

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

September 16, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 16, 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; Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Director, Bureau of Finance; Mr. Brent Shelton, Executive Officer, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Ms. Jennifer Rose, Administrative Assistant, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Dollie Shaffer, Business Manager, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD); Mr. Bob Rogers, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Don Brace, Director, Central Services; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Janet Lloyd Williams, Treasurer, Kansas Minority Business Development Council.
Mr. Tito Labra, Deputy Sheriff.

INVOCATION

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

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, August 26, 1998

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 26, 1998.

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, you've have received the Minutes of the meeting,

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what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Minutes of August 26, 1998.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 20-26, 1998 AS "MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK."

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

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS since 1982, the President of the United States has proclaimed the first full week in October as Minority Enterprise Development Week, commonly referred to as “MED WEEK” and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Minority Business Development Council is celebrating its 8th year as the only agency in the state of Kansas dedicated to increasing business, networking and referral opportunities for minority-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, minority entrepreneurs are playing an increasingly important role in the diversification of our community, and in the competitiveness of our local and national business arena; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Minority Business Development Council encourages opening economic participation to all citizens, increasing the utilization of minority owned businesses, and the creation of more jobs in our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of September 20-26, 1998 as

“MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK”

to honor our local Minority Business Enterprises for their contributions to the economic growth and development of our great community.

MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Today, we have Janet Lloyd Williams. She's a board member, and Treasurer of the Kansas Minority Business Council. Welcome today, Janet. Glad to have you here."

Ms. Janet Lloyd Williams, Treasurer, Kansas Minority Business Development Council, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I really would thank you very much, for acknowledging the Kansas Minority Business Council. We have worked very hard to bring minority businesses into the full focus of not only just our county, but our city also. I also would like to take a moment to invite each of you to do, as I hope you could do, to join us in our symposium at the Olive Tree which will be done on September the 24th. It will be from 11:30 until 4:00. Our very special luncheon speaker will be Mr. Jeffrey Comment who is our CEO of Helzberg Jewelers. He has been very, very active as the Chairman of the Kansas City Minority Supplier Council. We are very proud to have him as our speaker. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Janet. Good luck with your organization, and we hope you have a great week. Thank you. Next item, please."

APPOINTMENT

B. RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN LEWIS, D.D.S. (COMMISSIONER WINTERS' APPOINTMENT) TO THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a fourteen member board, to which the Board of County Commissioners have seven appointments and the Wichita City Council also has seven appointments. This particular appointment will fulfill the requirement of having a dentist on this board. The term expires January 28, 2002, and the Resolution is in proper form."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioners, discussion on this item."

MOTION

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Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Is he here? Come on up and the Clerk’s Office will swear you in.”

Ms. Linda Leggett, Deputy County Clerk, said “Good morning. Please raise your right hand, and after I administer the oath just say ‘I do swear’.”

“I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Wichita/ Sedgwick County Board of Health.”

Dr. John Lewis said, “I do swear.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “ On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, thank you for agreeing to serve on this board. We really appreciate your participation in your community. Thank you very much. Next item, please.”

RETIREMENT

C. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO TITO LABRA, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

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Ms. Mary Anne Nichols, Personnel Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am privileged this morning, on behalf of the Board, to present a retirement certificate to one of the County's finest. Tito Labra will be retiring October 1, 1998, after 19 ½ years of service. He was hired on March 26th, 1979. Tito tells me that he plans to spend time with his wife, children and grandchildren. Tito will now devote time to teaching gang classes to youth, parent, church groups, whoever calls, for a small fee, of course. The departments that Tito has worked with while at Sedgwick County are the jail, judicial and patrol. He finished his career with judicial and was in the gang unit for nine years. He describes his employment with Sedgwick County as excellent to outstanding. We want to wish him well in his retirement."

Chairman Schroeder said, "On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners we want to present you with this clock today, which represents your time with Sedgwick County. We appreciate all that you have done for the citizens of Sedgwick County and for the Sheriffs' Department. Thank you, so much. Good luck to you in your retirement. Would you like to say something?"

Mr. Tito Labra, Deputy Sheriff said, "Really, I came into this organization running my mouth. The beautiful part of it is that I'll be able to leave, running my mouth. Ladies and gentlemen, Commissioners, I've had a ball. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure with the County. I'd like to give a couple of thanks to Commissioner Schroeder, Commissioner Gwin and Commissioner Miller. Not to slight you two gentlemen, but it seemed that every time I was in the Courthouse and I saw them they took the time to talk with me. I really appreciated that. I'd like to thank, standing over here, the people that I've worked with. I have had excellent leadership. I've had a ball, a blast working for Sedgwick County. Thank you very much."

Commissioner Miller said, "Tito, before you leave, while you were having a ball, the fact of the matter is, you were getting the job done. A lot of people recognize that, respect that, and will never forget that. And that includes the youth, the many youth, that I know you were able to touch, inspire and probably even turn around. So, my hat is off to you and I hate to see you go, but it looks like you are definitely going to have a ball now. Thank you."

Mr. Labra said, "Commissioner, thank you for that. When I go to your place can I have a small discount?"

Commissioner Miller said, "We'll talk about that later, Tito."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Good luck to you, Tito. I don't think you're going to have any problems. Next item, please."

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NEW BUSINESS

D. PRESENTATION OF THE TAX SYSTEM COMMITTEE REPORT.

Ms. Allen-Bouska said, “Commissioners, I’m trying to figure out a way to top that, but there’s absolutely no way. I’m here today to speak a little bit about what we have done, internally, as staff, over the last slightly over a year. In approximately November of 1997 a group of us got together. It was an ad hoc group that started to discuss what service meant in the tax administration system.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

“The presentation that you’re going to see today is a result of the sub-committee that worked with this tax committee. I want to let you know that sitting on this tax sub-committee was a large steering committee, consisting of the Appraisers’ Office, the Clerk’s Office, Finance, GIS (Geographic Information Services), IS (Information Services), the then Register of Deeds, the Treasurer and the City of Wichita. The reason why we had this group together is because we all work in various aspects of the tax. The Appraiser obviously does the valuation, the Clerk deals with setting the mill levy and doing value. Finance deals with tax foreclosure. GIS does the actually mapping and a lot of the analysis for the tax system. IS does the programing for us. The Register of Deeds is where we record the maps. The Treasurers’ office does the actual tax bills, and finally, the City of Wichita does an extensive lot of work with us in terms of special assessments. So, this was a very key group to get together. The group, then, assigned a task to what we called the sub-committees, where we rolled up our sleeves and did the actually work. The same groups had representatives there, I won’t go into that detail. The time line we worked with was September of 1997. We initially gathered the steering committee. The sub-committee started this work in October of ‘97, and in February of ‘98 is when this report that I’m currently going to give to you occurred.

“I want to emphasize to you that, as all team processes are, this is a result of negotiation. There were a lot of groups with significant interests. We negotiated down to one recommendation. We did not all agree with all the points and actions that you will see, but we believed that this was a workable plan of action.

“The group started with the problem definition. It defined what the problem was to be, that the present tax administration system is not customer-service oriented. It doesn’t mean that we don’t provide customer service, but we’re not customer-service oriented.

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“Each department works independently. There is also a lack of understanding of functions, information and technology among the departments. Not within each individual department, but, for instance, finance may not quite understand what the Appraiser does. The Appraiser may not quite understand what GIS does, and so on.

“Once we defined that, we decided we needed to find what exactly customer service is. Customer service is timeliness in the delivery of services, it’s accurate in the information and data, it’s courteous and professional service, it’s convenient. It’s convenient where the location of services are delivered, it’s hours of operation, and staff availability. And finally, it’s flexible enough to meet the changing needs of our community.

“Once we defined that problem, what customer service was, we defined what the preferred future was. The preferred future is that we have a customer-service driven tax system where employees can actually understand and communicate the concepts of the current tax system. That means they will also have convenient access to the information and that there will be ongoing communication among people.

“In order to get there, there were key elements of this future. It involved the people, what current policies and practices we have in place, and technology to meet the needs that we have.

“With the preferred future we developed three key recommendations. The first one is to improve service. We decided we had the ability to improve service in the current configuration of the departments. To get there, we had to have training. Training means customer service training. Teaching our employees what is good customer service. Telling them ‘I believe it is in the County Clerk’s Office’ is not the proper response. Perhaps walking them to the Clerk’s office will get the customer the best service they need.

“Additionally, how to deal with hostile customers. Frankly, it’s not you or I that generally gets the hostile customers. They generally take the brunt of the hostile customers that come to the courthouse. We get people that are persistent, but they actually get a lot of hostility. We need to train them on how to deal with it. It’s an important aspect of customer service.

“Internally, we also need to update our customer service information. We need to have our brochures updated. We have what we call a county manual on the tax system that hasn’t been updated in a few years. We need to update that. We need to include who are the key contact persons, so that internally we know who to get hold of if we’re having a serious problem and we’re not getting results. We also need to create a brochure of the courthouse that tells you, functionally, where to go for things and that’s something we felt was an important need for the tax system group.

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“We also need to share information and resources. What does that exactly mean? This, I think, is something we’ve discussed in other avenues but the group recommends that not only do we share locations, such as a one-stop shop but we also perhaps share people. As you know, we all work in cycles. The tax system is one large cycle but each department takes the brunt of it at various times. Perhaps we can look at sharing our resources internally.

“We could also increase our services at what we called our ‘satellite offices’ in our report. Satellite offices could mean the tag substations, we currently have in place. We also have twenty city halls sitting around this county. We have libraries. We have a lot of public places that people could access our services. Now, I’m not telling you we could do that today but I do think we have the ability to do that.

“Part of that ability to get there is we need to develop a technology plan in order to accomplish that, so that the satellite office is attached via computer. We also need to develop a capital budget in order to get there. We know that this costs money and we know it’s not going to happen overnight. We know we need a plan to get there. So that was the recommendation on the sharing of technology.

“And finally, the third recommendation was, as I alluded to before, new access methods. We’re going to need to access the courthouse more efficiently over the Internet. We’re going to need to find telephones systems that are connected via computers that can help better access the courthouse. There’s a lot of business we can do over faxes that we currently don’t do. So, we’re trying to get there and these are the recommendations to get there. Please notice the little dollar signs over the ‘access’. That was a hint that this one was where the technology plan comes into play.

“Now that we’ve done this and the group got together, there’s been a lot of changes since this group met. In February of ‘98, if you recall, there was some issues with the then Register of Deeds, and that put a halt to the group’s work. I have currently a lot of people in the audience who are very supportive of the process. I believe there are some steps that we can possibly take at this point in time to improve these services.

“My recommendation would be to regroup the steering committee, the initial committee that made

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the recommendations to start the process. We also have a new Register of Deeds. This current Register of Deeds did not participate on the committee. So that means this Register of Deeds needs to review the systems, what has occurred, to see if he's willing to buy off on it.

“As part of the process we need to develop implementation teams, with schedules and deadlines. I'm saying schedules and deadlines so that the steering committee can hold the sub-committees and the internal teams accountable. The steering committee, if you've seen the report, has some issues that it needs to deal with. It needs to appoint a liaison to all these committees that we're talking about. It also needs to identify potential legal barriers to some of our ideas. Part of our premise of developing the system was that there were no legal barriers. Some of these things may perhaps have some legal barriers. We're also going to develop a joint calendar, across all of our functions. We'd have one large calendar that details when all of our functions occur and the key dates. The steering committee would also be responsible for bench marking what is success. They have to tell the teams 'What do we define as success for your group'. This may involve time and cost studies. I don't know, but there is a potential there. They also deal with technology and how to fund it.

“Now, I put this little campfire up there, and if Jerry Franz weren't out of town, I'd have him start the song 'Cumbaya'. I can't sing, I'm not going to do it. At this point in time we need to celebrate our success and keep going. Thank you. I'm available for questions.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Becky. Good job. Becky, first of all, I want to say to you and to your staff that we really appreciate the work that all of you have put into this. I know it's not an easy task, and it's one that has dogged us for years as to how to improve the service to our constituents. This is the best way to do it. After reading it and talking with you it makes so much sense to me. There's some obvious solutions here. The one that catches my attention the most is the cross-training. Even if you had, and I think I've had these discussions with other Commissioners and with the Manager, even if you have a new central location for customer services, if I have to stand in a line with twenty people when there's a line with no one in it, that's aggravating. So, if people were cross-trained and you have five or six people working those windows, if you will, people will get in and out of the courthouse quicker and will have a better idea and a better feeling about their government as they leave the courthouse. So, I'm very interested in that aspect of it, as to how we can get the three offices together to cross train their employees. I think that will be the greatest benefit to the taxpayer, outside of the new technology.

“The new technology obviously is a very important one. As you said faxes, the Internet, those kinds of things that might help people to do that from their desk or from their home. Pay their taxes, whatever the case may be. We need to look into new technology, obviously. I think this is the right

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way to go.

“I think reactivating the steering committee is the right thing to do. I think we’re at a time now where the three offices; the Clerk, Register of Deeds and the Treasurer are very, very amenable to looking at improving their operations. We have some good people in those positions now. I think you’re going to get great results. I, as one Commissioner, will back you in any way that I possibly can in the last few months that I’m here. We wish you the best, I do, and I hope that it’s successful. I hope to see some of that before I leave. Maybe not, but I may get to experience it though. If there’s anything I can do, please let me know. I think it’s a great committee and I think you’re on the right track. Thank you. Commissioner Winter.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Becky, good job on reporting the work of the committee. I think, in fact it made it a little more simpler than the written report I read. Good job on explaining that. The committee kind of stopped working the first part of this year in February. When did you start? How long is this process of thinking about this subject been in the committee form? I probably should know the answer to this.

Ms. Allen-Bouska said, “September of ‘97 is when we started working.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Alright. One of the questions I had, just kind of a simple question, it is called a Tax System Committee. Is that really the best kind of. . . I don’t like necessarily customer service, but the tax system committee kind of gives it some kind of ominous name?”

Ms. Allen-Bouska said, “To be honest, we struggled a lot with what to call it. What we focus on where systems and yeah, I think we probably need to come up with maybe a catchy acronym or something instead of something that cumbersome.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Stream-line Government or something. I see that Bill Meek is here and I’d like to just ask Bill a couple of questions and I don’t mean to put you on the spot, Bill, but could you come up for just a second. You might be even in a position, you and I have visited a number of times, but we have not visited about this issue. You might be in a position to come in with some fresh eyes, not having even been on the part that looked at this. And again, I don’t mean to put you on the spot, because we hadn’t talked about this. And I don’t know how much you reviewed this, but in your first thoughts about this, does this seem like a logical process, from you standpoint, to have the three elected offices and this sub-committee, other sub-committee members to really kind of strategize and work on these issues of becoming customer-service driven and trying to get a handle on all the technology so we’re all on the same page? So, I guess I’d just like your

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first reactions, and again, I don't want to put you on the spot."

Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds, said, "No, that's fine. My first reaction was we should call the committee the annex of the Register of Deeds. Any thought process that we go through, we as electeds work primarily with our constituents, so I think that's a good basis to work off of because we're listening to what the public says. But in reality it wouldn't matter if it was us or somebody else doing it because whenever any committee gets together to formulate an idea you're going to have negatives and positives of those ideas. That dialogue created between itself is exactly what we're looking for is to find out exactly what kind a dialogue is available. Anything we can do to improve the citizen's visit to Sedgwick County's courthouse, to see them see us go the extra mile for them is beneficial to the community."

Commissioner Winters said, "You're the only other elected here, and I don't mean for you to be speaking for them but is it your understanding if the Commission today said to the folks that had participated on this past steering committee plus you, now, instead of the former Register of Deeds, that as far as you're concerned you'd be ready to head on down the road and try to come up with some improvements of service and technology components, would you be willing to do that?"

Mr. Meek said, "Oh, absolutely and I've talked to Jan and I've talked to James Alford, too and they're more than willing to get in and roll up their sleeves and get working on a program that benefits the community."

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, with your office now finally all caught up, maybe you'll have some time to think about other things except trying to put out little brush fires. Thank you, Bill. I appreciate those comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Mr. Meek said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one comment. Part of the report was better access and I would hope that would, in time, eliminate many trips to the courthouse as convenience improves. I first want to say congratulations to Becky and the staff. It is important to

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me, at least to see our employees. . . this was not our initiative, from up here, this was your initiative. I'm so proud of our employees when they take a look at the situations that they have and say 'we can do better'. That's just not the typical government employee. That's good news. At least not our perception of the typical government employee. I have one question, and that is what is the next step we need to take? If that's to give direction, you'll probably get it today.

"And the other thing is, is a recommendation that, in having become more and more familiar with the operations of many of the offices, and including the complicated tax system. There is a main stream system that we all go through. Most of us get our tax bill and pay it and get appraisals and look at those and agree or not agree and then pay our taxes again. But I know that there are dozens if not hundreds of special situations out there, and I know not everything goes as simple as it was designed sometimes. I only have one recommendation and that is, just take one step. It's very complicated, and I hope that the committee would not be overwhelmed with how complicated this is. It would be important that they take a look at it and take it one step at a time. Take some time to do it, and get it right. Sometimes, when we look at these processes and they tend to overwhelm us we freeze up and become incapable of movement. I would hope they do that. My question is, Becky, what would you like for us to do? What would be the preferred future for us today, and how do you want us to handle this from now on?"

Ms. Allen-Bouska said, "Our purpose of presenting to you today is to gather your support to start the process of implementing the recommendations as they're presented."

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Becky, again, thank you. I really appreciate the hard work that you've put into this. I'm sorry that you were interrupted in this process that you started in September, but I think this is the right time now, to move on. I think all the Commissioners have very well indicated what they think about it to you here today, and privately. I would encourage you to move on and we will do what we need to do today. I see our action here today is to receive and file, however, I think we need to be a little bit more direct and

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indicate exactly what Becky is asking us to do and make that a part of our Motion.”

Commissioner Winters said, “That’s the question I was going to ask. I was going to ask the Manager or Becky, I think we’d be willing to make a Motion that this subcommittee be reconvened and start a process. My question was about timeline. If we need to really ask you . . .? I don’t think there’s any need that we need go at breathtaking speed here. I’d rather have a good product than a fast product not put together very well.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “I don’t even know if at this point that we need a timeline. I would think, I want Becky, you tell me what you think would be appropriate. I’d be scared to say thirty days and that’s not enough time for them. What would you think?”

Commissioner Winters said, “Last week we were talking about some contract for thirty days and you said it could drag on for a year because you know how government works.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Yeah, but this is different.”

Ms. Allen-Bouska said, “We could come back with a recommendation and a recommended calendar to you within a month, if you would like.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “That would be great.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I think it would be good if we had a Motion, unless somebody objects, that the Board of County Commissioners supports this endeavor of this committee.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Oh, absolutely. That’s why I asked. I think we need to do more than receive and file. Do you want to formulate a Motion.”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved that the Board of County Commissioners support the Tax System Committee that’s been in process, and ask them to reconvene and return with a timeline about the progress of their work.”

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, “Becky, again, thank you. Good luck to you. I know your going to come back to us with some good information. I know this will enhance services in Sedgwick County. Appreciate it.”

Ms. Allen-Bouska said, “Thank you.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I just want to thank the Register of Deeds for being here this morning, too.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Yes, thanks Bill. Appreciate you being here. Okay, Commissioners, any other comments or thoughts on this item. If not we’ll move on. Next item, please.”

E. RESOLUTION AMENDING SEC. 20-111 OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE AND CREATING AN EXCEPTION FOR THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF CEREAL MALT BEVERAGES AT SEDGWICK COUNTY PARKS, LAKES OR RECREATIONAL AREAS, AND REPEALING THE ORIGINAL OF SAID SECTION.

Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “When we were looking at the boat race and the concession contract for the concessioner at the boat race we found that in Section 20-111 of the code we had prohibited kegs at Lake Afton Park. It came to our attention that the concessioner was probably going to serve cereal malt beverages from kegs not cans. When we had that discussion we found out that was the case. We need to amend that code to allow the possession of beer kegs for the purpose of distributing of cereal malt beverages at Lake Afton Park. Would recommend your adoption of this Resolution.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, any discussion of this item. If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution 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	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Jerald. Appreciate it. Next item, please."

F. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FUNDS.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to ask for your approval to submit a grant application to the State Department of Corrections to expand substance abuse and mental health services to adult felony offenders assigned to community corrections. The '98 Legislature appropriated \$500,000 to be divided equally between community corrections and parole services. In this application we're asking for three staff positions to provide these services for one year. The staff positions include a senior corrections counselor to provide the mental health services and two substance abuse counselors. The target group for services will be those adult offenders who are unable to access or benefit from community treatment programming or those who need immediate intervention and are not eligible for our condition violator services. We're asking for \$116,000 from the State to fund these services. No county matching funds are required. The Corrections Advisory Board approved this item at their meeting last Thursday. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Mark. Any discussion of this item. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Mark, do you have any idea about the possibilities, does it appear that we have a good opportunity to get these funds. Have you had personal conversations with anybody at the State."

Mr. Masterson said, "Yes, I think there's a good opportunity to get part of these funds. We've structured this grant in priorities, the first priority being the mental health services, the second being the substance abuse services. I would think we would get part of these."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Any other discussion on this item. If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

G. WAIVER OF POLICY TO HIRE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND

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OPERATIONS AT RANGE 31, STEP 6.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, I have visited with you regarding this subject. We have created these two positions and made the appointments and I would recommend to you that we waive the policy and hire these individuals, Kathy Sexton as Director of Operations, and Bob Lamkey Director of Public Safety, at range 31, step 6."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Very good, thank you. Discussion on this item. If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Policy Waiver.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

H. ADDITION OF ONE SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME NETWORK COORDINATOR, RANGE 22, TO THE CORONER'S STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Jennifer Rose, Administrative Assistant, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Forensic Science Center is requesting one addition to the staffing table to create a SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) network coordinator at range 22. This is going to be funded in the amount of \$40,300 from the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

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through the KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment). The remaining \$3,000 will be funded through our salary savings.

“The responsibilities and the duties of the SIDS coordinator include but are not limited to promotion of a statewide support system to help families, relatives, friends, care givers, and others affected by the sudden death of an infant. They will also be responsible for implimentation of a statewide system of family referrals to the network by County Coroners, health care professionals, and family members to assure parents and extended family members access to follow up and support services based upon individual and family needs. They will develop, the development of a Kansas based SIDS information resource center through the network for families professionals and other Kansas citizens. If there are no questions, I ask that you approve the addition to the Coroner’s Staffing Table.”

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

Commissioner Miller said, “Jennifer, good morning. It’s good to see you here. Is this a first for the State of Kansas. Where do we stand?”

Ms. Rose said, “Where do we stand? My understanding is that Kansas is one of the four states that do not have a SIDS support network. So, towards that end, we are rather behind.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Okay, but this has not been done in the State of Kansas and we are just now initiating it.”

Ms. Rose said, “Exactly. It’s just an initiation.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Excellent. It’s about time. Good, I’m glad to see it happen.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Further discussion. Mr. Manager.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioner Miller, thanks for asking that question because I think it’s important to note that we have been a partner in this process with Hospice and Children’s Service

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League and the County Department of Health and KDHE, Kansas Department of Health and Environment. They granted the funds through a . . . , with some discretionary money that they have because the need exists. There is no statewide program. Once again, Sedgwick County has been called upon to try to put it together and use as a model so that the rest of the state can be tied in and these folks can be supported in the ways that they need to be supported.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you for that further clarification. I’m sure the public appreciates the role that Sedgwick County is taking in this.”

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

Commissioner Gwin said, “This will have to be brief because my voice won’t last. Jennifer and Bill, you need to understand, too, the sensitivities of families. How we’re going to deal with those as we continue this process. To have lost a child to SIDS or a grandchild to SIDS obviously, must be a very troubling issue. So, let’s keep that in mind as we plan this network, so that we deliver services to them where they’re comfortable and where it feels right for them to be, too. So let’s keep that in the back of our minds or in the front of our minds, I guess, all of the time. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the addition to the Coroner’s Staffing Table.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

I. KANSAS COLISEUM.

1. AGREEMENT WITH SCOTT RICE FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT THE KANSAS COLISEUM.

Ms. Dollie Shaffer, Business Manager, Kansas Coliseum greeted the Commissioners and said, "At this time I would respectfully request that Item I1 be tabled for two weeks due to some technical difficulties that we're having with implementation of this agreement."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to table this item for two weeks.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

Ms. Shaffer said, "During the month of August the Coliseum hosted nine events, twenty-five performances with a total attendance of 64,000. Net revenues for the month were \$180,000 which puts us ahead 13% from last year at this same time."

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“Highlights during the month were ‘The Women of Faith’ event, the 2nd annual T-95 ‘Oz Fest’ and the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Balley Circus. Oz Fest was attended by 22,000 persons bringing total attendances to amphitheater type settings for the three events that we have hosted to nearly 60,000 people. The circus also showed a major increase this year, with an increase of nearly 5,000 people in attendance. Our ticket revenue also increased by \$80,000.

“We’re continuing work on roof repairs due to damages from storms this summer. Also, we’ve begun refinishing the roof on Pavilion I. We’ve also seen an increase in ticket revenues for Select-a-Seat. This is due to changes in ticket selling procedures with the Kansas State Fair. Last year we had sold approximately \$40,000 worth of tickets to their events, this year that number is \$120,000 and increasing. If you have any other questions or comments, I would like to answer them.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay, Dollie thank you. Appreciate the presentation today. Commissioner, questions or comments? Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I just have a quick question. Like on the circus event, when they come in, they handle all of their own advertising? I don’t know why the sales were up, but I thought the TV ads were very good for the circus this year. We don’t participate in any of that kind of promotion, do we?”

Ms. Shaffer said, “Promotions of advertising and media concerns are all different for every event, just about. In this particular event Ringling Brothers controls all of the advertising and the passes, comp tickets and that kind of thing. They have a tight control over that event.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Well, I don’t know why they were up 5,000 but I thought their TV ads were very good this year.”

Ms. Shaffer said, “We believe some of the increase was due to the actual date it was held. I think a lot of it had to do with the advertising. We had a different promoter who was assigned to this event. She did a fantastic job of promoting the event.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Any other questions or comments? If not, what’s the will

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of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

J. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD) MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Marvin Krout Director, MAPD (Metropolitan Area Planning Department) greeted the Commissioners and said, "If you're wondering where my coat is, I'm sorry but it's in the parking lot of the Sedgwick County Zoo. My wife and grand daughter are there and I'm sure they're having a good time. They dropped me off this morning without my coat."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'm glad you explained that, Marvin."

Mr. Krout said, "I know you were worried."

Commissioner Hancock said, "We were wondering where your coat was."

Mr. Krout said, "The case load in the department was back up again. Last month we had 59 new cases, 431 applications filed to date. That compares to 500 in all of 1997, so we continue to be developing at a high rate and receiving applications."

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“The August hearings of the Planning Commission had zoning hearings including two City cases that were on Webb Road, South Webb Road that involved issues of access control and they were interesting cases because I think that they will lead to some further discussion about the field that we call access manage. I think City and County, Public Works, along with the City’s Traffic Commission will be involved in more discussions on that. We’re talking about establishing a workshop. Access management is trying to control the access, how many driveways, where they’re located, how they’re located, whether or not turning is restricted or not, to try to preserve as much of the capacity of the road as you can. As we’re continuing to see volumes increase in our major arterials, land between cities start to fill in and where we’ve had high-speed roads with very little side-traffic conflicts, we’re beginning to see more. I think it’s important for us to look at how to preserve that capacity as much as possible. So, those cases have raised a larger issue that we’ll be discussing in the future.

“Another case was the rezoning of the County Coliseum property and you’ll be seeing that case, it was actually an interesting discussion, you’ll be seeing that case in a couple of weeks. The main purpose is to provide a zoning classification that allows for off-site signs. We also had a Conditional Use for tax sales out of the home on North Hoover that was a result of a complaint. We also had a zoning case that was in the City but at the edge of the city limits, at 135th and Central. That case was deferred because it involves the realignment of Central, which someday will be a major street out there, if you know that intersection, there’s a jog of about 200 feet. Central comes from the east and the west in two different locations at 135th Street, and west of 135th is out in the County. I think there will be some more review and analysis about where and how that realignment should occur.

“In the Comprehensive Plan Update process, we prepared and circulated the first of a series of newsletters to several hundred people who were on a mailing list who were interested in the process of the Comprehensive Plan. You should have received that. It’s a summary of development trends and we plan to do other newsletters in the future. One of those will be a summary of the information on the customer survey. The results have been analyzed. We had a meeting yesterday with the research center of the consultants who did that work and they do have a preliminary report. We’ll be working with them and next month be releasing a report and asking them to make a presentation.

“There’s a specific issue that’s come up, and we have an evening meeting, and Commissioner

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Schroeder is invited to the meeting this evening. A potential zoning case was discussed with the staff out on South Rock Road between Derby and Wichita. An area that is shown in the Comprehensive Plan today to be an area that should be developed lightly, as it is today, and basically Rock Road would remain as a commuter route between those two communities. The area, because it's in the noise sensitive zone of McConnell was not projected to have extensions of water or sewer. We do have a request for a large mobile home park and commercial development. It hasn't been filed as a zoning case but because it raised larger issues. One, how do we look at the area in the future between Derby and Wichita. You can imagine that there will be continued pressure for more intense development of that corridor in the future. If it does develop, how should it develop with what types of services? How do we try to preserve the traffic capacity of Rock Road which does very well right now, but doesn't have a lot of side traffic that I talked about. The other issue is more a countywide issue, and that is where and how do we deal with the command for future mobile home parks in the community. Is that the right location or are there other right locations. We have some criteria in the Comprehensive Plan but I think that we need to look at that issue more carefully. So, rather than go through this in the heat of a county zoning case, we thought the better approach would be to be a little more proactive because larger issues are being raised and talked about with the stakeholders and those stakeholders being some of the representatives of the neighborhoods in that area, representatives of McConnell, of Derby, and the Derby school district and other people. So, that meeting is scheduled for tonight, and ought to be interesting.

“We continue to be involved in the railroad separation issue. For your information, I think the City is very close to closing the Bailey Street as a railroad traffic line which means that temporarily there will be more traffic that will be routed along the tracks that run behind the County Courthouse and behind City Hall. That will be for about a one year period during which time a new bridge will be built over the river and the tracks will be reenforced and then at that time, about a year from now, these tracks back in this area will be abandoned and the bridge across the river north of Douglas will be taken out.

“We also reviewed last month with the aviation authority recommendations about land use that were in master plans that were submitted to them by their consultant. The master plan suggested that we look at applying the, what we call the AOZ's, the Airport Overlay Zones that were applied to

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McConnell Air force Base, that we look at applying those in the case of Jabara and Mid Continent Airports. We did some analysis and we made a presentation to the Airport Authority. It was a staff recommendation that we have a different set of facts in lots of ways between the military airbase and the two civilian airports here in town and that it would not be necessary or appropriate to apply Airport Overlay Zones in those two particular areas. We have other tools to try to deal with airport and land use compatibility issues. The Aviation Authority Board accepted those recommendations. They also asked us to initiate the rezoning of two parcels of land that are on the Airport Authority property that are still zoned Residential but are in that master plan for Mid Continent for airport related Industrial Uses so the Planning Commission has authorized that hearing and will be processing that case and should not be very controversial.

“We also began an assessment and coordination with Butler and Harvey County of the Census Bureau’s request for looking at the census tract boundaries in the three counties and how they might be redrawn in order to represent contiguous areas of 3,000 population, which is the average population in the census tract for the future. Try to understand how growth and all may have changed those, so we may need more census tracts in some areas where growth has been very rapid.

“We also have been working on preparing the package of grant submissions to KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) for transportation enhancements. I think maybe I mentioned that last month. Seven million dollars per year and a competitive program operated by KDOT that is set aside for historic, scenic, environmental or pedestrian bicycle improvements that all relate to transportation. We have come up with a large number of projects, including for the first time some projects that are in the county. One will complete the loop around the zoo in Sedgwick County Park at 13th and Windmill. Another is the joint project that you’ve talked about of piggybacking on the City’s water transmission main, which will go over the Big Ditch near Zoo Boulevard with a pedestrian bicycle bridge. And third, a connection from the City’s Gypsum Creek bike path, that runs along the turnpike along Pawnee to Rock Road and to the heavy development that is east of Rock Road. We’ve been in touch with Cessna and they’ve been supportive about providing an easement for that path to occur. You’ll see those proposals next Wednesday on your agenda. I won’t be here but Bill Southwell will present them. I’ll try to answer any questions.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay, thank you, Marvin. There are a couple of questions. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Marvin, one of the issues going on certainly in the community now is the annexation that the City of Wichita is doing. I don’t know about the others,

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but I receive a couple of calls a week, from either business interests or citizens asking about the City's annexation activities and of course, as we all know, I tell them if any property is developed Residential or Commercial that's contiguous to the city limits it's certainly the City's right to annex that property. But one of the issues where we seem to be having a bit of a problem is, I observed a map that our engineering department had prepared earlier this week, and there are at least fifteen locations in the county where the city has annexed both sides of the road but left the road in the county. I'm not sure exactly what your department does in drawing those lines on the map, but I'd assume you assist, and so just from one Commissioner's standpoint, in the City's activities of drawing these lines, as being a joint department, I would hope you would stand up and represent us in at least drawing attention to the fact that these annexations need to include the roadway. I know, from the City's engineering department, part of their difficulty is they're not prepared to provide the service. It could be gravel road or some kind of road that would be difficult for them to service. I think they need to consider that in the annexation that they're about. If they're going to annex it they need to be able to provide the services. If they're not going to provide the services maybe they need to reconsider the annexation of the property on either one side of the road or the other. But just from one Commissioner, I would hope you would share that in those meetings that you have where you decide where those lines are going to be."

Mr. Krout said, "We're going to try to obtain the map and make sure the map is accurate. The City's policy has been, and in the end, I guess it's the Public Works Department of the City that has the last word about where those lines are drawn when the legal descriptions are established. The City's policy has been that when they do have two sides of the street then they will annex the street. The question then is for what length of a segment because sometimes you'll see that the City will have a whole mile on one side of the street but just have 200 feet of frontage on the other side of the street. I don't know if there's a general policy. It's probably something like, if there's a whole half mile that's shared with both sides of the City then they'll take in that half mile. But I think that, there have over time been informal understandings between the two Public Works Departments. I think that it is time to sit down and deal with that issue.

"The only other thing I would say is that it's more than just a City and County issue because the real difficult situations are when a township is left with a perimeter street. The City just annexed the Fox Meadows area up in the 61st and Meridian area. Eventually the City of Wichita can and will probably expand north of 61st Street but in the meantime 61st Street will continue to be maintained as a gravel road by the township and of course the township now has a much lower tax base left. It's a little different than the County situation where your tax base isn't affected. The township's is significantly affected by its size and and the size of these annexations. There needs to be a way

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to bring them into the picture. We do notify them but somehow they don't seem to come out at these meetings or ask to sit down and talk about these issues. So I think we need to kind of bring them out and maybe the township board association meetings is a place where that can be discussed."

Commissioner Winters said, "I appreciate your comments and I think in your position of being a joint department of County and City you will at least hopefully make sure that the County's perspective of the road annexation is at least addressed at those meetings. I appreciate that. Second issue, is back to the Comprehensive Plan and I know I've probably asked this question every time about how we're coming with this Comprehensive Plan and one of the things that again made me think about that was the continuing conversation I've had with some about rural intersections in the county and for a time we were in the place where every rural intersection was zoned commercial but the city has now grown to the point where we're out where those no longer exist. Beyond where we are now. One of the questions I wondered is, is the new comprehensive plan work still on track, on progress and will that be one of the issues that MAPC will be addressing as they look at the Comprehensive Plan?"

Mr. Krout said, "It is on track. I would say that we're somewhat delayed. As I said last month, the Comprehensive Plan is where we have to draw the resources to fight fires so when issues such as census asking for information earlier than expected or redistricting or this transportation's enhancement program which was kind of, suddenly appeared. We're delayed. Yes, we're working on that, in fact we specifically ask several questions. The survey results are going to be very interesting. One of the questions we did ask had to do with people and how they feel about commercial development and whether or not it ought to be on every mile. We also have to do a lot of analysis of that information and break it down by populations but I think that will be very instructive for the Planning Commission and for the governing bodies to see some of the results of that survey in terms of priorities. That whole issue of how much commercial do we need in the growing edges of the urban area continues to come up.

"It certainly came up on the case in the Rainbow Lakes area at 135th and Central. In that case there was an attempt to try to develop a policy for Limited Commercial. Some neighbors in that zoning case said this particular zoning request is not following that policy. They're asking for more zoning than the policy. There are other neighbors that are saying we don't care what the policy says, we really don't want any commercial development. I'm not sure if you ever completely resolve that issue but it's certainly going to be a focus for the Planning Commission."

Commissioner Winters said, "Just as a Commissioner, when we first developed the plan, had some

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reservations about the plan. I'm one now who really does appreciate the value of that as a planning document. I think in developing revisions to that, it's a perfect time to have some of those discussions."

Mr. Krout said, "I'm sure we will."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Marvin, with the front page news articles and I'm talking front page and also front page of the local page of the newspaper, being able to focus the City Council on their current difficult decisions in dealing with how their districts are out of wack in terms of the numbers of residents that are living on the east side in comparison to the north side versus the south versus the west. It seems to me that recognizing that our county districts are also comprised of approximately 70% or a majority of our residents live within these council districts that are defined would be impacted. Can you tell us how the recommendation or the decision that is going to be made by our City Council members, I believe next week, is going to impact the districts that we currently recognize of the County?"

Mr. Krout said, "The County districts won't be effected by anything that happens in the City. When you start talking about the City and their big concern, I was afraid you were going to talk about tattoo parlors, which is something I forgot to tell you about. That's okay. I'll save that for another time, tatoo parlors and body piercing establishments.

"The County redistricts on the basis of populations. You operate under different resolutions than the County who have a Charter Ordinance that requires them to do this mid-decade review because the population has gotten outside of the 5% plus or minus between districts as a result of annexations and growth. Countywide I would say that your districts have not changed that much. Each of your county districts have grown, but you don't have an inter-city area that's losing population that's a county district and an area that's burgeoning with growth. There may be some differences in your percentages of growth but you're all seeing growth in all of your districts. I don't think there's the discrepancies that you would see with the city council districts. The process is going to be that they appointed a redistricting committee. The committee has reviewed at least four alternatives initially,

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and then several more were prepared for them to consider. They identified one fairly early in the process that they thought was a reasonable alternative and they sent it out to the six city CPO councils for comments. The committee is receiving those comments, they're going to meet, in fact I think tomorrow, to consider the comments of all the CPO councils, and then probably tomorrow, maybe postponed till a later date we'll make a final recommendation. They're required to make a recommendation to the City Council by the end of September. The City Council can take that recommendation or can adjust it as they wish but their instruction by Charter Ordinance is to come with a new map before the end of the year. So, the process could continue potentially through December."

Commissioner Miller said, "So their actual decision will come prior to J1, 1999 is what you are saying."

Mr. Krout said, "November or December."

Commissioner Miller said, "So, it's just interesting though, to understand the concept that there would be a wide variation of numbers of constituents in the 2nd district versus the 1st district and we're still talking City Council right now, but that doesn't impact County districts. That's interesting."

Mr. Krout said, "No it doesn't."

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Couple of things. I think I need to go back to the issue that Commissioner Winters raised about the roadways because I had a visit a couple of weeks ago from a Kechi township official. Kechi township is quickly being annexed. Your point's well taken, that they are fiscally a lot more impacted than the county would be when it come to city annexation because, as you explained, when the city annexes into the township that tax base actually goes away from the township. So, it certainly would be inappropriate to leave them with the responsibility when they no longer have the tax base with which to work.

"Secondly, you need to remind the City Council members and others that there is a state law, and I don't know the number, that pretty well mandates the County maintain connecting link roadways

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within cities of 5,000 population or less than 5,000 population. However, once the population in that community exceeds 5,000 the County's obligations to maintain those roadways within those cities cease. So, I don't know how that particularly impacts this, but it would certainly seem to think that if I had to cease maintaining roadways within Park City because they exceeded their 5,000 population the County would not be obliged to maintain roadways within the City of Wichita either. You might look that statute up because I don't think we're statutorially obliged to do that. Just an FYI."

Mr. Krout said, "I guess the issue is where do you draw the line of where are the city limits."

Commissioner Gwin said, "That's the interesting part. I hope you review the map that's been created and assure us that the correct information is on there. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Your welcome. That's a good point, Marvin. If you were to take, for instance, Kellogg, say for instance it was not a highway and it went all the way through Wichita and yet it was a County maintained street. That wouldn't make any sense. When does a city become a city in the sense of area. If I say I live in the City of Wichita but in order to get into my front driveway or to get down the street that goes to my house I have to drive down a county road. It just doesn't make a lot of sense. I think we just need to keep pushing the issue. Didn't we discuss this about a year ago with the planning department when we had that joint meeting at City Hall? I believe we all got together. Marvin, you were there at that luncheon workshop. We discussed that issue with planning department so that they would kind of watch this as it goes along. I think we just need to sit down to the table with our City counterparts and talk a little bit about this.

"As it's been said before the government that gets hurt the most is the township. They have enough problems the way it is. I just can't imagine losing that tax base that they were looking forward to getting and then those new developments are annexed and they're still responsible for roads. It is a difficult situation."

Mr. Krout said, "I'm surprised that they haven't been more actively trying to deal with the City on that issue. We need to bring them into the picture somehow."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'm willing to give them the benefit of the doubt that we said that we'd talk to them over the next few months to a year and if that doesn't work then I think the only other alternative is to look at some legislative issues to deal with that. I hate to do that because then that becomes so difficult to work with sometimes. I think, as we go on, this may go away or it could get

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worse. My fear is it may get worse. We really need to talk to the City about that. As Tom said, you run the department, you're the best one to start that process for us, to see what we can do."

Commissioner Gwin said, "May I interject, Marvin, I don't know if the township officials realize that they may be left responsible for a roadway. I would assume that one would think well, it's being annexed so it's no longer my responsibility. I don't know. We might need to check on that, too. This fellow seemed to understand what problems he was facing but that doesn't mean everyone might be aware of it."

Mr. Krout said, "Sending them a notice that there's going to be an annexation and seeing a small map may not tell them everything they need to know and they may be busy doing other things, grading roads, to stop and try to figure out what this means."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Whether it means the responsibility is still theirs or whether the responsibility will go away. I would venture to guess the majority of them will assume the responsibility will go to the City and they would no longer have to deal with that. If that's contrary we certainly need to tell them. Because if it's contrary you'll hear from them and so will we. So, let us know. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any other comments or questions on this item? Marvin, thank you, appreciate your presentation today. I would entertain a Motion to receive and file.

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Paul W. Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye

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Chairman Mark F. Schroeder

Aye

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

**K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' SEPTEMBER 10, 1998
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the September 10 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are thirteen items for consideration today.

**(1) INTERNAL ANTENNA SYSTEM - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

"Item one is an internal antenna system for Capital Projects and the Sheriff's for the Detention Facility. No proposals were received for this particular project. We will tweek our specifications and our requirements and re-solicit at a later date.

**(2) DORMITORY ROOM DOORS/ JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY- CAPITAL
PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

"Item two, dormitory room doors for the Juvenile Detention Facility by Capital Projects. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Kane Construction Company. That amount is \$42,383.00.

**(3) 15 PASSENGER EXTENDED VAN- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

"Item three is a 15 passenger extended van for Fleet Management and COMCARE. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Mel Hambelton Ford. That amount with trade-in is \$14,200.00.

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(4) FOUR DOOR SEDANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

“Item four, four door sedans for Fleet Management and the Sheriff’s Department. These are the Police Interceptor packages. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Rusty Eck Ford. That amount with trade is \$123,675.00.

(5) 8 PASSENGER EXTENDED VAN- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

“Item five, eight passenger extended vans for Fleet Management and the Sheriff’s Department. It was recommended to accept the low bid meeting specifications of Don Hattan Chevrolet. That amount with trade is \$17,575.00.

(6) INTERMEDIATE FOUR DOOR SEDANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

“Item six, intermediate four door sedans for Fleet Management and the Sheriff’s Department and this quantity has been changed to six. It was recommended to accept the low bid meeting specification with trade of Don Schmid Dodge. That amount is \$87,040.00.

(7) MINI-VANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

“Item seven, mini-vans for Fleet Management, one each for the Kansas Coliseum and the Sheriff’s Department. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Don Hattan Chevrolet. With trade that amount is \$30,175.00.

(8) TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCKS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

“Item eight, Tandem axle dump trucks for Fleet Management and the Bureau of Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low proposal of Copeland International Trucks. That amount with trade is \$111,842.00.

(9) BIG FOLD TOWELS- BUREAU/ CENTRAL SERVICES

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FUNDING: BUREAU/ CENTRAL SERVICES

“Item nine, big fold paper towels for the Bureau of Central Services. It was recommended to accept the low bid meeting specifications of Southwest Paper. That amount is \$16,890.00.

(10) PERSONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE & SOFTWARE- INFORMATION SERVICES

FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES

“Item ten, personal computer hardware and software for Information Services. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Entex Information Services. That amount is \$12,705.00.

(11) LOCKBOX TAX RECEIPT HANDLING- TREASURER

FUNDING: TREASURER

“Item eleven, lockbox tax receipt handling services for the County Treasurer. It was recommended to accept the proposal in the annual amount of \$26,463.50. That is an estimated amount which may fluctuate slightly from United Missouri Bank.

(12) FLEET MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE SOFTWARE- FLEET MANAGEMENT

FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

“Item twelve, Fleet Management maintenance software for Fleet Management Department. It was recommended to accept the proposal of CCG Systems, Inc., That amount is \$55,850.00 and a synopsis of the recommendation from Robert Lamkey is attached.

(13) PERSONAL COMPUTER SERVERS & SOFTWARE- FLEET MANAGEMENT

FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

“Item thirteen, personal computer hardware and software for Fleet Management. It was recommended to accept the low bid of one item only for the Cisco switch. That amount is \$1,352.61. We will revisit the specifications for the hardware and re-solicit at a later date.

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**(14) LAUNDRY CLEANING SUPPLIES & DISPENSING SYSTEM- SHERIFF
FUNDING: SHERIFF**

**(15) SKID STEER LOADER- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

“There were two items that do not require action at this particular time. They were tabled for review. They include laundry cleaning supplies and dispensing system for the Sheriff for Detention Facility and a skid steer loader for Fleet Management for Lake Afton Park. Those are being reviewed. I’ll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes provided by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Darren. Do I have a Motion?”

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Schroeder said, “Discussion? Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Darren, back on item two, I understand that the board recommended the low bid, which is fine. I guess my question comes in the calendar days to complete the job. Are we not in a hurry on that? I mean, the low bid says 250 days, the next higher bid could do it in half the time, 120 days. Are we not in a hurry?”

Mr. Muci, said, “It’s my understanding in this particular case that they have discussed this with Kane Construction and they have determined that the amount of time can perhaps be reduced and a satisfactory period for the department. So, we’ll work with that.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Well, I think I had heard it mentioned over time, that those doors did need to be replaced and I thought there was some urgency. So, I would hope that they would...”

Mr. Muci said, “What I think we’re seeing in the general contractor business right now is that there is just tons of work in the area and our general contractors are putting time periods out there that will allow them an adequate time to complete the job on our behalf without locking them in. So

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there's a discussion that's held to make sure that we're going to have our needs met and we'll work it out."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you for that clarification. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Darren, on item eleven, the lock box operation for the Treasurer. Have we ever done a lock box system before?"

Mr. Muci said, "Commissioner, no, not in this manner. This is obviously something that's brand new and as you've noted at the bottom of the recommendation we're using equipment to do this that's a bit outdated. Our treasurer has researched this type of service statewide and has found that Johnson County, specifically, is using this service with a great deal of success. She would like to give it a shot, using this type of services here. We expect there to be a tremendous amount of savings."

Commissioner Winters said, "I was going to ask, did the Bid Board. . . , were you involved in, and you may be the wrong person to be asking the question to, but did your Bid Board go through any of the investigative process to determine what kind of savings we'd have from the present system that we have?"

Mr. Muci said, "I want to say, Commissioner, that it's estimated that services now are costing in the range of \$200,000. That was discussed along with the Treasurer and Daryl Gardner, our Controller. It took us quite some time to develop this process, to research it."

Commissioner Winters said, "I'm going to go ahead and vote yes on this. I guess I'll just send a note to the Treasurer and ask her if she can contact me."

Mr. Muci said, "I will visit with her as well and make sure they get in touch with you."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. Any other questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board? We do have a Motion. Any other questions or comments? If not Clerk call the vote."

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VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

L. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easements.

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

- a. Road Number 783-T, Owners: Fredrick C. Stuhlsatz and Tina M. Stulsatz, located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 28 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located on the east side of 295th Street West and north of 39th Street South (MacArthur Road). Afton Township. District #3.

The following tracts of land were granted by Easement for Right- of-Way at no cost to the County to divide land into five-acre tracts and a road (233rd Street West). These Easements were requested by the Director, Bureau of Public Works, as a condition of dividing property into unplatted tracts.

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- b. Road Number 792-M, Owners: Stephen G. Speck and Mary Kay Speck, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located on the east side of 231st Street West and north of 21st Street North. Garden Plain Township. District #3.
- c. Road Number 792-M, Owner: Sandra M. Jamison, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located on the east side of 231st Street West and north of 21st Street North. Garden Plain Township. District #3.
- d. Road Number 792-M, Owners: Christopher P. Schneider and Lisa K. Schneider, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located on the east side of 231st Street West and north of 21st Street North. Garden Plain Township. District #3.
- e. Road Number 792-M, Owners: Michael G. Hummel and Carol L. Hummel, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located on the east side of 231st Street West and north of 21st Street North. Garden Plain Township. District #3.
- f. Road Number 792-M, Owners: David W. Barragree and Rebecca L. Barragree, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located on the east side of 231st Street West and north of 21st Street North. Garden Plain Township. District #3.
- g. Road Number 792-M, Owners: Douglas A. Janvrin and Veronica J. Janvrin, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located on the east side of 231st Street West and north of 21st Street North. Garden Plain Township. District #3.
- h. Road Number 792-M, Owners: Stephen G. Speck and Mary Kay Speck, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located on the east side of 231st Street West and north of 21st Street North. Garden Plain Township. District #3.

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- i. Road Number 792-M, Owner: Biermann Farms Partnership by Mary Kay Martin, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located on the east side of 231st Street West and north of 21st Street North. Garden Plain Township. District #3.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V98043	\$294.00	5	Helms Rental Properties
C98044	\$322.00	1	Mt. Hope Community Development, Inc.

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V93118	\$125.00	\$290.00
V96089	\$425.00	\$280.00
V97066	\$151.00	\$514.00
V94116	\$295.00	\$254.00
V98029	\$85.00	\$249.00

4. Agreement with Brooks Bail Bonds to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.

5. Addendum to Developmental Disabilities Service Agreement with Chuck Collier allowing payment for Day Services/Habilitation in addition to those services included in the original Agreement.

6. Addendum to Developmental Disabilities Service Agreement with Zachary

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House, Inc. allowing payment for Supportive Home Care in addition to those services included in the original Agreement.

7. Applications for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>d/b/a</u>
Volonda U. Finney	Diamonds II
Merlyn D. Oblander	Big Events LLC

8. Order dated September 9, 1998 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

9. Consideration of the Check Register of September 11, 1998.

10. Budget Adjustment Requests.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980450	Finance General-Juvenile Detention Facility	Transfer
980451	Sedgwick County Park	Transfer
980452	Personnel	Transfer
980453	COMCARE-Administration	Transfer
980454	Court Trustee	Transfer
980455	Coroner-SIDS Network of Kansas	Supplemental Appropriation
980456	Capital Projects	Transfer
980457	Capital Projects	Transfer
980458	Capital Projects	Transfer
980459	Court ADSAP	Supplemental Appropriation

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. At this time I think we need to recess this meeting, because I know we have other business."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recess to the Sewer District meeting at 10:32 a.m. and returned at 10:34 a.m.

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'll call back to order, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, August 26, 1998. Before we go to other business, Commissioners, I'd like to make an announcement today. Those two gentlemen back in the audio booth, would you folks please come forward, come up to the podium? Mr. Brace and Mr. Rogers. I don't know how many people are aware or know about these two gentlemen. These two gentlemen have been with the County for years. They are two people who work very hard behind the scenes of what County government looks like to us as we see it as citizens. Bob Rogers, as Assistant County Manager, has been with us since 1984, and Don Brace came to the County in 1986. He's our Director of Bureau of Central Services. Both of them are great individuals, fun people to work with, hard working people and have done a wonderful job for Sedgwick County and they're hanging it up this year, at the end of the year. This is their last meeting. So today, we wanted to recognize both of you and thank you for your years of service. Now, I know you're going to be back towards the end of the year because we have some of those heavy clocks to give to you. But we just want to say thank you. Also, I need to announce that there's a reception for Bob and Don this afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30

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in the jury room. Don and Bob have been great people to work with and it's been fun working with you guys. I'm sorry to see that you're leaving but you know I'm going to be leaving with you. It's going to be different around here, I'm sure, once you fellows are gone. It's been great having you here."

Mr. Don Brace, Director, Bureau of Central Services, said, "I've never walked in front of a mike without wanting to say a few words, so if I can have an opportunity and the County Clerk will stop the clock because a don't like to be limited to five minutes. I would like to say thank you to the Commissioners and the Manager for allowing us to do the job. If you don't allow us to do the job you've hired us for it becomes very difficult. I'd also like to say that no person is going to get anything done by himself. You need teamwork and that's what the County has here. I've been blessed to have a lot of people work with me and for me. I shine in their glory. I shine because they are wonderful workers and they support it. You people have wonderful professional workers in the County. I just thank you, very much. I plan on staying around here because County government here, in Sedgwick County, is one of the best I've ever been around. Again, thanks for allowing me the opportunity to grow and to learn, day by day. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Don. Appreciate it."

Mr. Bob Rogers, Assistant County Manager, said, "I, too, thank you. It's been a wonderful second career for me and I'm sure for Don, too. I've said in a previous life that flipping hamburgers would be a good second career and I think I've flipped a lot of hamburgers around Sedgwick County. Truthfully, I sat down the other day and looked at some of the projects that I've had a part of and it is really gratifying to me to be able to look at the things that Sedgwick County has done over the last fourteen and a half years and look at those and say I had a part in helping make that work. Don exactly right. There's an excellent staff, there are excellent department heads, I've been blessed with excellent department heads. They do a wonderful job for the citizens of Sedgwick County. For that we all need to be thankful. I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you very much."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Bob. I don't think that they expected that today. I have to tell you, and I know most of you will probably agree, Don and Bob are two people that you can go to at any time if you've got a problem or a question, and they're always willing to help and darn near most of the time can find you an answer or fix your problem. They've been very helpful to me as a Commissioner in the twelve years that I've been here. Commissioner Hancock."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Well, I'm going to save most of my comments for when they come back and get their retirement clocks. I just wanted to say, I know I won't see you for the next

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couple of months, and as thin as I've been around here, you may not see me either. So, I just want to say first of all, to Don Brace, I can't think of a fellow who's been more accommodating and has consistently helped me, as a Commissioner, get the things that we need to do to do our job. He's also a gentlemen. He's taught me a lot about how to . . . , I don't always follow that example as well as I should, but I've seen a fine man demonstrate how business should be conducted around here and the demeanor that one should carry most of the time. I appreciate the example you've given me, Don. You've been an inspiring person and someone, if a could, I would like to emulate someday.

“And Bob, Bob gave me a piece of advice probably the first year I was here that I've never forgot. It's probably the best piece of advice that I've gotten since I've been here. He came in with a question for me one day about what he thought we ought to do as a Commissioner. I, in turn, asked him his advice and he said ‘Commissioner, if you don't want to read about it in the paper the next day, then I suggest you not do this. I've never forgotten that, Bob. And every time something comes up, whether it's right or wrong to do something as an elected official, and believe me there are times when we just don't know, the question I always ask myself ‘would I want to read about this in the paper the next day’ and I've always remembered that and taken your advice.

“Both these gentlemen are so far above competence and believe me, I'll have more to say to you when you retire. But they're very competent gentlemen who have been inspiring for me and I wish you the best. Enjoy the next couple of months, till you come back.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Now, do you want to announce your candidacy for elected offices now or do you want to wait?”

Mr. Brace said, “I'll say this is a two year sabbatical. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “You guys have been great and enjoy your retirement and we'll see you back here in a couple of months when we make an official presentation to you. Thank you.”

Mr. Brace said, “Thank you.”

Mr. Rogers said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Appreciate it. Commissioners, any other business?”

M. OTHER

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 40 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to pending claims, litigation, legal advice, and personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:15 p.m.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. and returned at 11:32 p.m.

Chairman Schroeder said, "We're back in session. Let the record reflect there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Mr. Euson, you have something to add."

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, said, "While in Executive Session, we discussed among other things a couple of cases that we are going to recommend for settlement. One of those cases is Board of County Commissioners versus Schalansky. That is a case that we filed against the Social and

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Rehabilitation Services for recovery of expenses for housing juveniles. There have been some developments since the time we filed that case and we're recommending that that case be dismissed. There's really no cost associated with that.

"The second case that we're recommending for settlement is Henderson versus Board of County Commissioners involving a resident at Youth Residence Hall that was permanently injured in an altercation. That happened in 1994 and in that matter we are recommending a settlement of \$150,000. Now, you can take both these in one motion if you wish but that's our recommendation pursuant to the policy regarding settlement of cases we will make ourselves and department heads available for questions."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the recommendations of the County Counselor and settle both these cases as presented by Mr. Euson.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Mr. Euson, anything else?"

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Mr. Euson said, "Nothing further."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Mr. Manager, any other business? Commissioners? Then we're adjourned."

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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

MARK F SCHROEDER, Chairman
Fifth District

PAUL W. HANCOCK, Chairman Pro Tem
Second District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner
First District

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Third District

MELODY C. MILLER, Commissioner
Fourth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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