

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 28, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 28, 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; Ms. Mary Ann Nichols, Personnel Director; Ms. Miriam L. Brown, Administrative Assistant, Sewer Operations and Maintenance; Mr. Joe L. Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, PC; Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Administrative Officer, Department of Housing and Economic Development; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD); Ms. Michelle Daise, Assistant County Counselor; Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant County Counselor; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service (EMS); Dr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director of Community Health; Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; and Ms. Lisa Davis County Clerk.

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.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, October 7, 1998

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Miller was absent at the Regular Meeting of October 7, 1998.

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Minutes of October 7, 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	Abstain
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. Thank you. Next item, please."

PROCLAMATION

A. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 28, 1998 AS "KIDS VOTING SEDGWICK COUNTY DAY."

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

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Kids Voting USA was created to fight voter apathy by increasing lifelong voter participation through education in elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, voting is a fundamental right to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, it is disturbing to witness the decline in political participation in recent years;

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

“KIDS VOTING SEDGWICK COUNTY DAY”

and commend the students, teachers, volunteers, and business and civic representatives who set the example and provide the education necessary to make today’s young people the responsible voters of tomorrow.

MOTION

Chairman Schroeder moved to adopt the Proclamation 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, “Commissioners, today, are you Dallas?”

Mr. Joshua Spell, Chairman, Student Board of Sedgwick County, said, “No, I’m Joshua Spell.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "I'm sorry, I don't have your name down here."

Mr. Spell said, "I'm the new chairman of the Student Board of Sedgwick County. On behalf of Kids Learning Kansas and the students of Sedgwick County I'd like to thank the Commission for making this Proclamation and I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who helped to make this possible and continue to make this possible. On a further note I'd like to remind everybody that Kids Voting Kansas isn't just about giving kids the opportunity to vote, it's about encouraging lifelong voter participation. We'd like to encourage all the registered adults to make their voice known November 3rd. Go out there and vote. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Appreciate you being here. Dow, are you here today on behalf of this Proclamation. Dow Summers and Dallas Rakstraw."

Mr. Dow Summers said, "Dallas was not able to make it today."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Very good. Well, thank you both for being here. We really appreciate it. It's a wonderful concept and I wish you the best of luck because the kids of today are our voters of tomorrow who will decide who sits up here on this bench, for an example, and it's very important and we need to take it very seriously. Thank you all for being here. Really appreciate it. Next item please."

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

B. AWARD PRESENTATIONS.

1. CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE.

! MIRIAM L. BROWN - SEWER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

2. CAREER DEVELOPMENT SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATES.

! SUE FROMAN - CORRECTIONS

! PHIL HANES - FINANCE

! DEBRA MOSES - GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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Ms. Mary Anne Nichols, Personnel Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's my privilege this morning, on behalf of the Board, to present certificates for our Career Development Professional and Supervisory/ Management Programs. Because of the Commission and the Manager the employees here are very lucky in that they have the opportunity to get continuing training in their jobs to provide better public services for the citizens of Sedgwick County."

"The first certificate goes to Miriam L. Brown, Sewer Operations and Maintenance and is a Career Development Professional Development Certificate. They are required to take a required curriculum plus electives. We want to congratulate Miriam."

Ms. Miriam L. Brown, Administrative Assistant, Sewer Operations and Maintenance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Receiving this Professional Development Certificate is very important to me. I really appreciate the opportunity the Board of County Commissioners and County Manager have given me to further my education and continue to provide better quality service."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Congratulations."

Ms. Nichols said, "The next certificates are for Career Development Supervisory/ Management program. The first one is to Sue Froman, Department of Corrections."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Congratulations."

Ms. Nichols said, "Phillip D. Hanes, Finance. Debra Mose, Geographic Information Systems."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Mary Anne, and congratulations to all of you. It is absolutely wonderful to see so many of you take advantage of this great opportunity to improve yourself and to improve the quality of life for people of Sedgwick County by what you do and we really appreciate that. Mimi, thank you so much for the kind words. That's very kind of you. Appreciate it. Commissioners, any other comments? Thank you again and congratulations to all of you. Fantastic. Next item please."

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS (TWO) REGARDING CREATION OF LATERAL SEWER DISTRICTS, AND RESOLUTION CREATING A ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

1. THE ESTATES AT SHADYBROOK.

! PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION CREATING A LATERAL SEWER DISTRICT WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN (THE ESTATES AT SHADYBROOK).

! RESOLUTION CREATING A ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN.

Mr. Joe L. Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, PC, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For your consideration this morning are two items with respect to the Estates at Shadybrook Farm. The initial item, C-1, is a public hearing with respect to the creation of a lateral sewer district. The recommended action is to conduct the public hearing and adopt the Resolution.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

"The Estates at Shadybrook is located south of Central and east of 143th Street East in the eastern portion of the County. The proposed benefit district for the lateral sewer district is on the screen before you. It contains seven parcels and the proposed method of assessment is equally per parcel for the sewer improvements. The Bureau of Public Works has prepared an estimate of costs. The total estimated cost of this project being \$24,000, divided equally by the seven lots the principal component of about \$3,430 which if spread over fifteen years at six percent on an assessment basis would be in the amount of approximately \$353 per month. I'd be available to answer any questions you may have. Jim Weber is also here from Public Works for any questions you may have now or at the conclusion of the public hearing."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay. Thank you, Joe. Any questions at this time? If not, I will open the meeting to public hearing. Anybody who would like to be heard on this item, you're welcome to come forward. Is there anybody today who would like to be heard on this item? If not, we'll close the public hearing. Joe, anything else?"

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Mr. Norton said, "We have prepared a Resolution for your consideration that would implement this creation of this sewer district and we recommend your adoption of the Resolution."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you."

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

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

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Norton said, "This is a companion item creating a road improvement district in the same subdivision. Again, southeast of the intersection of 143rd Street East and Central. The same benefit district proposed for the road improvement district, seven lots. The estimated cost is \$125,275, which would be approximately \$7,900 per lot or about \$1,800 per year spread over fifteen years on an assessment basis. There is no requirement by State law to have a public hearing although you may wish to receive comment prior to consideration of the Resolution which would implement this road improvement district."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, Joe. Just a housekeeping note here. We're on Item C-2, on our Agenda. Is that correct?"

Mr. Norton said, "No, we're still on C-1, second action."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "We have a second action for C-1."

Mr. Norton said, "That is correct. The Agenda is not as clear as it could be."

Chairman Schroeder said, "So we don't have to have a public hearing. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

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

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION CREATING A LATERAL SEWER DISTRICT WITHIN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN (BALTHROP 2ND ADDITION).

Mr. Norton said, "This item is a public hearing with respect to the creation of a lateral sewer district in an area of the County known as Balthrop 2nd Addition. Again, the procedure will be to conduct a public hearing and consider the Resolution which would create a lateral sewer district."

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SLIDE PRESENTATION

“This is an area located immediately north and east of the intersection of Greenwich Road and Central. There are fourteen parcels within the proposed benefit district. Eleven of those parcels are on a residential cul-de-sac area with three larger parcels I think anticipated for commercial development.

“The proposed method of assessment is the commercial properties would bear three times the level of assessment as would the residential properties with respect to the lateral sewer improvement. Public Works has prepared an estimate of the project cost of about \$91,000. There are again fourteen lots. Lots one through eleven would bear an equal share of about \$4,550 per lot. Commercial lots would bear a cost of approximately \$13,650 which again if spread over fifteen years at six percent would have a component of about \$468 for the residential lots and about \$1,405 for the commercial properties. Mr. Weber and I would be available to answer any questions you might have except on how to operate the computer.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Any comments or questions at this time, Commissioners? If not we’ll open up the Commission Meeting to public hearing. Anybody who would like to be heard on this item, you’re welcome to come forward. Seeing no one, we’ll close the public hearing and limit discussion to bench and staff. Joe?”

Mr. Norton said, “We’d recommend adoption of the Resolution to create the lateral district.”

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

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, Joe. Appreciate your presentation today. Next item, please.”

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS (TWO) REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS.

1. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING GRANTING PRECISION PROFILING, INC. AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,041,993.

Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Administrative Officer, Department of Housing and Economic Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “A provision of the Kansas State Constitution allows local government to exempt ad valorem taxes for businesses for a specified period of time if as a result of the investment and the expansion jobs are created. This morning I’m bringing to you requests by two companies located in the unincorporated area of the County that are requesting such tax exemptions. I will take these separately.

“The first one is Precision Profiling. It is located on 119th Street West in the County. You have, in the past, granted tax exemptions to this company and this morning they are requesting an exemption, five year exemption, on \$1,041,993 in machinery and equipment. Before you can take action on the Resolution you must conduct a public hearing. We publish notice in the official County paper of the public hearing. We also notified the affected school district, which would be the Goddard school district. I have with me this morning Mr. Curtis Kempton, who is president of Precision Profiling and Ed Dunn, CPA with Koch, Siedhoff, Hand and Dunn. If you have questions, any or all of us will address them for you but again you must conduct the public hearing and then the recommended action is to approve the exemptions.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you, Louanna. At this time we'll open up the Commission Meeting to public hearing. Anybody that would like to be heard on this item is welcome to come forward. Is there anybody here today that would like to be heard on Item D-1? Seeing no one we'll close the public hearing, discussion limited to bench and staff. Louanna, anything else?"

Ms. Burress said, "No."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I see no questions at this time. I'd entertain a motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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, "Thank you. Next item."

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING GRANTING EXCEL MANUFACTURING, INC. AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$829,227.97.

Ms. Burress said, "Excel Manufacturing has come to us a number of times in the past and you have approved exemptions for that company. It's a very fast growing company that has created and is continuing to create many jobs in this community. Again, they are requesting a five year, one hundred percent tax exemption on \$829,227.97 to be used to purchase machinery and equipment. I recommend that you approve the Resolution following conducting the public hearing. And again, the appropriate notice has been given through the newspaper and to the affected school districts."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Louanna, do we have anybody from Excel today?"

Ms. Burress said, "Yes we do. Jon Baird, who is the Chief Financial Officer for Excel, is with us."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Very good. Welcome. Okay, Commissioners, any questions on this item? Before we take action we do need to have our public hearing. Anybody who would like to be heard on this item, you're welcome to come forward. Is there anybody here today that would like to be heard on Item D-2? If not, we'll close the public hearing, discussion limited to bench and staff. Any questions, Commissioners? If not, I'd entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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. We do have questions or comments but I want to thank Curtis and Jon, both of you, for being here today and good luck to you on your expansion efforts. We wish you the best success. Commissioner Winters does have a comment."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just, in fact, wanted to say the same thing. Appreciate both of you being here today and again, all of us realize that small business is the real backbone, a big part of our economy. Small is often in the eye of the beholder but we often think about incentives available to the aircraft manufacturers and to those that are really the giants of industry. I think it is noteworthy that we do have availability and opportunities for smaller businesses to participate in some economic development growth activities."

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“I think a number of us on this Commission think that economic viability in this county is very important and we appreciate when small business people take advantage of what’s out there and we appreciate the employment opportunities that you give citizens in Sedgwick County. I appreciate you being here and I’m certainly pleased that Sedgwick County can work with you. Thank you, very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- E. CASE NUMBER SCZ-0772 - ZONE CHANGE FROM "SF-20" SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO "LI" LIMITED INDUSTRIAL, LOCATED EAST OF WEBB AND NORTH OF CHAMBERLAIN.**

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD), greeted the Commissioners and said, “I have one item on the Agenda today for you and that concerns a zoning case on the east side of the County. It’s just east of the City limits by about a quarter of a mile. This is 2.8 acres. It’s located east of Webb Road. Let me describe the case for you.

“It’s located north of Central by a quarter of a mile and east of Webb Road by a quarter of a mile. It’s just south of the Sports World, the existing Sports World complex which is on 29 acres. Sports World has bought this 2.8 acre tract along with about a five acre tract that is just to the east and has frontage on Webb Road with the intention of expanding Sports World.

“There’s a site plan that shows some of the expansion of the buildings and the driving range area. This is the 2.8 acres in question. This the expansion area. This is a big 300 by 300 foot inflatable dome building and a new club house building. The driving range would be reoriented and use some of this 2.8 acres.

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“Now, this land, the existing Sports World complex is zoned Limited Industrial. This property of about five acres is called the Webb Road Development Addition. It was zoned several years ago actually, for an office warehouse complex was the intent at the time. It was zoned General Commercial district. Both the “LI” and the General Commercial district allow outdoor entertainment and recreation uses by right so they have flexibility. They don’t have to comply with exactly this site plan. Both of those are very flexible zoning districts. So this Limited Industrial would be consistent with the existing Sports World complex. There’s also other Commercial and Industrial Zoning in this area. This is in the vicinity of Raytheon. There have been other expanding Commercial Zoning near the corner of Webb and Central. If you remember, about six months ago. The comprehensive plan does indicate that this area should be transitioning in the future to more commercial and industrial uses. There are some residential uses just to the south of Chamberlain street which is south of this area of request and also to the east there are a couple of rows of homes. They’re on deep lots and they shouldn’t be affected to any great degree by this request.

“Notices were sent to all those property owners and there was no one at the Planning Commission hearing who protested and no written protests were filed. The Planning Commission filed the staff recommendation and recommended approval of this request subject to platting by a twelve-zero vote. I’d be glad to answer any questions that you have. I don’t see any one representing the applicant here this morning.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay, very good, Marvin. Commissioners, do you have any questions or comments on this item? Is there anybody here today who would like to speak to this item? Guess not.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the findings of fact of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and approve the zone change subject to the condition of platting; adopt the Resolution; and instruct the MAPD to withhold publication until the plat has been recorded with the Register of Deeds.

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. Marvin, thank you. Next item please.”

NEW BUSINESS

F. PRESENTATION OF THE TAX SYSTEM COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT.

Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, “As you’re aware, we have been working with the elected officials, the Register of Deeds, the County Clerk, the Treasurer. We have been meeting over the past month and last month I gave you a presentation regarding the work that we had done in February and today I’m planning on giving you a presentation regarding the progress to date.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

“As you know, I talked to you last month and the Commission asked that the group get back together and review the goals and see what progress had been made to date and to also work on the recommendations that the original subcommittee made to the steering committee. So, my purpose today is to give you an update and tell you what we’ve done to date and what our intentions are for the future and finally I’m also going to be talking a little bit about for some guidance for technology. The technology team met and they have some issues that they wanted me to bring before the Commission.

“In terms of progress what actions have been done to date. We’ve formed three teams, we gave out assignments and we’ve asked them to come back with a calendar. The teams that we formed were the Share Resources, Improve Service and Technology. I’m not going to go through all these people that are on the teams but as you can see the Register of Deeds, the Treasurer, the Clerk, GIS, IS, the Appraiser, Finance and the City of Wichita are even represented on these teams. Here’s the Improve Service and here’s the Technology.

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“Finally, we said well, we’ve formed these teams, what are we going to ask them to do for us. We asked them to go back and review the goals that were originally given in the original report. We asked them to go back and look and see what type of time frames it would take to accomplish these things. We also asked them ‘what do we do next?’ We gave them some deadlines. We asked on October 19th that they come back to the steering committee with initial reports on their activity. On November 9th they will be coming back with another project update. And then on the November 9th meeting we will look at where the calendar should go from here.

“Now for the Share Resources team progress. The Share Resource team progress, the majority of work was spent on prioritizing issues. They looked, number one, at the length of times it takes to accomplish something. They looked at the amount of resources, whether they be human or financial would be necessary and the length of time it would take to accomplish them in general. Cross-training was one that we felt we could do internally without additional resources outside of human beings. The first contact training, which means that when a citizen approaches Commissioner Winters, Commissioner Winters will have the training to know who to call and how to get the person where they need to go. They will not say ‘I think you need to go to the Appraiser’s office.’ He will say ‘Well, to accomplish this you need to go this and this’, pick up the phone, make the phone calls and then give them the person. . . Share Information and Share Human Resources also fall underneath the First Contact. Satellite Offices we felt take additional resources so that’s why, although it’s a high priority of the group, it takes more time and it takes finances to get there. One Stop Shopping is also an important thing that’s going to take some work on the first floor and various other places in the Courthouse. And finally, a new one we added as you can see, is also Share Financial Resources. How do we get there? Let’s look at ourselves as one big financial pot and we figured that also takes political dickering internally, amongst us in order to get that.

“We also have the Improve Service team. What have they done so far? They have contacted personnel to start customer services training. They have gathered information for brochures and they’re developing lists for internal help information.

Ms. Allen-Bouska said, “The Technology team. As you can see by the next piece of the progress report they came back to the steering committee and said ‘Guys, this is bigger than all of us.’ What they’re asking for right now, they came back to us and said this is bigger than we can handle. There are a lot of us. It’s a complex financial system. Could we possibly look at getting a consultant. I’ll talk about that in a little bit.

“So what’s next. Obviously, that’s the question you’re going to ask of us. On November 9th we’re going to be meeting again and looking at the draft action plans. At that point in time we’ll start to discuss dates as to how things can be accomplished and when they can be accomplished.

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“I would think, after your interest, you probably want a little interaction from us. So, at this point in time what we’re suggesting is that perhaps we do some quarterly reporting back to you to give you a presentation as to our progress to date and we also will probably be coming back and talking to you about a technology consultant. Based upon a quarterly reporting mechanism that would mean that on February 3rd would be the next report from this committee.

“I do want to take one minute to discuss the technology consultant. I have also with me today Scott McBride with GIS (Geographical Information System) and most importantly I have two elected officials here, the Register of Deeds, Bill Meek, and Jan Kennedy, our County Treasurer. I did want to let you know that we are all very much in agreement on the technology consultant. We do not have a grasp of the cost at this point in time but what we would like is some permission and perhaps some assistants from the County Manager’s staff to move in the direction of getting a technology consultant and prices for that service.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you for the presentation, Becky. It sounds like you folks are well on your way doing a great job and I support the efforts that you just described with the consultant. I will not be here in February but I’m sure the progress that you make will be good progress. I also need to ask, who represents the Clerk’s Office? Is this Mr. Rosell or Mr. Alford?”

Ms. Allen-Bouska said, “On the Tax Steering Committee Mr. Alford is the member. Mr. Rosell also attends. He is also member on various teams as you can see, on the first few slides, Mr. Rosell represented the Clerk’s Office. We all appointed representatives to the various committees so we didn’t spend our entire lives in committees.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Well, I appreciate Bill and Jan being here today and taking an interest in this presentation. I really appreciate that.”

Ms. Allen-Bouska said, “This was definitely a team effort and they put a lot of work into it.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Absolutely and I think you’re on the right road. The sharing of financial resources I think is a wonderful concept. How you make that work is probably a difficult task but it makes a lot of sense. I applaud you in your efforts and I appreciate the electeds’ involvement in this process. I know it’s not easy sometimes to cross over one another’s paths but I think it will be a great success for the County and for the taxpayers. I’m looking forward to seeing the results of this. I wish you continued success in this process. Commissioners, any other comments or questions? Becky, thank you. Appreciate it. Do we need to receive and file this report, Commissioners?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

G. RESOLUTION IMPOSING WEIGHT LIMITS ON CERTAIN ROADS IN SALEM TOWNSHIP.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Richard A. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Before you on the overhead is a depiction of Salem Township. We have a Resolution before you concerning imposing weight restrictions on three roads in Salem. That would be on Bluff, between 83rd Street and 103rd and that is in this location and on Oliver between 103rd Street and the County line, here, and on Hillside between 95th Street and the County line.

"These roads are all on the township road system and are maintained by Salem Township and Salem Township is having some difficulty with the truck traffic that apparently comes off of Highway 53 and onto those roads and has asked the County to restrict them under the statutory authority that the County has to regulate weight limits. This applies to through traffic and not local. It encourages trucks over six tons gross vehicle weight to use alternate paved roads, such as Hydraulic. The Resolution would become effective upon its publication and upon the posting of weight limit signs. It is authorized by State laws and in proper form. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you Rich. Commissioners, any questions or comments at this time? Commissioner Hancock."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner Schroeder. Rich, thank you for the presentation. I just might say that we have tried this before and of course it failed. There wasn't a desire by the Commissioners to do it some time ago. In response to that I contacted the trucking companies that were involved and the Redi-Mix company that were using their trucking companies and ask for their cooperation. The problem is the nature of the roads down there are such, because of the soil makeup, is that the heavy trucks, some 80,000 pounds, compact the roads and almost, I guess the best way to describe it is, it just pushes the sides of the road out and fills up the ditches. Bluff is a prime example.

"We used to farm an area right next to Bluff and watch that road deteriorate with a sand pit located just south of 83rd Street. So, anyway, we're going to. . . I think the idea for Salem Township is to be able to post these roads with signs signaling the truck traffic that we would like for them to not drive on these roads subject to. . . to being cited for the travel and encourage them to make the trip one more mile west to Hydraulic and take a County road that's paved and a much safer road, both for them and the community, as they haul the sand and gravel from around 53 Highway to Derby. That's what this is all about. This is one of those. . . it's been my view for a number of years that counties, townships and other levels of government should try things a little bit differently. I know this is a prohibitive action but I think it's one of those things that I'd like to try to help Salem Township do. To see what the outcome would be. I think that we'll probably get a response, in time, from the trucking companies and I think they will respond favorably to this if they understand what the problems are. Roads are very sandy down there. They're not hard packed. The compaction is good during wet weather but during dry weather it's very difficult to keep these roads maintained because their all dirt roads. Anyway, that's why I'm asking for it and I'm hoping that you'll vote in favor to give this some kind of try in Salem Township."

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

Commissioner Miller said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have questions and I can't remember if I asked them before. I don't have the transcript in front of me but if I recall, is there no other place in Sedgwick County that we impose this type of weight limitation and in terms of enforcement are we indeed going to be able to either/or pull from our Sheriff's Department to enforce or is it just kind of a courtesy posting I guess is what I need to understand better? I'm not sure who needs to answer that."

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Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director, Bureau of Public Works, said, "On any of the roads that we have, to my knowledge we do not have any posted weight limits on any roads. We do have some weight limits in Oaklawn but it was not an issue of trucks driving down the road. That was an issue of trucks parking, semi trucks parking in the neighborhood. That's the only type of thing that I know of in the entire County. Now, I'm not speaking for the City of Wichita, I'm speaking for the unincorporated areas. Your second question, there's no one that enforces the weight limits that works for the County."

Chairman Schroeder said, "May I interrupt very quickly here. We do have some bridges still left that have weight limits on them though don't we?"

Mr. Spears said, "Bridges are posted. If their open their not posted and they're open to any legal load but we do have a hundred and some bridges left that are posted, yes."

Commissioner Miller said, "Did you want to add anything, Rich?"

Mr. Euson said, "No. I think what Dave said is correct."

Commissioner Miller said, "Then it is more of a courtesy posting then? That's what I'm hearing since there's no form of enforcement that goes along with the postings. We're encouraging them to take a different route but yet we're not going to necessarily enforce it. Is that what I'm hearing?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Let me answer that. We've talked about that along with the Township and I've talked about it with Legal and what we're going to do is, this is a reminder that we're taking formal action to prohibit commercial truck traffic on these roads. Enforcement has yet to be determined. If it's totally ignored then I think it would be my responsibility along with the Township to sit down with the Sheriff's Department and talk about what type of enforcement they would like to do at that point. No, it's more than just a courtesy. If truck traffic is stopped they will be cited and given tickets."

Commissioner Miller said, "We have an area in my district that's adjacent to the Brooks Landfill that continuously get truck traffic that the roads, quite frankly, are the pits. So, does this mean that we're going to open it up, where we can also post truck traffic limitations on those roads? Because I've had several phone calls from constituents that would love to see us be able to enforce keeping those large trucks off of those roads. Is that where we're going with this? David, you might be able to help me. You know, specifically, where I'm talking about."

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Mr. Spears said, "Yes. In that particular case those are trucks going to and from the landfill, the City landfill, and when the problem becomes very severe I often get the call, either from a constituent or you, and then I call the City and the City does send their maintenance crews out to work on that road, even though it's not in the City. They may put rock on it, but yes, it is a continuous problem."

Commissioner Miller said, "A chronic problem. I guess, what I'm saying is that it seems as though we're opening up the floodgates here and I'd love to be able to appease individuals in my district that have a longstanding problem with bad roads and too much weight on them."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, very good. Thank you. Rich, you have anything to add at this time?"

Mr. Euson said, "No I don't. I'm available for questions."

Chairman Schroeder said, "David, anything else?"

Mr. Spears said, "No sir."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. Alright, Commissioners, the presentations been made, the recommended action is to adopt the Resolution."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Gwin said, "You know, Commissioner Hancock did bring this to us before and I certainly echo some of the concerns that Commissioner Miller has expressed and others. One of the things that I think has made me change my mind is the fact that Commissioner Hancock and others have attempted to get the companies to reconsider and to utilize a road that is within reasonable distance that is constructed to handle this kind of traffic. It appears to me they have not been forthcoming in making those changes and I think, and for the benefit of those people who have to maintain the roads and those others who are affected by it, there comes a time when we do have to put our foot down and say this is not appropriate traffic for this particular road or these particular roads and yes, I think it probably will bring some others to the top, Commissioner Miller but maybe they should be."

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“I mean, maybe there are some out there that deserve a more critical look. Having worked for a trucking company for over a decade in my prior life I understand that they are the life blood of what happens in this part of the country. They bring us our supplies and equipment and food and everything else that we need. They’re an important part of the. . . the transportation system is important here. But I think there are some times when you just have to say “Look, this is not appropriate traffic for this roadway.’ The roadways can’t handle it. Particularly in township cases. They don’t have the financial wherewithal to continue it. I’m going to vote for this today, in the hopes that there will be some who will understand that there are appropriate roads for trucks to be on and there are inappropriate places for trucks to be and use this as kind of a test and see what happens. I’m going to be supportive today and see where it goes from there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

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

Commissioner Hancock said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This has been a difficult one. I’m very interested in working with townships and others to make sure that what they think is a pretty good action, that that gets accomplished. This is one of those cases, Salem Township, I’m relying on the folks that live there and the folks that are there every day to recommend to me what may or may not be a good idea but I think it’s important that I make it clear to the Township and to you that if this becomes a quagmire it’s something I don’t want to spend a lot of time in. I want to get out of it.

“I’ve made it clear to the Township we’re willing to try this to see what the results would be and even look at enforcement should compliance not be forthcoming, what that might look like but if it becomes something that becomes contentious and eventually just more trouble than it’s worth then I’d certainly let them know that we can rescind this Resolution as quickly as we considered it and passed it. This is one of those things I think that we are experimenting with to see how it works and see what can be done. We’ve never done it before. This is new. It’s not something that we have fun doing. I’m not sure this is a good idea. We’ll find out. If the result is that they make a trip around Hydraulic then it’s a good idea.

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“I’ve talked to a couple. . . in preparation for this and it was not planned but I had the opportunity to speak to a couple of truck companies who were together at one point in a restaurant and I knew them both and visited with them about this particular thing and what they would think. Both of them said the same thing. They couldn’t understand why anyone would take a dirt road four miles when they could take a paved road. I said ‘what about the extra cost?’ and their estimated was that it was about five dollars a trip if you really put all the expenses into the truck and the labor and so forth, the extra cost is about five dollars a trip for a truck to make that trip. I’m talking about a round trip. While that’s unfortunate, it’s just that we’ve spent a lot of money on connecting links and this is one of them they ought to use. It’s much safer and a lot easier on the equipment.

“In the long run, maybe it would be a good investment. I talked to those folks and I want you to know this is something we’re going to keep an eye on. If it doesn’t work we’re going to undo what we have done. At least that’s my plan.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay, very good. Thank you. Commissioner Miller.”

Commissioner Miller said, “I would be less than a public servant if I were to, basically, not ask that this Commission firmly looks at, and this is from a legal perspective and from our public services perspective, looks at the problem areas that we have around our County. I’m inclined to believe that around the Brooks landfill, that is a designated route that truckers are going to take. The City of Wichita sometimes puts rocks down in a timely fashion, most of the times they do not. That is a road that is consistently traveled that has consistent problems and we have talked about the problem areas but have always been able to say that it is a township road and that it is not our responsibility to necessarily maintain it or to redo it. I would be less than a Fourth District Commissioner, serving that particular constituency, than to bring this issue to the Commission publicly and to ask that if indeed we are going to make an exception and post limitations and look at enforcement procedures for Salem Township then we should certainly be able to look very hard at how it is that we can ease the problem area around the Brooks landfill. I just think that only makes common and people good sense and that’s the only way I would be able to support this.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I think that’s a fair request. I would ask that you have Rich prepare a Resolution, show us the roadways that you are discussing, and bring it back. I’d certainly be willing to consider it. If it’s an ongoing problem for you and one that hasn’t been able to be resolved, I think I’d certainly be willing to consider that.”

Commissioner Miller said, “Is it an ongoing problem for us in that area, Mr. Spears?”

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Mr. Spears said, "It's an ongoing problem. I think one thing you're going to face with some of these situations is if there is only one route in and one route out and they have to go in and they have to go out and you put a weight limit on it then you could have a problem. So, that's something that . . . it could be a little bit different situation."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Now, are these collector trucks that we're talking about?"

Mr. Spears said, "Most of these are trucks that haul dirt in to the landfill to cover up the debris, the trash."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And they have no other alternate route?"

Mr. Spears said, "I'm just saying that's something we want to look . . . I'll look at that and look at the route or routes. I don't want you to put yourself into a box."

Commissioner Miller said, "No, and I'm not asking that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Give me the information and I'll look at it."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. Any more questions or comments? We do have a Motion to approve? Mr. Euson, do you have anything to add?"

Mr. Euson said, "No sir."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, Madame Clerk call the vote."

VOTE

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

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

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H. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA YOUTH FOR CHRIST FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK OCTOBER 31, 1998 TO HOLD AN AUTUMN'S END RUNNING EVENT.

Ms. Michelle Daise, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you an Agreement with Wichita Youth for Christ. This is for use of Sedgwick County Park this Saturday for their annual “Autumn’s End Run”. They’re expecting about 400 participants. This is a non-exclusive use of the park. They will be using it for their race. The recommendation is that you approve this and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thanks, Michelle. Next item please.”

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I. AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF SIGNATURE WITH JB ENVIRONMENTAL DRILLING TO PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.

Ms. Jennifer Magana, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you an Agreement with JB Environmental Drilling, the contractor selected by Kansas Department of Health and Environment, to do the underground storage consent fund work at 814 Stillwell. This Agreement is pursuant to our KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) Underground Consent Fund Agreement. The term of the work will be approximately five months. KDHE will reimburse Sedgwick County for all but \$4,500 of the corrective action costs. I’d recommend you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Jennifer. Any questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Agreement and Release of Signature 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, Jennifer. Next item please.”

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J. ADVERTISING AGREEMENT WITH PARK VALLEY LOCK & KEY FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT THE KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This Agreement before you actually came out of our discovery that there was a service that we needed to provide that we were unqualified to do so. Just about every event we have somebody who locks their keys in the car. Sometimes we have many people who do that. Anymore it's real different, in the old days it was the Slim Jim down by the window or the coat hanger and you pop the lock. Not a problem, you got in. Increasing everything is electronic now. There's more thief deterrents and you have the situation of the side airbags which makes it very dangerous if you're not qualified to do that. So, what we've done is entered into an agreement with Park Valley Lock & Key to provide those services. There will be a placard above every pay phone at the Coliseum. There will be business cards on our customer service desk and down at the office and it's structured somewhat like the canteen agreement. It's a percentage of sales paid as rent. We recommend approval."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you, John. Tell me how that works then. If somebody walks in and says . . ."

Mr. Nath said, "I locked my keys in the car, we hand the card to them. Please call this guy. He has a special rate for the Coliseum. He'll come right out. He lives right down in Park City. Real handy."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Or they can call somebody else?"

Mr. Nath said, "Oh, sure, no problem."

Chairman Schroeder said, "But because of the contract they provide us a better rate."

Mr. Nath said, "Yes, and quicker service. Sometimes we've had people who have waited for an hour and a half for somebody to get out there."

Chairman Schroeder said, "He probably just ought to come out and park and wait."

Mr. Nath said, "Some of that probably would pay off."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'm sure he'll be busy. Anyway, okay, questions or comments? Commissioners, if not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

K. AGREEMENT WITH COWLEY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHEREBY SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WILL PROVIDE FIELD INTERNSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE'S TRAINING PROGRAM.

Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is an Agreement with Cowley Community College. We have done this a number of times before. This is for their 1999 class of up to ten students maximum. I would recommend your approval and allow the Chair to sign."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

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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, Tom. Next item please."

L. RECLASSIFICATIONS (SIX) AND REALLOCATION.

1. RECLASSIFICATIONS.

- ! REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER II, RANGE 19, APPRAISER'S OFFICE, TO REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER III, RANGE 21**
- ! DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY PROGRAMS (CSS/DD), RANGE 29, COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE), TO DIRECTOR OF DD, RANGE 28**
- ! DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CSS, RANGE 25, COMCARE, TO DIRECTOR OF CSS, RANGE 27**
- ! OFFICE SPECIALIST, RANGE 15, COMCARE, TO FISCAL ASSOCIATE, RANGE 16**
- ! PROGRAM COORDINATOR, RANGE 21, CORRECTIONS, TO YOUTH CARE COORDINATOR, RANGE 22**
- ! YOUTH COUNSELOR, RANGE 19, CORRECTIONS, TO YOUTH CARE SUPERVISOR, RANGE 20**

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2. REALLOCATION.

- ! AUTOMOTIVE STORES CLERK (TWO POSITIONS), RANGE 13, FLEET MANAGEMENT, TO AUTOMOTIVE STORES CLERK, RANGE 14**

Ms. Nichols said, “The Reclassification Committee met on September the 3rd and reviewed six reclassifications and two reallocations as presented in you backup. The Budget impact for 1988 is \$1,762 and for 1999 is \$5,351. We request your approval.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Reclassifications and Reallocation.

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, Mary Anne. Next item please.”

M. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Dr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director of Community Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Let me just update you, or update you on two items and then provide you some information on two things that the Board of Health might possibly consider.

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“The first thing is to let you know about the pertussis outbreak. Our cases have decreased substantially and if we don’t have any more cases in the next few weeks then we can formally and officially consider the crisis over but we now need to concentrate our efforts to improve our capabilities to get more children immunized. There is a formal document available that describes the characteristics of the epidemic and also outlines the various recommendations that we have for this process. This was prepared by the health informatics fellow from the Centers for Disease Control that we are very fortunate to have residing at our local premises.

“The other incident that I think received a great deal of attention, the State Office building process, there also is a preliminary document that describes the Health Department response to that. This has been approved by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) and has been forwarded to the appropriate offices of the Department of Defense.

“Two items to let you know about that the Board of Health may begin to review and consider over the next few months. The first is voluntary methods that the citizens of Wichita and Sedgwick County can take to protect the ozone layer. The second is, we do have an opportunity, there is a program called “Healthy Teeth for Kansans”. This provides money for two to three different types of items that can come into our community to help us improve dental care and improve dental health in general. The Board of Health may begin to consider some of the options there and provide some recommendations on how we might proceed.”

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

Commissioner Miller said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, Dr. Magruder. I have questions regarding the Northeast Wichita Healthy Start Initiative and there is a piece that’s included in your backup information but of course in the Minutes of the actual board meeting is quite a bit of detail. The questions that I have will probably revolve around, first of all, the relationship between the Coroner’s office and this particular program or project and then also, the Consortium that is in the process of being put in place, named . . . could you help me out with that? Because I believe there’s some money that the Federal government is for the most part withholding if we indeed do not form this consortium.”

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Dr. Magruder said, "Well, we have made considerable progress in the past two weeks. Regarding the first item, the County Coroner's contract, the Board of Health in a public meeting did officially approve that and so that is into the system and can be implemented as desired once other structures . . . , as I understand it, it is now in the County arena for review but it has completed review within the Board of Health and within the City system. Regarding the Consortium, we have had, the Federal government, upon their kindness, they have funded an individual that came down to function as a consultant to formally assess the relationship between the Health Department as the grantee and the Consortium. They have formally established a series of parameters by which the Federal government would like that to work. Over the next few months we will be getting that established, formally defining it further and the Federal government consultants will be coming down here on a routine basis to further facilitate and help us with that issue."

Commissioner Miller said, "Are we in any type of . . . jeopardy is probably a very strong word, of losing dollars?"

Dr. Magruder said, "Well, that's the other piece of good news. The budget document that we submitted to the federal government . . . , we did meet the deadline of 15 October and while the federal consultant was here we did receive a phone call from HRSA (Health Resources Service Administration), the project officer representative who indicated to us that they have completed their review of our revised budget document and we have been told verbally that they have now approved what we have sent to them which means that the seventy five percent of the funding that they have been withholding will now be sent to us. The next step is we are awaiting formal written documentation from them to document that. Once we have receive that information then we will begin the process, through the established City system, to initiate all further hiring actions."

Commissioner Miller said, "We were talking about a dollar amount that was right at three quarters of a million, if I recall."

Dr. Magruder said, "Well, the precise amount of the grant in general is in a range of about \$575,000. In addition to that, in this year and this year alone, the federal government has provided an additional \$60,000. Fifty thousand of that is to be utilized in a specific manner of which they will inform us in the future, which is to be related to sustainability. As you know, with all of these types of grants, unfortunately you get the money for a period of time and then you don't get it anymore. The reality is in the beginning what we should do is try to develop processes or systems that will allow us to maintain these same services once the federal money has been pulled out. So, the federal government is giving us money that will allow us to develop strategies in working with managed care companies and other types of organizations so that we can maintain these same levels of services."

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“For example, there are managed care entities that have an interest in learning about how we can help them make women have better pregnancies, have fewer infants ending up in neonatal intensive care units and so forth. With good data we can show them that we can actually save them money. If those types of relationships can develop then we can begin to get funding from these organizations, these insurance companies, etcetera, and then we will be able to continue these types of services. Now, none of that is guaranteed and to the best of my knowledge there are no Healthy Start programs that have been successful in that regard thus far. However, we have received specific funding so that we can begin developing those strategies.”

Commissioner Miller said, “You’ve answered the major questions that I’ve had. One was regarding the funding, if indeed it was in any jeopardy at all. It sounds as though seventy five percent of that is definitely going to come this direction. Is that what I heard you say?”

Dr. Magruder said, “The federal government document that came to us initially stated that they were only giving us twenty five percent of the funding. They were withholding the rest of the amount until we sent them a revised budget. We have now sent them that revised budget. They have approved it and they have now indicated verbally, we are still waiting for the written document, but verbally in front of the federal consultant as a witness that they have approved it. When I say the other seventy five percent was approved, basically, what that means is now one hundred percent of the funding has been formally approved by the federal government for implementation in Sedgwick County.”

Commissioner Miller said, “And we’ve got strategies in place that are making sure that that consortium is properly developed?”

Dr. Magruder said, “There’s very good news in that regard as well. Last evening our project director had her first meeting with the clients and we had thirty individuals who showed up and the clients that are participating in this process have formally designed or presented to us exactly how they want this thing to work. What type of training that they desire. We consider that a very good beginning and a wonderful showing of the clients that we’re actually serving in this process to help us begin to develop this. In addition, as I previously mentioned, we will continue to provide funding to insure that the federal consultants continue to come down here and provide a role to insure that that relationship continues to develop properly.”

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Commissioner Miller said, “One of the reasons why I’ve taken an opportunity, and always do, to discuss the Healthy Start, and Commissioner Winters will well know, as the convener of the Community Planning Team, Healthy Start is a very, very important prevention piece in this whole big challenge that we have in front of us as a County. It is a ‘x’ number of dollars to the tune of, is it two million, over the course of five years, if it’s approximately 500 plus thousand each year?”

Dr. Magruder said, “Yes, Ma’am. It would be slightly over two million dollars. It’s a four year grant.”

Commissioner Miller said, “That is earmarked to come into this County to do exactly some of the very, very primary prevention activities that we want to see happen, that will enable us to be more successful in this whole venture. That’s the major reason why I’ve taken an opportunity and I attempt to track this because it is a very important piece in Sedgwick County. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Mr. Magruder said, “Thank you for asking the question.”

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Receive and File.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Doctor. Before we go to the next item, I would be remiss if, Mary Anne Mammoth, would you please come back up to the podium. Mary Anne Mammoth Nichols, excuse me. Bad habit, sorry. I don't know, a lot of us know here, but viewers probably don't know that Mary Anne Nichols will be retiring at the end of this year. I think she's been with the County about eighty nine years, something like that. There's nobody around here that hasn't talked to Mary Anne about something in their career here and Mary Anne you're very well liked and you're really going to be missed. I understand that you will be leaving us on January first and you'll be back in December to get your retirement clock which you've handed out so many of. I just wanted to say that's it's been wonderful working with you in the twelve years that I've been here, compared to your, what, thirty two and a half years. It's been great. You've been a source of good information when we need it. You've been a pillar of stability when we've had crises now and then in some of our personnel issues. You've done a very good job and I appreciate all that you've done for us and for the citizens. You've just done a great job and we're really gonna miss you."

Ms. Nichols said, "Thank you, very much. I thank you for your respect and your support and thanks for the memories."

Chairman Schroeder said, "You're sure welcome. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you again in December."

Ms. Nichols said, "I'll miss you all."

Chairman Schroeder said, "We'll miss you, too. Thank you, Mary Anne. Okay, Commissioners, next item please."

N. BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH KING CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 831-Z; ROCK ROAD BETWEEN 79TH AND 87TH STREETS SOUTH. CIP #R-235. DISTRICT #5.**

Mr. David Spears, P. E., Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item N-1 is a modification of plans and construction for Rock Road between 79th and 87th Streets South designated as R-235 in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has been constructed and is ready to be finalized. There will be a net increase of \$55,632.11 due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the Modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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."

- 2. FORCE ACCOUNT AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING ON K.D.O.T. PROJECT 87 C-3094-01, SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 639-30-690; BRIDGE ON 83RD STREET SOUTH OVER THE ARKANSAS RIVER. CIP #B-219. DISTRICTS #2 AND #5.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item N-2 is a force account agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to reimburse Sedgwick County for construction engineering services performed by our personnel during construction of the bridge project located near 83rd Street South over the Arkansas River. This project is designated as B-219 in Capital Improvement Program and will have eighty percent reimbursement. The maximum amount of federal funds that the County can receive is \$121,943.77. Recommend you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

**O. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' OCTOBER 22, 1998
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the October 22nd meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are eight items for consideration."

**(1) NETWORK SERVERS- DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING: BYRNE GRANT**

"Item one, network computer servers for the District Court. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Ikon Technology Services. That amount for quantity of two is \$20,624.26."

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

"Item two, personal computer hardware and software also for the District Court. It was recommended to accept the individual bids of Entex Information Services. Those items totaling \$7,319.00 and ASAP Software Express for software items. That total is \$18,366.48. The grand total of purchase for this particular project, \$25,685.48."

**(3) AMBULANCES- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

"Item three, ambulances for Fleet Management and Emergency Management Services. It was recommended to accept the proposal of McCoy Miller. That amount is \$185,424.00. That includes the purchase of three new ambulances with trade-ins and this is an extension of an existing contract let in 1997."

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**(4) DEFIBRILLATOR SERVICE CONTRACT- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

“Item four, defibrillator service contract for Emergency Medical Services. It was recommended to accept the sole source bid of Physio-Control. That amount for 1999 is \$35,010.60.”

**(5) STREET IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

“Item five, street improvements for the Bureau of Public Works, the Estates at Shadybrook. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Asphalt Construction. That amount is \$89,039. 55.”

**(6) SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

“Item six, sanitary sewer improvements also for Bureau of Public Works special assessments, Estates at Shadybrook. It was recommended to accept the only bid received of Nowak Construction. That amount is \$11,817.00.”

**(7) SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

“Item seven, sanitary sewer improvement for the Bureau of Public Works, special assessments as well for Balthrop 2nd Addition. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Nowak Construction. That amount is \$57,675.00.”

**(8) FOUR WHEEL DRIVE LOADER- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

“Item eight, a four wheel drive loader for Fleet Management and the Bureau of Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low proposal of Foley Tractor. That amount with trade and some additional equipment, \$135,096.00. There are four pages of the recommendation support attached.”

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ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

- (9) **PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION- CAPITAL PROJECTS**
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS
- (10) **SKID STEER LOADER- FLEET MANAGEMENT**
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

“There are two item that do not require action at this particular time. Those bids were tabled for review. They include parking lot construction for Capital Projects and a skid steer loader for Fleet Management and the Bureau of Public Works. 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. Any questions or comments on this item? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner 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, Darren. Next item please.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

P. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easement.

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

Road Number 817-BB, Owners: Delbert L. Howland, Jr. and Shannon Howland, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 29 South, Range 1 West, more specifically located on the west side of 24th Street West (Meridian) and south of 95th Street South. Ohio Township. District #2.

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. Two Easements for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 809-J, K, L; Tyler Road between 29th and 53rd Streets North. CIP #R-217. District #4.

3. Plats.

Approved by the Bureau of Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 1997 and prior years are paid for the following plats:

Greenwich Heights 3rd Addition
Prairie Ridge Estates

4. Orders dated July 31, 1998 and October 21, 1998 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

5. Consideration of the Check Register of October 23, 1998.

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6. Budget Adjustment Requests.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980521	Finance General Mail Room	Transfer
980522	Finance	Transfer
980523	Emergency Communications	Transfer
980524	Information Services	Transfer
980525	Public Works	Transfer
980526	Road and Bridge Sales Tax	Transfer
980527	COMCARE Mental Health Reform	Transfer
980528	Various-Streets	Supplemental Appropriation
980529	Estates at Shadybrook Streets	Supplemental Appropriation

Mr. William 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.

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

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The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recess to the Sewer District meeting at 10:18 a.m. and returned at 10:21 a.m.

Q. OTHER

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session at 10:22 Noon for thirty minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to legal advice and personnel matters of none elected personnel, preliminary discussion related to acquisition of real property and public purchases and potential claims and litigation and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:52 a.m.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, “Commissioners, I failed to recognized that we had a Fire District meeting, Consent Agenda only. We’ll take that up after our executive session. We are in Executive Session.”

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:22 and returned at 11:15 a.m.

Chairman Schroeder said, “We’re back in session. Let the record show there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Any other business? If not, we’re adjourned.”

R. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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

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Second District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner
First District

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Commissioner
Third District

MELODY C. MILLER, Commissioner
Fourth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

_____, 1998