September 2, 1998 after which its purpose hereunder shall be deemed completed.' We would recommend you adopt that resolution.

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“The final piece of action you need to know is the time table or calendar. We are on a rather short one. Today is July 15. We would like authorization from you to place the appropriate ads in the paper so that a public hearing could occur on September 9, that’s a regular Wednesday meeting. That would be the final piece of action that we would ask you to do today. The reason to have that date is that we expect the committee to do their work and complete their work the rest of this month and the month of August. The report back to you by September 2, a Wednesday, of their findings. Then the public hearing would take place on September 9. If, in fact, the committee recommends that it not be placed on the ballot, we could cancel the meeting, the public hearing. But this allows us to place the ads in the appropriate newspapers in the appropriate times. We have to place them a minimum of 21 days before the hearing, so this would accomplish that. The first recommendation Mr. Chairman would be to receive and file the report. The second would be to adopt this Resolution and the third would be to authorize staff to place the appropriate ads.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Okay, I know that. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I just have one brief comment. Those in the media or who are watching on television, remember, this is not a decision that the Board of County Commissioners is going to make. The decision we’ll be making is to place it on the ballot for the citizens of Sedgwick County to make that decision. Thank you. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Any further comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file the report from the committee.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution creating the citizens task force.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Winters said, "I have a question. Seven seems to be right number?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Seven was chosen because it is an odd number and it is a large enough group to accomplish this task without making it so large that it made it impossible."

Commissioner Winters said, "I'm comfortable with that."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Further discussion? I have a motion and a second to create the citizens task force. Clerk, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "All right."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to set September 9 as a date for a public hearing and authorize staff to advertise that hearing.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Mr. Manager. Next item, please."

H. BUREAU OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).

1. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED MATCH ALLOCATIONS TO SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS.

Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here instead of Deborah Donaldson. This particular item is for the purpose of a contract to provide certified match allocation to all Sedgwick County Community Mental Health Centers. This includes Family Consultation and Wichita Guidance Center. This is a regularly continuing contract. Certified match refers to the amount of State General Funds transferred to the Community Mental Health Centers which may be utilized to match federal dollars for federal participation. Sedgwick County COMCARE receives a total of \$1,092,833.34 in certified match from the contract. Additionally, the contract provides state certified match for the two centers I mentioned earlier, Family Consultation and Wichita Guidance. Our recommended action is to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Kevin. Are there questions? If not, I'd entertain a motion."

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.

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VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

2. CONTRACT WITH FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE TO PROVIDE IN-HOME FAMILY THERAPY SERVICES FOR SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "Commissioners, in-home family therapy is a therapeutic service provided to identified youth and their families in the home setting. In-home family therapy is designed to assist families with immediate crisis and situations related to keeping the youth at home and outside of an institution setting. The dollars funding this service are federal dollars in the amount of \$29,000. We would ask that you approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign."

This is a renewal of the Fiscal Year 1999 Condition Violator Grant

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

3. AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL PSYCHIATRIC UTILIZATION REVIEW SERVICES.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "This agreement allows COMCARE to provide professional psychiatric utilization review services for the Family Consultation Service. We provide those at approximately two hours a week at \$85 an hour. Our recommended action is to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

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4. CONTRACT WITH FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE TO PROVIDE HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES UNDER MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAMMING.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "Commissioners, this Contract, the intent is provision of service to facilitate stabilization of symptoms and behaviors that place a child at risk of institutionalization. Each child must have an individual plan of care which will include the involvement of the child and family team and a wrap-around facilitator. Types of services provided under this contract including medication group pharmacological management, attendant care, psychiatric pre-admission assessment, child and adolescent treatment groups, HDBS billed targeted case management, individual psycho-therapy, in-home family based services, psychological testing with interpretation in written reports, wrap around facilitation, independent living, skill building, parent support and respite care. Our recommended action is to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Next item, please."

5. AGREEMENT WITH CATHERINE ELIZABETH MADDEN, M.D. TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES TO CHILDREN AT COMCARE'S FAMILY AND CHILD COMMUNITY SERVICES.

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Mr. Bomhoff said, "Doctor Madden has been with COMCARE for approximately four years and provides psychiatric services for children at the COMCARE Family and Child Community Services Center. We would ask that the Commission approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Next item, please."

- 6. LEASE RIDER NUMBER FOUR WITH TMP INVESTMENTS, INC. PROVIDING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES' OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 1929 WEST 21ST STREET.**

Mr. Bomhoff said, "This Agreement allows us to continue our lease for approximately 20,000 square feet at the Twin Lakes Shopping Center. There is no increase in the lease agreement amount. We would ask that the Commission approve the Lease Rider and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Lease Rider 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	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Absent

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Kevin. Next item, please."

I. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO JUVENILES AT THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES.**

Ms. Cecile Gough, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a renewal of professional services agreement with the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita Medical Practice Association. This agreement would provide for the continuation of medical services to juveniles at our residential programs and youth services division. The cost of this contract remains the same as last year at \$105,000. We recommend your approval and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item."

- 2. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF FISCAL YEAR 1999 (FY99) CONDITION VIOLATOR GRANT FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, AND ADDITION OF TWO INTENSIVE SUPERVISION OFFICERS, RANGE 18, AND ONE OFFICE SPECIALIST, RANGE 15, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS STAFFING TABLE.**

Ms. Gough said, "This is a renewal of the Fiscal Year 1999 Condition Violator Grant from the Kansas Department of Corrections. The grant award of \$187,616 has been awarded to us and it can continue and expand the intensive day intervention program. The program was begun last year to address the needs of technical violators in our adult community corrections programs who are at risk of incarceration. This requested expansion will necessitate the hiring of two additional intensive supervision officers and one office specialist. The Community Corrections Advisory Board approved this request on July 9 and we now come to you for your approval."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "The Chair would entertain a Motion."

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the request for renewal and authorize the Chairman to sign and approve the additions to the Department of Corrections staffing table.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Next item, please."

3. SUBMISSION OF FY99 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT PROGRAM CATEGORY BUDGET SUMMARY TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

Ms. Gough said, "We received notification from the Kansas Department of Corrections. They have awarded Sedgwick County with \$3,213,342 for adult community corrections programs. We have had community correction programming for adults in this County since 1983. In order to receive the award, we need to submit the FY99 category budget summary before July 31 of this year. The Community Corrections Advisory Board approved this budget on July 9 and we now request your approval."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Commissioners, any questions?"

Commissioner Miller said, "Yes Mr. Chairman, I have one question. Cecile, does this program incorporate the day reporting?"

Ms. Gough said, "Day reporting was the prior grant. This does not include that grant award."

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Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you. Then I need to back up a moment then. Day reporting, if I recall, was reduced."

Ms. Gough said, "It was eliminated because the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the grant that had been received had expired. Then to fill that gap last year, we applied for the Condition Violator Grant and we have pretty much re-engineered that program and an expansion of that program. Now we pretty much fill the void of the loss of the adult day reporting."

Commissioner Miller said, "Good, very good. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve submission of the FY99 Category Budget Summary.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item."

- 4. SUBMISSION OF FY99 JUVENILE INTENSIVE SUPERVISION GRANT PROGRAM CATEGORY BUDGET SUMMARY TO THE KANSAS JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY.**

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Ms. Gough said, "We received notification from the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority that they have awarded Sedgwick County \$511,548 for juvenile community corrections programs. As you may recall, we began serving juvenile community corrections clients back in 1988 under the Kansas Department of Corrections. With the creation of the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority, they have taken over this function and that's why we have two separate requests on the Agenda. In order to receive this award, we need to submit the FY99 category budget summary before July 31 of this year. The Community Corrections Advisory Board approved this budget on July 9 and we now come to you for your approval."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Very good. Commissioners, any questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve submission of the FY99 Category Budget Summary.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

J. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

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Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For the month of June we had 8 events, 21 separate performances, and attendance of over 36,000 people. So far this year, we are running 10% ahead of last year's revenues. Highlights for the month, we of course finished our graduations when we had four of the high school ceremonies at the facility, the Wheat State Morgan horse show, and we had a new event called the Sale of the Century in Pavilion II. The show just happened to pick the hottest weekend of the year to be here. We had 108° on Saturday. We put through a little over 6,000 in the building, just on that day. Needless to say, the cold beverage concessions did very well. The event was very successful for the organizers. They are talking about a long term agreement with us, maybe doing two shows a year. They'd like to do one of them in the spring and one in the fall and stay away from the heat of summer.

"Normally this time of year, we get very slow in the Coliseum itself, however, it is not the case this year with Select-A-Seat. Select-A-Seat is really pretty active with many smaller concerts done at the Cowboy, InCahoots, and at the Cotillion on sale. It runs any where from 38 Special to Eddie Money to the new band Candlebox down at the Crown Bingo Arena. Select-A-Seat is also very active with the Kansas State Fair this year. The Fair has changed their ticket selling procedures. Instead of going by mail early, they put them on sale to the general public. We sold over 200 tickets just through our phone room and the outlets at this point. We're also selling tickets for Sandstone Amphitheater and doing very well for the Oz Fest, Shania Twain and all the other shows playing at Sandstone. I think we've sold about 700 tickets total for all the events in Kansas City. Select-A-Seat is also the ticket agency of record for the Nike Open. That's another brand new client in the fold.

"One of the things we completed this past month, we have purchased the Internet domain, www.selectaseat.com. We are currently working on selling tickets over the Web. We will be able to do that by September and we'll be able to offer everything that is on the system, not only Coliseum events by at any other facility that Select-A-Seat is contracted with to sell tickets, we'll be able to them over the Internet. Be happy to answer any questions at this time."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Any questions. John, don't see any. Good report. Thank you.

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

K. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "June was another hot month for us. We had 62 cases that were filed in June and overall we've had over 300 cases and we're 33% above the pace of applications filed compared to last year at this time.

"We took the vacation amendments that we've spoken to the County Commission about previously to the subdivision committee of the Planning Commission. They approved it with no comments. Tomorrow the Planning Commission will be considering those changes and we hope next month to bring those to the City Council and the County Commission for approval.

"We've been working on the subdivision amendments and I was working on it this morning while I was waiting to get up here this morning. This is a pretty serious set of amendments, some of them deal with legislative changes that we were successful in obtaining last year to try to streamline the process, but there are some other areas where we feel like we need to bring the regulations back up to speed. We'll first be talking to other City and County staff about that and then going out to the community to talk to them about changes to those regulations.

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“The Planning Commission had eight zoning hearings in the month of June. Among the County cases were the self storage case by the Zoo that you just heard last week. There was another case that actually wasn’t heard by the Planning Commission but I guess I consider it a success. It was a case involving a kennel in the Clearwater area. Kennels are somewhere in that list of nimbies close to sewer plants for people who are nearby kennels. This was a case near Clearwater. The Clearwater Planning Commission had voted to recommend denial. We encouraged the applicant to withdraw his case and he did and then he is going back and talking to his neighbors and trying to work out some problems and feels like he can refile soon and probably go through the process again and hopes to obtain Clearwater’s approval. Sometimes no decision is the best decision, at least temporarily.

“In land use and research, we continue to work on the update of the Comprehensive Plan including developing the models of the distribution of existing and future population and employment. We did get the contract approved for the consultants who will be actually undertaking the community planning survey this summer. We’ve met with them on the final details of the survey form itself. They are currently drawing that survey, the numbers and the addresses. We expect that they will begin a mail out in the next ten to twelve days, and we should see the first returns in August and we should see some of the final results by September on that.

“The Planning Commission had a workshop on enforceability of conditions that we have in conditional uses, particular sand extraction cases. You may have received some complaints yourselves about enforcement problems or difficulties with some of these uses and other similar uses like salvage yards, kennels, probably fall into the same category, where the Planning Commission is asking for the Planning Department and the departments involved in enforcing of conditions, County Code Enforcement, the Health Department, and so on to get together and see what we could do to try to tighten up a little bit on the enforcement and the drafting of conditions themselves in a way that is clear and enforceable, so we’re working on that.

“The Planning Department staff also participated in a workshop that involved other City and County staff who might be interested on addressing issues in the City and County. Street names and street addresses, and trying to develop more consistency as the GIS departments are developing their maps, they’re noting inconsistencies. As the City is annexing land that was in the County, the City is noticing inconsistencies between the City and the County in terms of both names and addresses. So there was sort of a brain storming session to try to develop some mechanisms on how to improve that process.

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“We have situations with new development, that’s an easier problem I think and involves the subdivision then the permitting area and there the issue has to do more with probably making sure that the accountability is clear. I think we have the tools to do the job right with new development. The more difficult issue is where we have people living on existing streets or having addresses that are problems and how do we deal with them. The Planning Department has been involved in a few of those. One was Bent Tree out in the Tallgrass area. Central Inspection and County Code Enforcement were both involved in the project out in the Rainbow Lakes areas and those are difficult situations. People have been living with names and addresses for a while. How do you deal with those issues? They need to be dealt with because they effect our ability to deliver emergency services effectively.

“In transportation planning, the key project in June was the finalization of the three separate agreements that had to do with the settlement with the Union Pacific Railroad so we’re involved in both the negotiations and the drafting of those agreements. We’ve also been working more recently with consultants who were hired to look more closely at the land use impacts of possible overpasses or underpasses to make sure we can understand and tell property owners what those impacts are going to be. It may result in some of those projects really not being feasible or practical as we try to assemble exactly what a priority list of improvements should be.

“The Planning Commission sponsored an audio-conference sponsored by the National Planning Association on dealing with anger at public meetings. Always a timely topic. I think we all learned something from that and the tape is available if anyone would be interested in borrowing it. We also have a summer brownbag Wednesday lunch time session where we invite all kinds of people in to talk about their perspectives on local planning issues. I think the County Manger is coming up in a couple of weeks. This afternoon, we’ve invited Andover over to talk, their City Manager and Zoning Administrator to talk about their planning activities and issues that they’re facing. I think we need to develop a stronger tie with that area as the urbanized area of Wichita and Sedgwick County extends completely to the County lines and those communities really do merge. I’ll be glad to answer any questions that you have about the month of June.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you, Marvin. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Just a couple of quick questions. The community survey, have we seen the final form of that? Is that in a stack of something I just haven’t looked at yet?”

Mr. Krout said, “Well, we probably have sent over two or three versions of it, but I’d be glad to send over . . .”

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Commissioner Winters said, "I think I've seen two or three versions. If you can send over the final version I'd like to take a look at it."

Mr. Krout said, "Okay."

Commissioner Winters said, "I hope you do continue on the address situation, because I know that's an issue on the west side of town. Somehow, I was one of those people who had to change my address. If you look on the east side of the County, Central is 4th Street. If you look on the west side of the County, Central is 4th Street. You go through Wichita and it becomes 6th Street. Somehow the City just got that messed up, in my opinion. I appreciate your continuing to work on that. Then the time line on the Comprehensive Plan. Did you mention that? Are we coming to that point yet where Commission involvement, do you see when that is going to take place?"

Mr. Krout said, "I'd say it is probably more in the fall. We're talking about summer work is more technical work and then as we see the results of the surveys, we start putting the information together as technical work and as we do preparation for community meetings, then I think that is the best time for a workshop between the Planning Commission and the County Commission."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you. That's all I have."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Any other questions? Marvin, I don't see any. Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thanks again, Marvin. Next item, please."

- L. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH UTILITY CONTRACTORS, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NOS. 787-Z-1710, BRIDGE ON 263RD STREET WEST BETWEEN 79TH AND 87TH STREETS SOUTH (B-377); 801-DD-5280, BRIDGE ON 151ST STREET WEST BETWEEN 111TH AND 119TH STREETS SOUTH (B-378). DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item L is a modification of plans and construction for two bridges included in one contract. This includes the bridge project on 263rd Street West between 79th and 87th Streets South, designated as B-377, and the bridge on 151st Street West between 111th and 119th Street South, designated as B-378. Both of these projects are in accordance with the Capital Improvement Program. These projects have been constructed and are ready to be finalized. There will be a net increase of \$12,288, due to variations in planning quantities from actual field measurements. Recommend you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, David. Next item."

- M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JULY 9, 1998 REGULAR MEETING.**

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

(1) SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS - BUREAU/PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: BUREAU/PUBLIC WORKS

"Item one is sanitary sewer improvements for the Bureau of Public Works, Smithmoor 7th Addition, Phase 2. The recommendation is to accept the low bid of Dondlinger & Sons Construction, in the amount of \$22,690.

(2) RE-ROOFING OF JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECT

"Item two is re-roofing of Judge Riddel Boys Ranch, Capital Projects. Recommendation is to accept the low bid of Buckley Roofing Company, in the amount of \$50,505.

(3) IBM RS/6000 - DETENTION FACILITY
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

"Item three is IBM RS/6000 for the detention facility. The recommendation is to accept the low bid of Champion Computer Corporation, in the amount of \$26,383.05.

(4) CLEANING CHEMICALS & DISPENSING SYSTEM - SHERIFF
FUNDING: SHERIFF

"Item four, cleaning chemicals and dispensing system for the Sheriff's Department. The recommendation is to accept the low bid of Xpedx, in the approximate yearly amount of \$14,115.73.

(5) INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE - INFORMATION SERVICES
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES

"Item five, Internet access service for Information Services. The recommendation is to accept the proposal of ParaCom Technologies in the amount of \$43,200.

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- (6) X-RAY ROOM FLOOR CORRECTIVE RECONSTRUCTION - REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER
FUNDING: REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**

“Item six, x-ray room floor corrective reconstruction for the Forensic Science Center. The recommendation is to accept the only bid received from Van Asdale Construction in the amount of \$7,800.

- (7) ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES/JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY - CAPITAL PROJECT
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECT**

“Item seven, architectural and engineering services for juvenile detention. The recommendation is to accept the low proposal of Schaefer, Johnson, Cox, Frey & Associates, in the amount of \$49,900 for Phases I and II.

- (8) CHAIRS - SHERIFF
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

“Item eight is chairs for the Sheriff’s Department. The recommendation is to accept the bid of Kansas Correctional Industries, in the amount of \$20,460.

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- (9) DORMITORY ROOM DOORS FOR JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

- (10) DATA CENTER FLOOR SWITCHING HARDWARE & SOFTWARE - INFORMATION SERVICES
FUNDING: EQUIPMENT RESERVE**

“Item nine is dormitory room doors for the Juvenile Detention Facility. The recommendation is to table this indefinitely for review. Item ten, data center floor switching hardware and software for Information Services. The recommendation is to table indefinitely for review. That is the report of the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Commissioner Gwin.”

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. On Item 5 and I don't know whether you need to answer this or Bill or someone else. We're changing Internet access companies, does that mean the County has to change all of its addresses and features and E-mail addresses and all that jazz, too? We currently are Southwind and a number of us have E-mail or Internet access have those addresses on our business cards and published and everything else. Won't we have to change that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "It is my understanding is that this won't effect that. There are a number of services that we use Internet for. This is a different service and won't effect your addresses."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. Secondly, on Item 6, the x-ray room floor corrective reconstruction. What was wrong with the x-ray room floor?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I don't know."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. I'd be interested in knowing that. Thank you."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Any other questions Commissioners?"

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.

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Next item, please."

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CONSENT AGENDA

N. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V98030	\$182.00	5	Springcreek Apts.
V98032	\$222.00	5	Springcreek Apts.
V98031	\$213.00		Sun Valley Apts.

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V97053	\$285.00	\$285.00
V94081	\$248.00	\$248.00
V97057	\$395.00	\$232.00
V95019	\$335.00	\$335.00
V94075	\$375.00	\$375.00
C97055	\$216.00	\$286.00
V872020	\$77.00	\$49.00
V98013	\$429.00	\$417.00
V97069	\$286.00	\$300.00
C98014	\$142.00	\$239.00
V97004	\$134.00	\$312.00
V95118	\$204.00	\$201.00
V96079	\$210.00	\$207.00
V95080	\$255.00	\$84.00
C97052	\$414.00	\$424.00
V97048	\$207.00	\$207.00

3. Order dated July 8, 1998 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

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4. Consideration of the Check Register of July 10, 1998.

5. Budget Adjustment Requests.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980317	Personnel	Transfer
980318	Personnel/Detention	Transfer
980319	Finance General	
	Lake Afton Park	Transfer
980320	COMCARE	
	Community Relations	Transfer
980321	COMCARE	
	Partial Hospital	Transfer
980322	Aging	Supplemental Appropriation
980323	COMCARE-Consolidated	
	Grant-Compeer	Supplemental Appropriation
980324	COMCARE-Topeka	
	State Hospital	Supplemental Appropriation
980325	COMCARE-Mental	
	Health Reform	Supplemental Appropriation
980326	COMCARE-Heartland	Supplemental Appropriation
980327	Corrections	Supplemental Appropriation
980328	Condition	
	Violator Grant	Supplemental Appropriation
980329	Corrections	Transfer
980330	1998 Bridge Projects	Supplemental Appropriation

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Is there any further business? If not, I want to thank everybody for being patient with me today. I'll do better next week. We're adjourned."

O. OTHER

P. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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James Alford, County Clerk

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