

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**December 2, 1998**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, December 2, 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; Mr. Marty Hughes, Grants Manager, Accounting Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Bureau of Community Development; Mr. Brad Snapp, Housing Coordinator, Division of Community Development; Ms. Marci Hess, Director, Government Relations; Dr. Corrie L. May, M.D., County Coroner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Deborah J. Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Anita Nance, Interim Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Lynne Melton, Assistant Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Bob Harbison, Vice President, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Sharon Schneider, Community Marketing Coordinator, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Mr. Joe Stout of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**Mr. Marty Hughes**, Grant Manager, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I certify that there are funds available for those items that have been identified in today's Agenda requiring expenditure of funds. A list of these items was provided to you previously. Be glad to answer any questions you might have."

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**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you, Marty. I see no questions. Commissioners, before we go to our next Regular Item, Irene Hart would like to make an introduction this morning. Good morning, Irene."

**Ms. Irene Hart**, Director, Bureau of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm very pleased to introduce a new County employee who started yesterday. His name is Brad Snapp. He's our County Housing Coordinator. He comes to us after several years at Mennonite Housing and we're just very pleased to have him and I'd like to introduce him to you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Congratulations and welcome, today."

**Mr. Brad Snapp**, County Housing Coordinator, Bureau of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thanks. It's great to be here."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "I'll tell you what. In the future we'll get an extension for the microphone. Congratulations on your new appointment. Look forward to having you on the staff. Good luck to you. Next item please."

### **APPOINTMENT**

#### **A. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RAY WARREN TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING EXAMINERS AND APPEALS.**

**Mr. Richard Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this is a six member board that's created for the purpose of reviewing determinations by Code Enforcement regarding application of the building codes and to make determinations regarding suitability of alternate materials and to annually review the building codes and make recommendations to the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners. This is a three year reappointment for a term to end on December thirteenth, 2001. The Resolution is in proper form and I recommend it to you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Discussion?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B. WICHITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THIRD QUARTER 1998 REPORT.**

**Mr. Bob Harbison**, Vice President, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're going to go over the third quarter report. I know this is December and the reason it's a little late is that we have a great new marketing tool for economic development. That is our new website and that's what I wanted to present, after we go over some of the summaries. We want to present that. We just launched it last week and so I kept delaying our third quarter, thinking we'd have it sometime in November and we did get it at the end of November.

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

"The agenda, I thought I'd just quickly go over the third quarter contacts summary, get the year to date summary of the calls we've made, the business growth committee meetings that we had in the third quarter, look at some observations and then really get into the new website and how important that is to economic development for the community.

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“For the third quarter we had, as far as prospect assistance, and those are companies looking at either locating here or relocating here, we had forty one that we worked with. Eight of those came from the Department of Commerce and Housing. Then we had direct contacts from site consultants or directly from companies. We continue to work on seven projects that started, either in the second or first quarter. These direct contacts, and I’ll sort of hit, go back to the last part of our agenda each time, it’s so important that we do have a good website, because more and more I’m working with site consultants and these are people hired by companies to try to find locations for new plant sites. Normally, one of the very first thing they do is come in on the website and try to find out as much as they can about the community. Those are the hits. On the bottom are our local contacts. We had 109 total contacts. Our business growth committee surveys, we contacted 71 businesses in town. Then, the break out is on down, the other contacts we had.

“A real quick look at year-to-date numbers. We’ve had, as far as prospect assistance, 156 total. As far as local contacts, working with local companies on expansion incentives, making sure that we can help them as they grow their companies, we’ve had 252 contacts, year to date through the end of the third quarter.

“I’ve mentioned before, in our business growth committee, that we meet monthly and we’ve gone to a cluster type of a survey. We try to identify industry groups that we go out and survey. We have presentations from an expert from each of those industries before we go out and do the survey. We do the survey and then we come back and look at the results. In that third quarter, we had the results from the architect industry and we’ve sent, I believe, the information, each time we have to meeting. Quickly, on the architect, they are somewhat like the manufacture and construction industry. One of their major concerns is finding personnel, finding trained, qualified people. The other area that came out of the survey is they felt like, that they really need to do better public relation locally. That they feel that they have some very talented and very good architectural firms here in town and they just are not as well known as some of the outside ones and they can do as good of a job. One of the things they quoted was a couple of the larger projects, I think it was the Hilton and Exploration Place, that outside architecture firms got those contracts and they felt like if they did a little better job of advertising or public relation that maybe they could pick up on some of the larger projects.

“In August, we interviewed the oil and gas industry. That is not one of the happiest ones we had, as far as the August and the June survey. Obviously, their main concern is just the price of oil has gotten so cheap and they still feel like, on the Federal level, that regulations and working with some foreign oil, their not getting a lot of help from the Federal Government. We probably shouldn’t have picked that industry but it worked out, because we did get some good information from them.

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“In the third quarter, as far as observations, they sort of match what we’ve seen in the first and second. Labor shortage is still the major issue with almost all the different industries. We continue to increase our local contacts, through our business growth committee and the ambassadors, trying to find out more of how we can help people locally and help them expand. On the plan for next year, that we’re working on for economic development, we’re working, trying to work a theory that if we work with some of the large companies and try to, through a cooperative effort, try to target some of their vendors or major suppliers we think that we can have more of a demand or more of a reason to get companies to relocate here. I’ve been in contact and working with some of the major companies here on how we can work together to try to entice people to come to this area or at least have warehouse or small manufacturing here. I think everybody noticed a lot of things written in the paper in the last quarter and also this quarter, that air service seems to be becoming more and more of an issue with our companies as far as business travel goes. I don’t have a solution, just an observation, and if anybody does, I’d love to have that come forward.

“That’s just a real quick summary of the third quarter. Are there any questions on that, before we go into the website?”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “Bob, I don’t see any lights flashing at this point, so please continue.”

**Mr. Harbison** said, “Okay, thank you. Let me introduce Sharon Schneider. Sharon is with the chamber in the Marketing department. Sharon is going to help me in this presentation. She’s my loyal side-kick over here. They keep the system up, so we didn’t lose our connection. Sharon had to keep the system going.

“If you notice, up on your desk, you have bookmarks. Those bookmarks we sent out, it announced when we introduced our website. We have been working on trying to improve community marketing. We’ve been working on community marketing at the Chamber and one of our key items that we focused on was to introduce and to revamp our website. Last Tuesday, November 24th, we introduced the new Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce website. The new site was mainly created to capitalize on the growing use of the Internet, especially by site selection, people and companies. It has become more of a site selection tool for these outside companies and for individuals looking at maybe moving to our community.

“The site promotes the area as a dynamic community with strong economic indicators, quality of life features and many entertainment options. The site has a marketing orientation, which we hope to demonstrate to you and it has a real fresh look and feel to it. It is extremely easy to navigate through the site and the primary target, again, was adient potential businesses or individuals that are looking at moving here.

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“Our secondary audience was our Chamber members and local community people because there’s a whole lot to offer on this. There’s just quite a bit of information about the city that is easy to access and get to. We changed, and Sharon will get into this a bit, we changed our website to [www.wichitaks.org](http://www.wichitaks.org) to make it easier to find. The website is in seven sections: What’s New in Wichita, Wichita Works, Wichita NationsJobs, Wichita Chamber, Why Wichita?, Way to Wichita and Wichita Plays. We have included over 150 links to community websites, including the Eagle, the Wichita Business Journal, television sites, the Convention Visitors Bureau, The City, County and State Government and the economic development part of Wichita State University.

“Let me let Sharon tell you a little bit about the intro to it and then we will just quickly go over those seven sections. We’re not going to go into a lot of detail. Just to give you a little flavor of the new website. Sharon.”

**Ms. Sharon Schneider**, Community Marketing Coordinator, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Before we begin our brief, virtual tour, I just wanted to point out, there were some major considerations when we were developing the website to make it a little more user friendly and, as Bob mentioned, easier to locate us. Before, our address had been [wacc.org](http://wacc.org), which we thought could be kind of hard to find us, for those that are searching for us, so, consequently, we have our new web address which is much more direct. That, originally on that first picture there, when you go into our old address that will lead you right to our new address. This is the first page, that shows our ribbon cutting to celebrate our grand opening last week. This will run for about a month and then it will be replaced with something that positions us more in a global context, which actually has a globe on there and a finger pointing to Wichita, Kansas, right in the middle of all of that.

“On this, as well, we have indicated to try to make it user friendly for all different browsers out there, different paths that you can use. For those that want to get right to the heart of it you can go to the ‘Quick Way Home’ and you won’t have maybe as much fun with it as you do with the ‘Scenic Way Home’, which we’ll go. What this does is incorporates a lot of mouse-overs on our home site, so that you can actually have a little fun with it. It just makes a nice presentation. Pop-ups, to kind of tell you a little bit about each section that you would get into. The other thing that I wanted to point out on our home page, one of the main considerations was to keep this so it was easy to navigate through. Again, trying to keep it user friendly so people could find the information they needed quickly.

“In the top corner is our home page icon. That will take you from whatever page you are at, if you want to get back to the home page quickly, you just click on that. That will appear either at the bottom or at the top of each page.

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“The other thing I want to point out is also our search mechanisms that we have for our site. Within this you can do a quick search of whatever particular category you are interested in finding information about and it will provide the matches. If you choose the long format, that will give you a description of the content there or you can choose a short format, which will recognize what you’re looking for and the number of places that you can find it. These will all hyper-link right back to that place, so you don’t have to search for it It will take you there directly. At the bottom of this page is our Chamber site map. What that will allow, as you work you’re way on down, you get to our Chamber Site Map. That provides a complete outline of our site. Right now, it’s in the process of adding all the hyper-links to it so that you could automatically go to any of those sections and it would automatically take you to that area. Again, for those that are wanting, that know exactly what they want, this would be a good feature and they can get right back to it.

“I think, basically, within that . . . the other thing that I wanted to point out was that, as we were developing the content, we wanted to try something that was a little unique, that would be interesting and entertaining and informational as well, about our community. So, throughout it, we have different factoids, different community achievements, different things to just give it a little more punch and also to substantiate some of our comments as to what a wonderful place the Wichita community is to live and to work.

“Basically, at that point, I just wanted to give a quick overview of some of our development thoughts on our site. We can go a little deeper, into the content and the different sections.”

**Mr. Harbison** said, “We’ll just quickly hit these. One section is ‘What’s News in Wichita’ and that is to provide information on, updated weekly, to highlight areas of news of interest to site visitors. We get these off either through the Eagle or the Business Journal or we actually produce our own summaries of news and highlights.

“The next section is ‘Why Wichita?’ and this is where you get the quality of life. This area includes quality of life economic information, weather information, education, health care and safety. Those are where, you can see the red dots, you can go to any one of those and it takes you right in to, really the quality of life area.

“The next one is ‘Wichita Works’ and that’s the one that I’m really concerned with more than anything. That’s the economic development area. This section will be where the site people will come in to and it contains the economic profile of the community, expansion incentive options, small business assistance, work force and links to the local governments and to the state sites for information they need on the community.

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“The ‘Wichita NationsJob’ network, I believe we’ve talked about that to the Commissioners before. We have over a thousand jobs available in Wichita. They are listed by the Chamber members. These are for people looking to find work in the community. They can go right to ‘Wichita NationsJob’ and find what’s available and be able to do a job search.

“‘Wichita Plays’; that is to show that there is a lot to do in Wichita. We have multiple and a series of links through the Wichita Convention Bureau. We have not created all these different items that you end up going to, but it just shows what is available and what are a lot of the fun things to do; the restaurants, the shopping, the museums in the area.

“The ‘Way to Wichita’; that is information on housing market, the area medias, helpful connection requests for people who are looking at maybe moving to the area, as individuals or families. Sharon was talking about some of the fun information. We always try to highlight the area. If you notice, in that U-Haul International report, Wichita is the top gross city in our region last year and 18th in the nation. We always, any screen that you go to, there’s a commercial shot on the area.

“The last one is the ‘Wichita Chamber’ and it just talks about what we offer and the membership directory and just information about the Chamber and publications that you can get about the community and how we can send those to you.

“Like I said, this is just a quick overview. That’s why we left the bookmarks. When you have time, you can go in and look at it. We are trying to link as much as we can. We’ve linked with a lot of the different companies. If you are in the job section or in the economic development and you want to find out about the top employers in the city, we list them. If you want to go look at Boeing or you want to look at Raytheon, you can click on there and it takes you right into their website. It’s really a productive tool and an easy way to get around.

“Sharon will summarize. We’ve been live for a week and she has some information just on what’s happened in the last week.”

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**Ms. Schneider** said, "Well, like you said, we've only been live for a week, so it doesn't give you a whole lot of time to have real measurable information of the success of our site but we have some really good indicators. Recently . . . well, we have had numerous positive comments from all areas across the country and locally as well. One that was particularly exciting was the comment that we received from the President of NationsJob, which we went through earlier, a job search service that we include on our site and is also included in a number of other communities' sites across the country. The President, in a conversation with our Vice President of Communications had said that he found our site the best community promotional site that he had seen. That made us feel a lot more confident that what we had done so far has worked well in our development efforts.

"Another good indicator was that our Chambers information center, this week, has received about twice as many requests from our site for newcomer entertainment and demographic information about our community, as compared to other means. Just late yesterday afternoon we received our first usage report for the first six day period that we have been on-line. Looking at different areas that people analyze their websites one is particularly important, which is the users sessions, which indicates the actual number of visitors that actually came to your site and took a look around. In a six day period that was more than 3,700. The number of successful hits, which is a more general measure, it can amount to a number of different things, one viewer went in, within your site and viewed but we had about 37,000 hits within that six day period.

"So, all in all, we feel we've developed a firm foundation for our community online and we look forward to partnering with the County and the City to develop a more comprehensive site for perspective businesses and employees. We want to thank you for this opportunity to show you our website and if you have any questions, we'd be glad to try to answer them now."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Sharon, I don't see any questions at this point but it looks like a great website from the little bit that we've seen this morning. I know all of us will be hitting your website, here before too long, to see what else is in it. Commissioner Winters does have a question or comment."

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**Commissioner Winters** said, "I guess I just have a comment. I certainly think the website is a great plus up. I thought the other one was not to bad either but this is certainly a good plus. Continually, in this day and age, that's where people are going to get a lot of preliminary information and we see that. So, good job. I just wanted to say that I'm still very pleased with Sedgwick County's decision, almost over a year ago, to partner with the Chamber in our economic development efforts and our contacts with these people that call about opportunities in our community. Bob, I think you and your staff, Sharon and the rest of the Chamber have lived up to the expectations that Sedgwick County had. I hope that you're successful in convincing others that this is a good way to be involved in economic development. As one commissioner, I'm extremely pleased with what's happened with that contract. Hope you can convince others."

**Mr. Harbision** said, "Thank you, Tom. I appreciate those comments. We're working on that and I really think that we are going to have a great partnership, going into 1999, with the whole community. Just one last comment because I've always been in sales and marketing, just to let you know, on the website. We give them a lot of information but not so much that they don't have to call me. I want to know who they are and I want to get that shot at talking to them. Please, when you have time, go in and look at it. It really is impressive and I, again, appreciate the comments. Thank you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Great presentation. Thank you and good luck. I think it's going to be a total success. Look forward to hearing more about this, as we go on down the road."

**Ms. Schneider** said, "I'm sure you will."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Okay, Commissioners, do we really need to receive and file this today?"

### MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

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, "Next item please."

**C. PRESENTATION OF THE 1999 SEDGWICK COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.**

**Ms. Marci Hess**, Director, Government Relations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The 1999 Legislative Platform started several months ago and has been developed through the input of each department within the County. All of their requests and issues were compiled and prioritized and that resulted in the document you have before you.

"I'd like to share it with the viewing public, the top five priorities that are on that platform. I know you're pretty familiar with them all. One is juvenile justice and we have completed a comprehensive strategic plan. It's tailored to local needs. It addresses prevention as well as intervention and graduated sanctions. Another issue is enhanced revenue sharing for County government. It would remove the caps on revenue sharing programs and would allow counties to proportionately share in economic growth created through their investments. A third is greater tax equities for 911 services. Currently, emergency services are provided by taxation on hard-wire phones. Cellular phones have become a vital part of our quick emergency services. Often, they are marketed and sold with the primary purpose to be for emergency connections. Sedgwick County supports tax equity, reducing the unfair burden that it places on those with hard-wired phones. Another issue is the comprehensive transportation plan. Because transportation systems are so vital to our economic development, Sedgwick County supports a new comprehensive statewide transportation plan. The fifth of these is the enforcement of County codes and County court. There would be a local determination of reasonable court costs for code violations and clarify the authority of County Court Judges.

"The goal of the platform is to provide direction that will allow us to have some positive movement on these issues before the end of the legislative session. Questions?"

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**Commissioner Winters** said, “No. Marci, just one comment on juvenile justice that, I think, a number of us have really special interest in because it’s still such so much of an unknown as to exactly what’s going to happen. I think we’ve kept our platform position pretty generalized but we know that once we get into the session we may want to change that and make it much more specific in certain areas, when we see certain things either start up or not start up. I think it’s important for lots of folks to realize that , at least for this year, this is going to be one of our top priority issues, as I think it is going to be for counties all around the state, as we move into this new system. I guess, it wasn’t really a question, but more of a comment, that juvenile justice issues are certainly going to be on the forefront this year. That’s all I had to say, Mr. Chairman.”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “Very good. Commissioner Gwin.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Just a comment, too. Marci pointed out the work of a lot of us in this organization to get the platform put together and I think we all acknowledge that legislation doesn’t get changed by an individual. It’s going to take all of us, as well as community members and others, working together, to try to get some of these priorities changed in the legislature. So, welcome to the fray, Marci. The fact that you understand partnerships and teamwork and that kind of thing will serve us well as we start a new legislative session. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “Very good. Thank you. I do need to make a comment about a call that I received Monday, just so I can say I did this, so the Commissioners were aware of it. I had a lady from the Oaklawn Improvement District who called me Monday, concerning how folks are elected. The question is, this individual that always runs for the Improvement District lives outside the Improvement District, and she was very well educated on what the statute said and her concern was that why couldn’t we or somebody introduce legislation for improvement districts only that would require those individuals to live within the district they run for. I told her, it’s kind of late now, we’ve already, through our staff meeting last week, basically set the boundaries for our legislative platform but I told her, I think this issue is much bigger than just an improvement district issue, though that’s the field she wanted to work with it. I told her, I think that’s going to require a lot of thought on the legislature to start changing those kinds of laws because once you do it for an improvement district, then you do it for a legislative race, a county race, it doesn’t matter. It becomes a very, very difficult issue. Apparently, they have an individual that runs continually, that lives outside of the improvement district. I guess, it’s some what offensive to them that that occurs but I still reiterated to her that’s something bigger than just improvement district, in my estimation. That was my take on it.

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“I wanted to let all of you know that that came up. I know it’s awfully late. That is a big issue to take on, especially at this late date but it may be something that if there are other counties or elected bodies that are interested in it in the future, which I told her . . . I lost my train of thought, maybe that’s something that we can start on at a later date and another legislative session. With that, Commissioner Winters you had your light on.”

**Commissioner Winters** said, “I was going to say that I didn’t speak to that person but I spoke to an employee of the Wichita School System who’d been in contact with that same person, too, and I kind of said the same thing you did. Still, if something does come up during the session I think we do have . . . If we really do need to look at something, we can take a look at some of those issues but I told them the same thing. I thought that might be a bigger issue than one we can handle right away.”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “So, it’s something that may be on the back burner and may come up again next year. So, I just wanted to make you aware of that. That that concern is out there. Commissioners, do you have anything else to add? Marci?”

**Ms. Hess** said, “The only thing I would like to add is that I really want to thank the colleagues in my department for all the work that they’ve done on this, as well as all the departments that have been very gracious in briefing me and getting their input in on a timely basis.”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “That’s great. Glad to hear that. Thank you, Marci. Okay, Commissioners, if there’s no further discussion on this item I’d entertain a Motion to approve the 1999 Sedgwick County Legislative Platform.”

### MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the 1999 Sedgwick County Legislative Platform.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you, Marci. Good job. Next item please."

**D. RESOLUTION GOVERNING THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY ALTERNATIVE CORRECTIONAL HOUSING BOARD AND CORRECTIONAL PLACEMENT RESIDENCES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, AND REPEALING RESOLUTIONS 263-1996 AND 264-1996.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioner, your Agenda Item shows Michelle Daise as presenting this item. She was called out of the office unexpectedly, and so I'm going to present it to you, on her behalf.

"The Wichita/ Sedgwick County Alternative Correctional Housing Board was created in 1996 and at that time we created certain rules and regulations for correctional placement residences for Wichita and the unincorporated area. Since that time, there have been certain areas that have been determined to be lacking in our resolution and so the resolution in front of you proposes the filing changes.

Correction placement licensees must notify the Sheriff, neighborhood residents, businesses, churches and schools when the facility houses any person convicted of a sex offense or a child molestation offense for which the person is required to register under the Kansas Offender Registration Act.

"The resolution also provides that the licensees is required to notify victims of acts of violence in the event a person convicted thereof leaves the facility without authority. The resolution before you also strengthens compliance with sanitation, health and fire codes, provides for an annual review of operations manuals, requires written policies and procedures for drug testing, clarifies the right of entry of the Sheriff and inspectors for determining compliance with the County's regulations. There's several other minor, cosmetic type changes that are contained in the proposal.

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“These changes are recommended to you by the Alternative Correctional Housing Board and the Resolution is in a form that’s proper for your adoption. I’ll try to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “Thank you, Rich. There are questions. Commissioner Miller.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Actually, it’s not a question, Rich, it’s just going to be more of a history building, as you did at the begin with . . . of how it is that we even came about the business of having this type of a resolution for Sedgwick County.

“This is one that was a venture that was basically spearheaded by myself and primarily by Council Member Joan Cole and it is also one that is very, very contested at the moment, concerning particular alternative correctional housing units or businesses currently. There was a recent news . . . it wasn’t a new article but it was a news broadcast that was done by KSN (Kansas State Network). It is a very important resolution to make sure that we keep all of the different changes and amendments updated and intact and enforced. When I think of the ramifications of insuring that Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita are looking at this from the same eye, from the same viewpoint and definitely, when you look at each of the segments that are included in this resolution ordinance, we have to do these types of amendments and I’m hopeful that the public understands that it is, indeed, for their safety and their benefit. I simply needed to make that comment.”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “Kind of brings back some memory of what you went through a couple of years ago, this process.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “It was a task and it’s still at hand.”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “It was a very difficult task and it will always be a difficult task. I’m sure all the Commissioners, as well as others in this community, thank you and Joan for spearheading that. Hopefully, this will help us make those decisions.”

**Commissioner Miller** said, “I hope so.”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “Commissioner Winters.”

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**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you. Rich, I'm going to be supportive of this. I just need you to help me follow up on one issue, though. Last Tuesday I had conversation with State Representative Doug Johnston and he asked me about our resolutions and on the day he asked me, last week, I didn't know that we were in the process of changes these, so I sent him copies of the two resolutions we're just canceling or we are repealing, today. I have visited with Michelle about that so would you please make sure that State Representative Johnston has a copy of the new resolution and an explanation of any changes that are in there."

**Mr. Euson** said, "Yes, I will do that and they will go out in the mail today."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you. Other questions or comments on this Item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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**E. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CORONERS TO PROVIDE INTERIM FORENSIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES.**

**Dr. Corrie L. May M.D.**, District Coroner, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you're probably aware, we must perform autopsies at the Regional Forensic Science Center 365 days a year. From time to time, it becomes necessary to call in additional pathologists to help with that case load. It's also a good idea to have forensic pathology support on board in the event of a mass casualty incident, for example a tornado in our community, or a plane crash. For that reason, I'm asking for your approval to appoint the District and Deputy Coroner of Shawnee County, Dr. Erik Mitchell and Dr. Donald Pojman as Deputy Coroners for Sedgwick County pending a service agreement which we're developing with the Legal Department and expected to be complete in the next thirty days. I also serve as a Deputy Coroner for Shawnee County for their community in the event that there's a disaster there and they need additional help. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you, Doctor. Help me understand this. In order to perform those services for any other jurisdiction outside of your's they have to deputize you, much like law enforcement does, in order to perform those autopsies or assist?"

**Dr. May** said, "Commissioner Shroeder, I think I could best respond to that is, if they are going to order an autopsy or authorize cremation permits, then they must serve as Deputy Coroners. From time to time they perform routine forensic autopsies, as we do. We're now performing autopsies for about 38 surrounding counties."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "So there has to be an official agreement, if you will, as to the process and who does what, then?"

**Dr. May** said, "Yes, sir."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, very good. Thank you. Mr. Euson, do you have anything to add to this?"

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**Mr. Euson** said, "I indicated to you that I thought it was appropriate to have a contract for this. The statute provides for the coroner to appoint these deputies, one or more deputies, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners. That's a very unusual situation, since most deputies are actually employees and yet these are persons who are providing temporary or on-call services and there are legal reasons why we do not want them to be employees, so we need to deal with that in the contract. I think Dr. May's understanding with our office is, and my recommendation to you is that you approve these appointments until your first meeting in January. We will bring written contracts back to you to cover the balance of the intended term."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay, very good. Thank you. Doctor, anything else to add at this point?"

**Dr. May** said, "No, sir, not at this time."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Okay. Thank you. Commissioners, I'd entertain a Motion."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the appointments of Dr. Erik K. Mitchell and Dr. Donald V. Pojman as Deputy District Coroners.

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, Doctor. Next item please."

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**F. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

**1. CONTRACT WITH BREAKTHROUGH CLUB FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED MEDICAID WAIVER SERVICES.**

**Ms. Deborah J. Donaldson**, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item is relating to our Childrens' Mental Health Waiver. This agreement allows Breakthrough Club to provide services for folks who are part of that waiver program. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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**2. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BRUCE J. KOUBA AND EDWARD J. HUND FOR OFFICE SPACE AT 934 N. WATER FOR COMCARE'S CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, this is a renewal of the space that we currently have our Crisis Intervention Services in. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**3. AMENDMENT TO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONSULTATION AGREEMENT.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, this particular item allows the O.T. (Occupational Therapist) that we currently work with to go from ten to twenty hours and provide additional services to the individuals that we see through that program. I'd be glad to answer any question."

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

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**4. AGREEMENTS (2) FOR DELIVERY OF USDA COMMODITIES.**

**! CITY OF CLEARWATER, KANSAS**

**! CITY OF PARK CITY, KANSAS**

**Ms. Anita Nance**, Interim Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Department on Aging has been acting as an agent for the Social and Rehabilitation Services for many years to coordinate the delivery of USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) donated commodities to low income persons in rural Sedgwick County. Today I ask that you approve the agreements for the City of Clearwater and Park City to continue delivery of these commodities."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you, Anita, and I must say, Anita is so shy she didn't even introduce herself. She is our Interim Director of the Department on Aging, Anita Nance. It's good to see today, Anita. Commissioners, discussion on this item?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Agreements 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, Anita. Next item please."

**5. TITLE III OLDER AMERICAN ACT GRANTS (10) PROVIDING 1999 HEALTH PROMOTIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS.**

- ! SENIOR SERVICES, INC. INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE: \$25,000**
- ! SENIOR SERVICES, INC. RESPITE CARE: \$51,500**
- ! SENIOR SERVICES, INC. MEALS ON WHEELS: \$271,634**
- ! VIA CHRISTI-ST FRANCIS HEALTH EDUCATION: \$11,000**
- ! LEGAL SERVICES OF WICHITA SENIOR LAW PROJECT: \$30,000**
- ! LEGAL SERVICES OF WICHITA KANSAS SUPPORT SERVICES: \$21,000**

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- ! AMERICAN RED CROSS-GOOD NEIGHBOR NUTRITION PROGRAM CONGREGATE MEALS: \$648,938**
- ! AMERICAN RED CROSS-GOOD NEIGHBOR NUTRITION PROGRAM HOME DELIVERED MEALS: \$249,967**
- ! FRIENDS UNIVERSITY (ACTIVE AGING) NEWSPAPER: \$27,359**
- ! MINOR HOME REPAIR: \$92,602**

**Ms. Lynne Melton**, Assistant Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have before you ten Grant Awards that were in accordance with the area plan that you approved to be submitted to KDOA, Kansas Department on Aging, in June of 1998. These are the 1999 programs that started on October 1. The first four are in Sedgwick County only. The last six are in Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick County. Those six have been approved by both the Harvey and Butler County Commissions and they have authorized the Chairman of the Sedgwick County Commission to sign. Be happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you, Lynne. Discussion? Commissioner Miller."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Briefly, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Lynne, on the minor home repair line item it says that a vendor system will be utilized to provide home repairs. I know we talked about a vendor system and I can remember Doug Russell, who's now our Director of Human Resources, talking about cooping with or partnering with the City of Wichita or looking at their system and how it works. Did we?"

**Ms. Melton** said, "Yes, we are doing, with the City of Wichita, along with other vendors. It seems to be working really well. Some of the ones that we haven't worked out yet are some of the areas, like in Butler County, which is such a rural area, such as Cassoday and Rosalia. This vendor service will allow us to find some small contractors out in that area that are able to do these services and doesn't tie up our money with one contractor."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Very good. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Grant Awards 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, Lynne. Next item please."

**G. ADDITION OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTOR, RANGE 21, TO CODE ENFORCEMENT STAFFING TABLE.**

**Mr. Glen Wiltse**, Director, Code Enforcement, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm requesting an addition to our existing Staffing. We, with all of the construction and all of the different issues that we're being faced with, an increase in requests for different types of services, I'm requesting to add an additional staff member to help provide some of the specialty training and also Code Inspection services to the public of the County."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you, Glen. Discussion on this Item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the addition to the Code Enforcement 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

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

**H. BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN RESOURCES, INC. FOR RELOCATION OF EQUIPMENT IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT 624-W ½ 30; 63RD STREET SOUTH BETWEEN K-15 AND BUCKNER. CIP #R-208. District #5.**

**Mr. David C. Spears**, P.E., Director/ County Engineer, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item H-1 is approval of an agreement with Western Resources, Incorporated to relocate their electric power lines at a cost of \$13,750.00 for transmission and \$5,282.50 for distribution, totaling \$19,032.50. This relocation is in connection with the road project on 63rd Street South between K-15 and Buckner, designated as R-208 in the Capital Improvement Program. Their lines are located in a private easement. I recommend that you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE MINNEHA TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #1.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision in accordance with county standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case Belle Terre, Belle Terre Court, Chelmsford Court, and Chelmsford in Belle Terre 2nd Addition generally located near Central and 159th Street East will become the responsibility of Minneha Township. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

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

**3. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING A CERTAIN STREET TO THE KECHI TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #4.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision in accordance with county standards, that road is then assigned to the Township road system. In this particular case Santa Fe in Fort Santa Fe Addition, generally located near Broadway and 69th Street North, will become the responsibility of Kechi Township. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**1. Right-of-Way Easement.**

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

Road Number 602-35, Owners: Brian W. McNeil and Teresa M. McNeil located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 26 South, Range 2 East, more specifically located on the north side of 69th Street North and east of 127th Street East. Payne Township. District #1.

**2. Right-of-Way Instruments:**

- a. One Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 827-V, W; Oliver between 47th and 63rd Streets South. CIP #R-212. District #5.
- b. One Easement for Drainage and four Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project No. 624-W ½ 30; 63rd Street South between K-15 and Buckner. CIP #R-208. District #5.

**3. Plat.**

Approved by the Bureau of Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 1998 and prior years are paid for the following plat:

Elk Run 1st Addition

**4. Consideration of the Check Register of November 25, 1998.**

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**5. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980632	County Clerk	Transfer
980633	District Attorney	Transfer
980634	Code Enforcement	Transfer
980635	Code Enforcement	Transfer
980636	Sheriff	Supplemental Appropriation
980637	Sheriff	Transfer
980638	Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	Supplemental Appropriation

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend you approve it.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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, “Any other business to come before this Board? If not, we stand adjourned.”

**J. OTHER**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

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

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