

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 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 9, 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. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Director, Bureau of Finance; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Services; Mr. Larry Palmer, Property and Evidence Officer, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Chuck Mayo, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Carol Pierce, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Roger Terry, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, MAPD (Metropolitan Area Planning Department); Ms. Jan Kennedy, County Treasurer; Mr. Daryl Gardner, Controller, Accounting Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Economic Development Specialist, Department of Housing and Economic Development; Ms. Jeanette Partridge, Contract Administrator, COMCARE (Comprehensive Community Care); Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Human Services; Ms. Cecile Gough, Operations Administrator, Department of Corrections; Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Carolyn Bunch, Executive Director, KANCEL (Kansas School for Effective Learning).

INVOCATION

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

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, January 15, 1997

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of November 18, 1998.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Minutes of November 18, 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	Aye
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 Fire District Agenda. I am available for questions, if there are any."

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

RECOGNITION

- A. RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMEN'S COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR PROVIDING INVOCATION SERVICES.**

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Today, Commissioners and members of the audience, we have an opportunity to recognize five individuals that have been extremely important to this County and particularly to this Commission in the presentation of our County Commission meetings. Those individuals are members of the Christian Businessmen's Committee. Since 1973, these gentlemen have opened up our meetings with invocations and it has been an honor to have them, since I've served here, to open our meetings. You can always count on them. They're here. They're wonderful people who make a commitment to make sure that our meetings are properly opened. We want to say today, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, thank you to those five for their years of service and over 1,200 meetings, which they have presided over for our invocations. It has just been wonderful what they have done for the residents of this County and particularly for the County Commission. Matt has some certificates, so if you gentlemen would come up as I call your names, I'd like to present you with a certificate on behalf of the Board of County Commission and our thank you.

"Today we have Mr. Joe Stout. Thank you, very much. Mr. Pete Morris. Thank you. Mr. Chuck McCoy. Thanks, very much. Mr. David Cline. Last, but not least, Mr. Bob Bruner. I want to personally thank each and every one of these gentlemen for what they have done for Sedgwick County. Our Sedgwick County Employee's Club had made a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners a month of two ago, that they would like to see the invocation spread on a community basis. Frankly, it is something I didn't think about. I know the City of Wichita has done it for years. We thought about it for a little bit and we understood what these gentlemen had done for us, since 1973, and so it wasn't a City decision but we knew it was one that we had to make and change sometimes is not easy, but we thought it was appropriate. We just wanted to say thank you to the five of you for allowing us to have your presence here with us every Wednesday morning and what you do for us to get our meeting started in the right direction. We hope that you continue through the process with us as we rotate it over the next few years.

"I believe starting next week, if I'm right, Fred, we begin the rotation. Surely you'll be notified but we will start that rotation process shortly. Again, thank you for your time and commitment to your fellow citizens and to the Board of County Commissioners. We thank you. Commissioners, any questions or comments? If not, I guess we go on to the next item, Madam Clerk."

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RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS

B. RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS.

1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO LARRY PALMER, PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE OFFICER, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Larry Palmer has been with the Sheriff's Department for 23 years. According to the stuff, and I have the disadvantage of not being in this job long enough to get to know a lot of these guys until I see them in their last days here, but they are retiring on January 1, all of these folks.

"Larry was hired in August of 1975, as a Patrolman, and became a Deputy Sheriff in 1984, promoted to Property Officer on December 23, 1986. We'll be sorry to lose him. Here's your certificate. It's good to meet you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Larry, come on up here. We have a clock that we'd like to present to you on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and thank you for your years of service to us and to the citizens of Sedgwick County and to your department. It's been quite some time that I've known you. I first met Larry when I was in high school. He was security over at North High School and when I saw him here I thought ooh. I don't think was ever in any really bad trouble. Anyway, I remember Larry walking the halls of North High School and when I saw him here, it was kind of neat. Larry, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, congratulations on your retirement. We wish the best of luck to you. Thank you."

Mr. Larry Palmer, Property and Evidence Officer, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Sedgwick County. Thank the Commission for the clock and the time this morning. Thank you."

2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO CHUCK MAYO, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Russell said, "I also got to meet Chuck this morning. He says that he is no stranger to Personnel and he's come and wire brushed us a number of times on things. It sounds like we're going to be sorry to lose you. Chuck is a Deputy Sheriff and will retire January 1, '99 after 22 years of service. He was hired in January of 1977 as a Court Guard, transferred to Warrant Officer in February of 1978 and became a Judicial Services Officer in '79, and a Deputy Sheriff in January of '84. Chuck, we've got a certificate for you. Nice to meet you."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we want to present you with this clock, with great appreciation. We thank you for your time and service to Sedgwick County, to the citizens, and to the Board of County Commissioners. We wish you the best of luck in your retirement. Thanks, very much."

Mr. Chuck Mayo said, "I think I've said enough over the last 21 years, I better keep my mouth shut this morning. Thank you, very much."

3. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO CAROL PIERCE, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Russell said, "Well, Carol Pierce I got to meet this morning. She was a Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Department, and will retire January 1, 1999 after 20 years of service. She became a Deputy Sheriff in 1984. Carol indicates that she plans to spend time with her three children, Brad in Chicago, Rick in Lawrence, and Rachel at K-State in Manhattan. Carol is an avid gardener. She propagates, I have no idea what that means, perennials, ornamental shrubs and roses and grows them for sale. While at Sedgwick County she has always worked in the Sheriff's Department, Record Section in 1978, Judicial in '80, and Liaison since 1994. Carol describes her employment as a great learning experience. I will miss so many people that I have worked with over the years. Working as the liaison to the District Attorney's Office enabled me to get to know almost the entire Sheriff's Department and the DA staff. I got to work with some very special people. Carol, pleasure to meet you. This is to thank you for many years of good service."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Carol, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we want to also recognize your time and service to Sedgwick County and to its citizens and to the Board. I hope you enjoy your flowers and have a great time with your kids. Enjoy your retirement. Thank you."

Ms. Carol Pierce said, "Thank you, very much. I want to thank everybody who is here today. It has been an honor and a privilege to me, too, to serve Sedgwick County. I'm going to miss a lot of friends. Thank you."

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**4. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO ROGER TERRY,
DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.**

Mr. Russell said, "Roger Terry, again, is a loss for the Sheriff's Department. He will retire after twenty years of service January 1, 1999. He was hired in February of '78 as a Jailer, promoted to Court Guard in September of '78, became a Judicial Services Officer in 1979, promoted to Road Patrol Officer in July of '81, and became a Deputy Sheriff in 1984. I sense, from reading this, that I know a little bit about your priorities here. Now that he is retiring, Roger will spend time with his three children, one son in Alabama, one in Wisconsin, and his daughter lives here in Wichita. Roger's hobbies are, in order, golf, fishing, golf, bowling, and golf. That was a hint, to those of us who are slow.

"Roger has always worked in the Sheriff's Department, Warrants, Road Patrol, and Judicial. He describes his employment with Sedgwick County, and I really like this statement, it doesn't matter what I like, but I liked it, very enjoyable. The most fun anyone could have in a job and still consider it working. He plans to work part time with his wife, Sandy, that we see routinely at the concession stand in the courthouse. I've met you before."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Doug's great entertainment. I don't know what golf fishing is or golf bowling is, but it sounds like fun. I hope that you enjoy your retirement, and we thank you for your years of service you've given us. Thank you. Good luck to you."

Mr. Roger Terry said, "When I was growing up in Pratt, as a kid, I think everybody in town thought I'd be running from the law instead of enforcing it. But I do want to say from the bottom of my heart that the job that I did for the last 21 years, sometimes it was risky or dangerous, sometimes it was boring, it was exciting, but it was always fun and I enjoyed it. Sam Davison once told me I wasn't getting paid to have fun. Sam, wherever you are, I'm sorry, but I had fun."

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

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

C. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD).

- 1. CASE NUMBER DR 98-6 - REVISED JOINT ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION OF CITY OF WICHITA AND SEDGWICK COUNTY ON PROCEDURES ON VACATION PETITIONS, ASSIGNING PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION (MAPC); AND AMENDMENTS TO THE MAPC BYLAWS.**

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for placing these items ahead of Dave Spear's annual Christmas presentation."

Commissioner Hancock said, "We do what we can."

Mr. Krout said, "I have seen it before. This item concerns the process for vacation cases. A couple of years ago the City Manager's Office sponsored some workshops with the City departments that were involved in land development, looking for ways to reduce time frames and simplify the process. We identified a number of those and are implementing some of those already, but a couple of those ideas needed changes, first in state law. One of those needed changes in state law concerning the process of vacations. Vacations are not the Las Vegas things, Planning Vacations are petitions under state law to remove encumbrances that have been established that give local governing bodies some rights to land. It may be street right-of-way it or alley right-of-way, may be access control along a major street, it may be building setbacks along a street, easements for utility or drainage purposes, all those things. Most of which are established by plats that are approved by the Planning Commission and then accepted by the local governing bodies. They're required to go through a special process which is outlined by state law, where the property owner files a petition to vacate and the state law says the governing bodies are supposed to review that and you're supposed to determine, through a public hearing, that no private rights are going to be injured or endangered and the public will suffer no loss or inconvenience if that petition is approved. That is your responsibility under state law.

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“The state law, until recently, required that the governing body be the party that have a public hearing on vacations and required that we publish two or three consecutive Mondays of the week in advance. It results in a process which is at least a month, sometimes more, between when the Planning Commission review vacation items and the governing body looks at those. Under state law, Planning Commissions are not required to review vacations but since most of the items that are dedicated, are dedicated through the platting process and the Planning Commission approves plats. For a long time the City and County have referred items by ordinance and resolution to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations before you look at them. But the governing bodies have been required to have the public hearings.

“We thought that we would be able to compress the time frame for vacations, which are usually fairly simple. It is often just a matter of clearing the title on a property because inadvertently the house was built one foot into a building setback line or something like. We could reduce the time frame by moving the public hearing to the Planning Commission, which is essentially handling those like we do zoning cases. The Planning Commission holds the official public hearing and the official requirement got advertising is for that Planning Commission hearing, and then we could get the case much quicker to the governing body for final approval. In the case of the County Commission, you could be handling vacations like you do plats, which is where we usually get those dedications, handle them as consent items in a shorter time period.

“The state law was amended to enable, as a local option, to enable local governments to take advantage of this possibility and we drafted the local ordinance and resolution that would assign the responsibility for advertising a public hearing and holding a public hearing to the Planning Commission. That’s the Resolution that you have in front of you. The City Council adopted a similar provision by ordinance just yesterday. The Planning Commission reviewed this, endorsed it unanimously, and there were no objections through that process. As they reviewed that process, it made sense to them.

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“We also, as a part of this, looked at the bylaws, to make sure that because the Planning Commission was now going to be looking at vacations a little bit differently, that they needed to amend some things from the bylaws, so we just added the word vacation here and there in the bylaws. We also have drafted the amended bylaws to change a provision that was also changed by state law, which has to do with voting requirements of the Planning Commission in approving plats. It used to be that the state law required that you have a majority of all members of the Planning Commission required to approve a plat, which means that if you had eight people at a Planning Commission meeting, you would need eight votes, the majority of the whole commission, to approve that plat. If you had one dissenting vote, you would be unable to approve a plat. That was amended as part of the same package of legislative changes to only require a majority of those present and voting at the Planning Commission to approve a plat, so its a simpler requirement now for plat approval. That is part of the bylaw changes.

“One change that we didn’t make, but I would suggest you include in your Resolution, and it is amending the bylaws to reflect the current new name of the former Tri-County Planning Committee to the Quad-County Planning Forum, representing the inclusion now of Reno County. That group meets quarterly. We’ve also amended this to show the one representative from the Planning Commission, who is appointed by the County Commission to attend those meetings. Those are just cleanup items basically in the MAPC bylaws, and I’ll stand to answer any questions you have about this Resolution.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Marvin. I know there are some questions. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Marvin, I know, since I’ve been here almost all the vacation cases have been pretty simple except for the one we had out on the west side near the new golf course where homeowners requested a vacation to be put in place and they were pretty much wanting to have their say before the Board of County Commissioners. We ended up doing what the Metropolitan Planning recommended, and that case maybe is a rarity. If citizens really were involved in a vacation case and it became complicated, is there a mechanism that it could move on to the Board of County Commissioners or would that be absolutely the end.”

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Mr. Krout said, "First of all, all cases still, by state law, have to come to the County Commission for you to approve, normally by consent. In the draft resolution that we've prepared, Section 2 called Hearings, it does say that if a person is aggrieved by the recommendation of the Planning Commission on a vacation petition they can appeal and then on submission of the appeal a public hearing will be scheduled by the governing body. So, we'll make sure that an aggrieved party does have a formal public hearing opportunity, if he feels aggrieved by the Planning Commission's recommendation, instead of sending this as a normal consent item."

Commissioner Winters said, "Very good, that answers that question. Now on these other two, the cleanup on the change in the Tri-County to Quad-County, can we take care of that today? Do we need to take care of that today or does it need to be another agenda item at a later time?"

Mr. Krout said, "I think you can take care of it today. It is minor enough that we can take care of it today."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. I understand, Marvin, that the City, if you didn't already mention that, deferred the optional step."

Mr. Krout said, "That has to do with the next item."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'm sorry. I'm reading ahead. Go ahead. That's fine. Excuse me. Other questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution and include the changes to the bylaws of the MAPC in that wherever it refers to Tri-County that it now refers to the Quad-County Planning Forum, and that the Chairman of the Planning Commission, Bill Johnson, be designated as the Planning Commission's representative to that Quad-County Forum.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Schroeder said, "Discussion? Commissioner Hancock?"

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Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Marvin, I just want to commend the staff for taking this on and moving forward with this. I think it is wonderful when you can take short cuts every chance we get for folks out there. Some of these things are so routine. I can remember the days, and I think Chairman Schroeder can especially remember the days, when we used to approve telephone boxes. It was almost ridiculous. We really appreciate these kind of routine matters. It isn't because we don't want to do the work, it is because it speeds up the process for the folks who are involved and the citizens who are out there. It makes a short cut for them."

Mr. Krout said, "I agree. If you see other ways we can do the same thing with other types, then please let us know."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, very much. Appreciate it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Other questions or comments? If not, 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. Next item."

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2. CASE NUMBER DR 98-8 - RESOLUTION REGARDING ADJUSTMENTS TO FILING FEES FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS.

Mr. Krout said, "As you know, the Planning Department has been on more or less a regular three year schedule of reviewing the fees for development applications. We process over 500 development applications per year. For most of those, we have some sort of fee to charge for at least a part of the cost of those services. The last changes were reviewed and approved back in late '95 and effective in 1996. So, now we're at the end of that three year cycle. We've reviewed our cost of services again. We brought suggested changes to the Planning Commission to endorse those unanimously. You also, I understand, have received a letter from the local Home Builder's Association. We have worked with them and talked with them about our process and method of reviewing fees and I think that they indicated in their letter to you that they understand what we're trying to recover and don't have any objections to the increase in the fees. They do have a problem with the proposed new service and I'll talk about that in a second.

"The revenue from these fees pays about 60% of the cost of one of our divisions, the Current Plans Division, which processes zoning cases and subdivision applications and related types of applications. As for all the costs, from mailing to publications, to public hearings, minutes, and correspondence, all the costs that are rolled up in processing applications, dealing with applicants and their cases, but not with the costs in that division of amending codes, like the vacation process, not the time that we take to do that, not the time for general public contact, information requests about what's my zoning or what can I do with my property. Just dealing with the applications. We try to be very careful about relaying the costs to that part of the cost of doing business. We also do try to look at other communities and make sure that we're not totally out of line in these charges, compared to other communities. We keep pretty detailed records of how much time we do spend on cases and then we try to average them out by the type of case and the size of the case, in order to estimate these fees.

"If you adopt the proposed new fee schedule, based on the same case load next year that we would have had this year, we would expect this would amount to about a 10% increase in the fees and then that would remain more or less flat and then we would look at in another three years. That has allowed us to more or less keep up with inflation over the past years. Generally, these are small increases. Where we've looked for increases, we try to deal with more of the larger scale cases and the larger acreage, as opposed to the smaller individual properties. A couple of cases, we've actually reduced fees based on examining what the actual cost of providing service is. So that's a short description of the proposed schedule of fees.

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“We also, as I told the Council, almost as an after thought, as we were looking at the sketch plan process in the platting process, which is sort of an optional stage, where you can come in and get sort of a preview of what kinds of comments you might expect as you’re laying out a subdivision plat, we also suggested a proposed review prior to filing an application is what we called it. It was offering, as an option, to someone who would be a prospective application on a zoning change application, that we would assist in setting up the meeting, having neighbors contacted, and host a meeting and facilitate discussion between a potential applicant and his neighbors, who would be parties who would be invited to a public hearing, if he then decided that he was going to file an application. We thought this had a lot of advantages. We still think it has a lot of advantages. Rather than getting into that discussion, unless you’d like to ask questions, I’ll tell you what the City Council did, yesterday, with this. They deferred it and returned it to the Planning Commission and to the City CPO Councils for further review and recommendation. So based on that, I would recommend to you that you adopt the Resolution with the fee increases, with exception of that provision for this new service, and let that discussion continue over the next month or so and see how that issue may get resolved. I don’t think it would be necessarily appropriate for you to adopt that part of the Resolution at this time, given that we’re going to be continuing to discuss it as far as City applications go. I’ll try to answer any questions you may have about that idea or about the fee schedule in general.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. I’m going to be supportive, I think, of doing it just as you suggested. What would be your attitude or your opinion if someone who is requesting a zone change comes to you and asks you for help in satisfying the needs of the neighbors? Would you voluntarily, then, work with them in setting up some kind of neighborhood meeting or did this action preclude you from doing that? I think there would be times when maybe all folks asking for a zoning request may not want to go that extra step but for someone who is not experienced perhaps in holding neighborhood meetings and trying to resolve conflicts of zoning cases, it looks like there may be some people who would want to use your assistance. Would you volunteer that?”

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Mr. Krout said, "Sure. In fact, I would say we've done it occasionally to date, but we've never publicized it. I guess this was a way of publicizing the fact that we would offer that service. Unfortunately, the publicity hasn't been all positive. I think we would do it. I think what we thought was there really are costs and time involved for the staff, if we were going to do this on more than a once every few months basis, to do it right. So, to do it right, we think it ought to be a little bit more formalized and we ought to charge a fee, that is then credited towards the application fee, when it is filed. But as long as it stays informal and the expectations aren't that we're going to do everything that we think we could do in a more formal process, sure, we would offer to attend meetings or assist property owners and we would continue to do that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution with the exception of Section 21-47 A1, which refers to review prior to zone change application, and defer that Section indefinitely, and refer it to MAPC for further discussion.

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, Marvin, appreciate it. Next item please."

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NEW BUSINESS

D. PRESENTATION DEPICTING ROAD, INTERSECTION AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING 1998. ALL DISTRICTS.

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I don't know who was instrumental in moving this presentation up to the front of the Agenda, it's unfamiliar, but it's great. Appreciate it. We tried to set up a little bit ahead of time. I'd like to report to you, today, on the projects which were constructed in 1998, including roads, bridges and intersections. The map, ahead of me here on my right, shows all projects which were funded in 1998. Also, all of the skim coating and chat sealing projects completed by our road crews are shown on the map.

"This year, we completed 19 miles of skim coating and 14 miles of chat sealing. Funds for these projects come directly from the highway budget. The roads are selected by our staff in January and you are notified by memorandum accordingly. Also, 11 ½ miles of roads were constructed by contract this year. That may seem like a small number, but a lot of those were widening jobs from two lanes to four. Those are extremely expensive projects, as you will see when we go through this. We did 29 miles of roads with a one inch of BM1 hot mix. One intersection was improved with signalization and turn lanes. That is a project let by itself. We had other intersections that were done with road projects. One hundred and three miles of roads were treated with a latex modified slurry seal. Ten bridges were constructed or are under construction by contract. Nine bridges were constructed by our crews. Nineteen miles of shoulders, on both sides of the road, were constructed by our crews. All of the projects are in accordance with Sedgwick County's Capital Improvement Program. The exact locations of all the improvements are shown in your backup material, which I laid on your desk ahead of time.

"The expenditures were depicted in a memo to you on December 1 and I put an extra copy of that in your backup material. In general, so the public knows, the expenditures for 1998 were: \$10,800,000 in sales tax; \$4,500,000 in general obligation bonds for roads; \$3,500,000 for bridges, that included \$2,000,000 of general obligation bonds, \$400,000 sales tax, and \$1,100,000 from the special highway fund; then also we have about a \$8,100,000 highway budget. Also, I would like to mention the special assessment projects. We constructed, or are in the process of constructing, eight sewer projects at a total of \$1,400,000. We constructed, or are in the process of constructing, eight street projects at a total of \$2,000,000. This keeps Mr. Weber and his staff extremely busy. The specific projects are attached in your backup material.

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“Now, we’re ready for the presentation. This will be a little different this year. I think it will be better. We’ve gone to a power point presentation, instead of slides. The thing I like about it is that you’re able to write certain things on each of the pictures and you won’t have to listen to me so much, you can read where the location is and go through it a little faster. I knew you would appreciate it.”

SLIDE PRESENTATION

“Before we go to the first one, so you aren’t shocked, we have before and after pictures on most of the projects. This first project is going to be up around Mount Hope and it is a project done by Cornejo. This is a before picture and you see a description of each one at the top. This isn’t finished yet, so we need to say this is during. Like I said, Cornejo the contractor. Sales tax, \$817,000 total.”

Commissioner Miller said, “How many miles of coverage was that, Dave?”

Mr. Spears said, “This will be approximately two miles total on this. The cost is a little higher than out on a County road because a lot of this is in the city and it costs a little more when the contractor is in close quarters. These are connecting links. This is a before picture. Well, it is 101st at Ohio Street looking east. This will be finished up next spring. Again, that is before. See some of what we had to go through. I know that’s not real impressive, but we had to dig out all the dirt and start from the bottom and come up because this is one we had to change to put in the rock and tinsar material. That is part of the process. Most of these are the before and afters, taken in approximately the same location.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Dave, these’s are in Mount Hope?”

Mr. Spears said, “Mount Hope, yes sir. We have connecting links through there. This is the first year we’ve reconstructed, though. Starting to look a little better there. We will get that finished next spring.

“The next project is on 151st Street. This is known as Bentley Road. It’s a before picture. This is about a four mile project, cost a million dollars. There is a before. After. Before. These before pictures were taken with slides, before we did the power point. We had to take the slides and get them digitized, that’s why some of the before’s are that way, a little darker. This road was in pretty bad shape before we redid it.

“Now we’re on Ridge Road, next project. This is a widening project to four lanes. We saved that road and added two lanes to the side. Almost \$1,250,000.”

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Commissioner Miller said, "How long did that job take, Dave?"

Mr. Spears said, "That's a good question. I know we did that in this construction season. It was not a carry over."

Commissioner Miller said, "Less than a year."

Mr. Spears said, "Oh yes. New railroad crossing was installed with the job. This is the next project on Central. This is between Greenwich and 127th Street. This was a pretty expensive project. Widening to four lanes was part of our process, in our CIP, that we're doing to all the roads out there. Of course this isn't finished yet, it is in the process. That's \$2,500,000 for one mile of road."

Commissioner Miller said, "One mile?"

Mr. Spears said, "One mile. That's to widen to four lanes, storm sewer, curb and gutter. Before."

Commissioner Miller said, "Was right-of-way costly here, too?"

Chairman Schroeder said, "We had some problems on this."

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, we had a few condemnations."

Commissioner Gwin said, "We had open ditches before, too, so we had to make a lot of changes out there."

Mr. Spears said, "The drainage is what really added to it. Intersection, still in process. This is the next project. This one, we partnered with the City on. They paid about half of it. Ritchie did the work or is in the process of. This one is almost finished, you'll see in the next few slides. It was \$1,500,000. Like I said, the City paid half. Again, that is a before picture. There's an after. This is in front of Raytheon's plant four."

Chairman Schroeder said, "They ought to appreciate that one, Dave."

Mr. Spears said, "We did receive a very nice letter from them. See the turn lane that was added, also, for lefts. Before, of course. After. Pretty proud of that project. Next, 77th Street, up north, between Broadway and Meridian. This was of course a gravel road that we paved. That's the cost, about \$600,000, two miles. I'll flip through these. This ties in Valley Center and this road leads over to Broadway and of course on over by the Greyhound Park."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Dave, tell us again what the life expectancy of these new roads are for the public's benefit."

Mr. Spears said, "As you know, Commissioner, every five years we do preventive maintenance. Five years from now, this road will have some sort of preventive maintenance, such as the latex modified slurry seal. Five years after that we'll do a BM1 overlay and then we just keep that process up. That is what makes our roads last so long. Right now, we have roads that are just like new, that we built 15 years ago."

Chairman Schroeder said, "So it keeps you from rebuilding a road by doing the maintenance every five years."

Mr. Spears said, "That's right. I know we do get calls from citizens asking why are you doing something to this road, there is nothing wrong with it but you know what they say about an ounce of prevention. That's one thing that has led to, I believe, our success and what I consider the best road system in the state."

"This is a pretty nice project because it ties Valley Center back into the east. That's the last one for that. The next one is a carry over project from last year, which is Meridian between the northern city limits of Wichita and Valley Center. That's a before picture. The cost on that is \$6,500,000, that includes the bridge, widening to four lanes, storm sewer, curb and gutter."

Commissioner Miller said, "Dave, when is the city slotted to widen their end of it?"

Mr. Spears said, "I know they're pressing forward with that, because they received a lot of calls about it. I think it will be, not this next year, I think in two years."

Commissioner Miller said, "Two years before they can actually go four lane all the way south to K-96 or 235."

Mr. Spears said, "Again, that is an after picture, of course. This is a before picture of the bridge, our famous bridge. Another picture. A two year project. It is one of the bigger projects we've had. Again, that's a before. After. Before. There's after."

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“We’re ready for the next project. This is 21st between K-96 and the Butler County line. This was a safety project, where we sort of made, I don’t want to say a super two, but we widened out the two lane and put shoulders on it and did some other safety improvements as you can see as we go through here, with turn lanes. A million dollars. Eventually, we’ll be going to four lanes on this road, just like Central, 13th, 21st, all of those. We’re getting a lot of traffic. Andover is building up. A lot of development. Before. After. See the extra lane. See the traffic on the road.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Who do you talk into taking those pictures, Dave, standing out in the middle of traffic.”

Mr. Spears said, “Jerry Day.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Good pictures, Jerry.”

Mr. Spears said, “Note the trees on both sides on the before.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “You took them all out.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Way to go, Dave, that’s good.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Dave, was that an incline lane? Can you go back to that? On the left hand side there, what is that, a turn bay?”

Mr. Spears said, “Yes, to turn right. If you want to make a right turn, you can get over in the decel lane and turn right.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “So now we do a dashed line all the way up from the solid white line. Is that where that goes? That dashed line goes all the way back now?”

Mr. Spears said, “Yes. See the right.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “So now we do the dashed line all the way back to where the lane begins?”

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Mr. Spears said, "Yes. Our 'Entering Sedgwick County' sign isn't there but it is up, as of today. We noticed that in the picture. Okay, the next project, down by Derby. Derby participated in this. Rock Road between 79th and 87th, that is a before picture. After. This is about a \$2,500,000 job. This is one mile. The big thing in this, why it's so expensive, is we widened a bridge over Spring Creek from two lanes to four. Before. After. I should mention that Derby participated to the amount of \$642,000 on this project. There was where the bridge was two lane. The new one."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Dave, tell the public about what you found there and what you did with it."

Mr. Spears said, "Okay, I'd forgotten about that. I wasn't going to mention that, but where we drilled for the piling, the drill came up and hooked onto the bottom of the drill was a 2,000 pound piece of gypsum. One of our employees, Jay Weerakoon, he is a sculptor. He said he would sculpt a small Keeper of the Plains for our new building. Of course, I was skeptical, as most of us engineers don't have a lot of talent like that. But it turned out really, really nice and I know that all of you have seen it down in the new building and we're very proud of it."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I know there were a lot of complaints about the bridge being closed so long, but I know you ran into extra trouble."

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, with the rock. It took longer to get through that we had anticipated."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That was hard to get out to the public, to the media, to make them understand that we had some difficulties."

Mr. Spears said, "It didn't go exactly as planned."

Chairman Schroeder said, "But it is a great bridge. It serves that Mulvane-Derby route very well."

Commissioner Gwin said, "And the sculpture is beautiful, too. So it all worked out."

Mr. Spears said, "This is a pretty good picture here. That's the high school right there."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Dave, one question. When is that scheduled to be widened from that point to Mulvane? That's in the CIP for two years?"

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Mr. Spears said, "The year 2000. This is 21st Street North, and this is from K-96 over to the Wichita city limits, one mile. All of these are after. We did not have any before on this. The new theater goes right here. That's a little sign for it."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Is this 21st, between east city limits and K-96 project?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes Ma'am. We get a lot of compliments. We probably get more compliments on the sidewalks and bike paths, than we do the road amazingly enough?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Is that because you make them crooked like that?"

Mr. Spears said, "Well."

Commissioner Miller said, "Dave, on the sidewalk paths, do we seed and maintain them when they are in the County, in an unincorporated area? We put those in, don't we?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, we put in the sidewalks."

Commissioner Miller said, "We seed them, sod them?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, we do that. Maintenance has really not come into play, at this point, because most of them are annexed by the city and it would be under their policy. What they do, they do special assessments to the adjacent property owners to redo the sidewalk when they become bad."

Commissioner Miller said, "I'm talking about the grass that never grows and the trees that die, particularly on Hillside."

Mr. Spears said, "Right. One of the problems is, of course, we don't have a sprinkler system and we have to depend on mother nature."

Commissioner Miller said, "You just kind of do it and then it's . . ."

Mr. Spears said, "Yes. Hope to get lucky and get a good stand of grass. This is where, in the future, we'll have an interchange right here. That is K-96 going across Greenwich. There will be an interchange over on this side of the road and that will be let next year."

Commissioner Hancock said, "That will be a County project or a state and County project?"

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Mr. Spears said, "County and developer project. The first one ever where the developer helps pay for it. This is 47th Street. This is a carry over project. These are all after slides. This is a road between Oliver and Rock Road and this serves Boeing and their traffic."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That was a long time coming, too, wasn't it Dave?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes. This was two lane. We had done the bridge in a previous year and so it was wide enough."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Right south of McConnell."

Mr. Spears said, "You can see the plane there. We have signs there to tell people do not park along the side and stop and look at the airplanes because it is a safety problem. In fact, there was wreck there just a couple of weeks ago. Now the skim coat and chat seal. We're not going to do all the miles on that, of course. We'll show you one significant project down on McIntosh by Derby. This is the before picture. We spend \$375,000 on all of the skim coating this year."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Notice there are no ditches."

Mr. Spears said, "This is a township road, or was. It has been a thorn in everyone's side for years, so we finally skim coated it. This is a cold mix process, which basically holds the road for about five years, until something more can be done. But when a project comes then, there is going to have to be ditches or curb and gutter and storm sewer, because the drainage is very poor. Before. After. The lines weren't finished yet. That's it. We did 19 miles of this type of road this year."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Those photographs don't really do justice for that project. When you go out and look at it, that road meandered, got off its original path if you will, it meandered and the ditches were filled in over the years. I think the east side of the street had some ditches in it, the west side really had no ditches. The water actually would run into people's yards and garages when they had a big rain. So what David's crew did, they went and realigned the road, rebuilt the ditches, and it has been a marvelous change in the lifestyle for those people who lived there and people who commute from 63rd back up McIntosh into Derby. It has really been a great project. It is one that those people really needed and it is a township road. I think part of it is in the City of Derby and part of it is in the township. It was one that needed to be done and I appreciate everybody allowing us to do that down there."

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Mr. Spears said, "I think in the long run, Derby will end up annexing it. I don't know when, but that's long term. Now, the one intersection project, down at MacArthur and West Street. Mainly, the major cause of improving this was the Cessna traffic. See the signal there now. It was a four way stop. Cost \$350,000 approximately. Cornejo. Before. After. Before. Someday when it is warranted, it will be wide enough to go to four lanes without a whole lot of problems.

"Now for the slurry seal. We're really proud of our maintenance program. Like I said, we did 103 miles of this this year, at a cost of about \$2,000,000. That figures out to about \$20,000 per mile. Sales tax. Ballou, probably the premier contractor on this type of work. When you let that many miles, that is a good price for this type of improvement. All of these are on MacArthur. Like I said, we did 103 miles, but all of these are on MacArthur, these scenes. That's all of that.

"BM1 overlay, like I say, at the ten year mark we do the BM1. This particular year we did 29 miles of this, just one inch thick. Cornejo was the contractor, \$832,000. Now for the bridges.

"The first one, this is a before, of course, and I'll point out this is a bridge over Cowskin Creek. The new bridge was raised three feet above this bridge. The water, in the Halloween flood, came to right there, and that bridge is three feet above the old one. So it would have been above the old one. There's the old one again. That pipe is a measuring pipe to measure the height of the water, a gauge. There's the new one. Pretty nice improvement.

"The next project. All these are the before. You can really see the problems we have out there. We have 660 bridges. King Construction."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That looks like a Civil War picture back there."

Mr. Spears said, "Some relics there. There it is."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Need guys in uniforms with muskets, we're set."

Mr. Spears said, "Just want you and the public to get the feel for how some of these are. We put a good dent into it because for the last 15 years we've been putting \$3,000,000 a year into the bridges and only recently we went down to \$2,000,000. We're still putting a good dent in it. This is another project. Excuse me, that's the same one. This is the next one."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That's on the Cowskin did you say?"

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Mr. Spears said, "That was the second bridge, it was not. The first one, the big bridge, was over the Cowskin, that one was not."

Chairman Schroeder said, "These are just creeks?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes. I've got a couple more coming up, one on a tributary of the Cowskin and another one on the Cowskin. Here again, we make these about 28 feet wide, so that the farm implements can get down without tearing the railings off or anything. Same bridge. This is the same bridge, still.

"The next two bridges are on the same road, 29th Street North between 119th and 135th. One of them is on a tributary of the Cowskin and that is this one. That's what the top looks like. That's what we had. That's what we have, now."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That obviously was obstructing the flow of water."

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, many of them do. You can go all up and down the Cowskin and the tributaries and see many blockages, beaver dams, tires, refrigerators, stoves. Just about anything you want to name. Now, this one is over the Cowskin. This bridge, we raised the height of this bridge six feet. That's the new one. The water here went to the top of the pier cap, it was right there at the flood. That bridge, keep in mind, was six feet above the one that was there. Same bridge. That's the new one. Next project. Pretty good size bridge. This is over a branch of Chisolm Creek. The old. The new."

Chairman Schroeder said, "How old was that bridge, Dave? Was that a Public Works project?"

Mr. Spears said, "The one before? I really don't know, Commissioner. I didn't get the year."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Do you have those records?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, we have the records on all of them. Each bridge has a record from when it was built to now and the improvements that have been done. We have what is called a BRISK program by KDOT and every other year we update that. We have to, in order to be eligible for federal funds. That's why I know we have 660 bridges. Pretty nice looking structure.

"Next project, 103rd Street South between Hoover and West. A little grass on that one, Commissioner Miller."

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Commissioner Miller said, "Thanks for pointing that out, Dave."

Mr. Spears said, "We had a safety project, two of them. We have six bridges in the County that have this type of problem and the bridges were constructed in a way with a pin and hanger, what is known as pin and hanger. This is the improvement made. I'll try to show you what can happen. This is a \$144,000, on Viola Road between 79th and 87th Street South. But the joint pulls apart and you have a problem with the girders where they might, I don't want to get anybody alarmed, but they might fall down at a position that is not proper."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'm alarmed."

Mr. Spears said, "What you do, you put in a new expansion joint and there is a rubber seal in there. Part of the problem was that water goes down through there. It won't on the new one."

Chairman Schroeder said, "David, a few years ago, nation wide, pin and hanger bridges were in question because of some problems back east, if I recall. We did an inspection of all of our bridges to see how many pin and hanger bridges we had and to look at the conditions."

Mr. Spears said, "I believe we have six, no we have eight, no six. These two we did this year and we have four more to go. It is an ultrasonic inspection because they have to see if the pin and the bolt is rusting. If they rust out, it will come apart. That is what the problem is. So we have that inspected every other year. KDOT works with us on it. They pay 80% of it. This is a finished deal, you can see where they painted . . . you'll see on the next bridge it has a better picture of it. The same situation, down on a bridge south of Clearwater over the Ninnescah. It is a replacement of all the joints. Here again, utility was a little better. That's what happens. See, it's rust. There it is. All that rust there, this bolt will rust out and that pin will rust and if they come in two, you have a pretty big problem. You can see the gap between them. This has been completed but you can see what would happen if that pulled apart. This is new. The bolts are new and the pin is new. That pin is about 2 ½ inches in diameter. That's old. That's new."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Dave, have they stopped making pin and hanger?"

Mr. Spears said, "We don't do them anymore. It was a long time ago and we have our eye on them. We're right on top of it. It is fortunate that we did get to these two when we did. We paid for these with sales tax money. This is over and above the \$2,000,000 because we already had the program set for the \$2,000,000 and it was critical that we go in and get these repaired."

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“This is the bridges by our County personnel. I like to show these. I’m very proud of our guys who build these wooden bridges. It helps us replace some things that are pretty bad. All of these are just after pictures. All pretty much the same but this keeps our crews busy. Nine of these we built this year. Spent \$90,000 on materials, plus our labor over and above that. Of course, we pick the ones that are most critical, with the lowest load limit. Townships, we get input from all the townships. Even the bridges on township roads are our responsibility. That bridge is done and the land owner came and put the barb wire fence, I think he even hammered the wire onto our bridge there. That won’t last long, if something comes down the pike.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “That’s your first obstruction, right there, if you have trees and brush get into it. How long, Dave, does it take for them to build one of these bridges?”

Mr. Spears said, “Like I say, we do nine a year. So if you did twelve a year, it would be . . . it takes a little over a month, then, for each one. What would that be? Six weeks, maybe. Plus, I don’t even show the culverts that they also do. That’s it for the bridges. I have one slide left and this is our new engineering building, which we’re most proud of. I know all the employees are really happy to be there. I’m happy to be there. I think morale has gone up and productivity. We appreciate your support.”

Commissioner Winters said, “You could have done a before and after on this building and showed the facility you came out of, an old laundromat.”

Mr. Spears said, “In case that ever comes up, we have a book that Jerry took of pictures of the old building.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Do you have a list of floor elevations in the old building too?”

Mr. Spears said, “No, just the ground floor.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “That’s what I’m talking about, the floor elevations on the ground floor. It was awful.”

Mr. Spears said, “This was almost a \$4,000,000 project and will serve the County well for many years to come. It was designed by MVP, McCluggage, VanSickle and Perry, and built by Donlinger. I give them credit. We couldn’t be happier. Thank you for your support. That concludes the presentation.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Great presentation. Dave, I know you guys, your crews put a lot of time and effort into maintaining our roads and they do a wonderful job. I know they don't get enough credit for what they do. They work awfully hard and those long, hot summers, typically in Kansas, can be very difficult summers because of the heat and also some of the passersby who are probably not too excited about going around construction projects and slowing down their traffic. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, thank your folks for us for a job well done this year. Commissioner Winters has a comment."

Commissioner Winters said, "I just want to echo. I want to thank Jerry Dey for putting that together. That was a very good presentation. It worked out great and that was great."

Chairman Schroeder said, "There is one other photograph that we found, David, that we're trying to figure out what this is. It is right up here on the board. We went through a list of ideas here."

Mr. Spears said, "The ten most wanted."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Well, you're close. The Public Relations Office and Legal sat down and these are the ones we came up with, FBI post office photo, CIA terrorist suspect, 30 year old Santa Claus, this is the one we think it is, or a County engineer. We wanted you to help us out with this. Do you recognize this picture, Dave?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, it looks like I have my mouth open there."

Chairman Schroeder said, "We just thought we wanted to add that to the slide presentation, but since you did the digital thing today, we weren't able to slip it into the slide presentation."

Mr. Spears said, "As soon as the hair turns gray and the beard turns gray, you can't do that anymore."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Merry Christmas, Dave."

Mr. Spears said, "Thank you for finding that and sharing that."

Chairman Schroeder said, "We wanted to share it with the entire community, as a matter of fact. We will frame that so you can take it home to your wife and kids. We will remove the question mark and put your name below it. We just wanted to make sure who it was. Great job. David, thank you. I'd entertain a motion to receive and file."

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thanks, Dave, you did a good job."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Before we leave this area, I don't know if you're aware. I'm sure you are, but maybe the other Commissioners aren't aware of it. Dave and his office has started the largest bridge project ever in the County in crossing the Arkansas River on 83rd Street South. They've already changed the landscape down there tremendously. It is going to be quite a project. I know in a couple of years when that is done, the citizens down there are going to be very appreciative of the new bridge and the approach to it and so forth. It is right by my house and it is fascinating to watch all this go on."

Mr. Spears said, "We're very excited about it."

Commissioner Hancock said, "In a couple years we'll see that on our show."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That's great. What's the cost of that project, Dave?"

Mr. Spears said, "That is almost a \$5,000,000 project, of which the feds pay 80% or \$4,000,000."

Chairman Schroeder said, "You can't beat that. I appreciate you reminding us of that, Bill. That is going to be a great project. Thanks, Dave. Next item please."

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E. TREASURER'S OFFICE.

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX JUDGEMENTS TO BECOME DORMANT.

Ms. Jan Kennedy, County Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Any pictures from my past will be categorically denied. I'm here today with two issues for you. The first is a resolution to authorize the 20 year old, already judgmental, delinquent personal property taxes to become dormant. We, by statute, are not allowed to collect after they become 20 years old. This year the amount we'll take off the books is a little over 1.3 million, 1.1 million in general tax, \$7.70 in special taxes, \$204,000 roughly in interest and fees. At the time, since these are from 1977, just to refresh your memory, this at that time included motor vehicles also, because this was prior to the separation of the motor vehicle taxes. So at that time, motor vehicles were also part of the personal property tax roll. I believe this is about maybe one more year, but either this year or next year is the last year that that will be true because after that they were separated and it won't be so big in the future. It is because of the size of this, we're working to do some collection a little earlier in the process. Are there any questions?"

Chairman Schroeder said, "I see no questions. Commissioners, I'd entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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2. TAX DISTRIBUTION CALENDAR FOR 1999.

Ms. Kennedy said, "As last year, we provide to the taxing units within the district, including Sedgwick County, a calendar that shows the statutory distribution dates of those taxes that we distributed to those areas. That way, they can plan in advance when they're going to receive their monies and budget it and take care of their cash management, also. We do this, primarily, to enable our governing partners to do better planning and management of funds. We also, at the same time we send these out, we ask for updated wire transfer authorizations so we always have current authorizations on file for use. We, of course, encourage wire transfers to our taxing partners. Some of them still want an old fashioned treasurer's check, so they get it. I would appreciate it if you would approve the distribution of this calendar."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Distribution Calendar.

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

Ms. Kennedy said, "Today, tomorrow and Friday and again one day next week, during differing hours of the day, my staff and I or someone from my staff and myself will be in the Oaklawn Community Center. We will be assisting those citizens who have an inability to come to the courthouse and gathering up the documents they need to complete the refund of the '93 taxes arising from the Boeing sewer dispute. That's just so you know if you get some calls, hopefully they won't be complaining of the fact that we've actually gone out to help them, but it is possible that someone won't like it, so I'll warn you in advance. It is true, we are doing it. Thank you."

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

F. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Mr. Daryl Gardener, Controller, Accounting Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This policy establishes guidelines for the identification and disposition of surplus property, other than real estate. The policy sets up guidelines and procedures for us to follow. Generally, they are the same as what we're using now, but this just puts it into a policy and it also allows me and the Director of Operations and the Purchasing Manager to establish the value of surplus property and if the value is less than \$50, by statute, then we will be able to sale, donate or discard the property, as we see fit."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thanks, Daryl. Next item please."

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G. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

1. RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND AND TAX EXEMPTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Would request that this item be deferred one week for further review."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. Discussion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to defer Item G-1 for one week.

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."

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2. AGREEMENTS (TWO) WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS TO PROVIDE TRANSIT SERVICE TO THE OAKLAWN/SUNVIEW AREA FOR 1998 AND 1999.

Ms. Hart said, "Since 1991, Sedgwick County has financed a fixed route and transit service to the Oaklawn community. The service has been provided continuously since 1991. It has taken us quite a while, this year, to negotiate the 1998 contract, due to changes in organizational structure and policy with the Metropolitan Transit Authority, which is now the Wichita Transit Authority. We're proposing two agreements, one of \$23,673 for 1998 and \$24,220 for 1999. Both of these agreements were approved by the Wichita City Council, yesterday. I'd be happy to try and answer any questions you might have."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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3. CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH BUILDERS, INC. FOR OPERATION OF THE FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE LOCATED AT 5755 SOUTH HOOVER ROAD, WICHITA, KANSAS.

Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Economic Development Specialist, Department of Housing and Economic Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As a grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone #161, the Sedgwick County Foreign Trade Zone, the Board of County Commissioners contracts with a private firm, to serve as operator of the general purpose zone. This is located at 5755 South Hoover Road. Ever since we have activated the zone, we have contracted with Builders, Incorporated, to serve as operator. In doing this, we have entered into a contract with that company. This contract is reviewed every two years and is renewed. The action that I'm requesting this morning is that you renew the contract with Builders, Inc., to serve as the operator of Foreign-Trade Zone #161. If you have questions, I will address those. The contract will be effective through the year 2000."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Contract 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, "Thanks, Louanna. Next item please. Before we go on to the next item, I've been asked if we could take a quick break, to do some set up for some technical stuff."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 10:30 a.m. and returned at 10:40 a.m.

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Chairman Schroeder said, "I'll call the meeting back to order. Next item please."

H. BUREAU OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. PRESENTATION OF PREVENTION FUND REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

Ms. Jeanette Partridge, Contract Administrator, COMCARE (Comprehensive Community Care) greeted the the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to present the recommendations of the Prevention Fund Review Committee. As part of a continuing commitment to reducing the need for further expansion of the Jail and Juvenile Detention facility, the Board of County Commissioners provided \$1,000,000 for the 1999 Prevention Fund. This is the second full year of operations for the Prevention Fund.

"Prevention funds are allocated through a competitive request for proposal process. There are a committee of ten people, both County and external, that review the proposals. A total of 16 proposals were received, well below the 30 received the prior year. Due to the limited number and small response, we decided allocate half of the prevention fund at this time and to issue another RFP to solicit more responses for the remaining amount. The second RFP has been issued and responses are due December 15.

"The Committee recommended to fund five of the current proposals, not to fund seven and to defer four for consideration in the second round. They had some questions, which they request a response to.

"The five proposals recommended for funding are: Big Brothers and Sisters; Communities in Schools; DCCCA - Youth Resource Center; Kansas School for Effective Learning (KANSEL) - Training and Employment Program; Tiyospaye - Pueblo Adolescent Program. All five are current contractors who received grants from the 1998 and I'll share some of the progress to date of these.

"Big Brothers and Big Sisters, a one-on-one mentoring program for at-risk youth, the committee recommended funding at \$156,476. This is the same as last year. They've had very good outcomes, progress, meaning their outcomes, meaning three of the four that they've set and the four they are just waiting for a measurement. The Committee recommended funding at the last year's level because it looks, to date, that they will not meet the goal of matching 200 youth and the other proposal included money for an additional 100, so they recommended funding at the previous year's rate.

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“Communities in School offers services to increase the academic and social success of at-risk youth through the schools. The performance to date merits an ‘A’ of meeting their outcome goals. It’s true that they did not meet, one site met it and the other site did not quite reach it. They serve Oaklawn and Cooper Elementary schools. The Committee recommended fully funding them at the requested rate of \$124,241 and that’s a 25% increase over last year’s grant.

“The DCCCA’s Youth Resource Center provides intervention services for youth ages 8 to 13 who have been arrested and processed through Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center. It’s a new program. It began through the grant from the 1998 Prevention Fund. It had mixed performance on the outcome goals, rating about a grade of a C. It is new. It began March twenty fifth of last year. The funding was contingent on their ability to increase the amount of kids they served and improved continuance on the outcome goals.

“KANSEL offers educational instruction for at-risk youth to complete their GEDs or high school diplomas and also offers employment services. The committee recommended funding them at \$78,265 and that’s a 75% increase over last year’s grant. The performance, to date, is rated a C+. We’re waiting on some information. I did receive that this morning. It’s expected that their grade will go up as soon as I review that information.

“Tiyospaye, Pueblo Program, is a substance abuse treatment program for adolescents. It includes both an educational and early intervention component, as well as primary treatment. The committee recommended funding them at \$80,000. That is a 60% increase over last year’s grant. They’ve had some real good, positive short-term outcomes. I expect the grade of ‘B’ to go up when the long-term goals become measurable. They’ve also done a very good job of collaborating with other agencies in the community.

“That’s a summary of the program’s requested funding. Before you are the agencies and the amounts that were recommended. The recommended action is for the Commission to select the proposals to initiate prevention fund contracts. Several of the agency representatives are here today, If you have questions and I am available for any questions you have.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. We do have questions. Commissioner Gwin.”

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. Jeanette, can you go back to the KANSEL slide? This one, I guess the question is, talk to me about the panel's recommendation that we increase the funding by 75% over last years, when measurements aren't complete and the grade, whoever assigned that, is the lowest of the grades we have. What makes us think that this, or what makes you and others think this is going to improve over this year's performance?"

Ms. Partridge said, "It is that they hadn't been able to compile the measures. They had developed a new data base and I now have the measures. She faxed it to me this morning. The 'C+' wasn't the lowest grade, but committee members felt that it was a needed service. These kids, typically they are kids who are on probation that have been suspended or expelled from school. They don't go back to public school. This may be their only way of getting that education and getting that step. Also, we provide them employment assistance and they have vocational classes that they offer, like manufacturing classes where they can gain skills where they can get a job and earn a legitimate living."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So this, for the public then, this is a very targeted group of youth, meeting very specific criteria, as far as their problems in school, and their ability to continue their education. Is that correct?"

Ms. Partridge said, "That's my understanding. Carolyn Bunch is here if you have further questions on the program."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Sure."

Ms. Carolyn Bunch said, "I'm Executive Director, KANSEL, the Kansas School for Effective Learning."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Carolyn, just questions and this will be something that the public will want some questions answered. This program has been recommended that we increase its funding substantially. Can you tell me, on behalf of the public, then, to answer the question I asked Janette? What work do you have to offer that the program will increase or improve over the next year with the additional funding?"

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Ms. Bunch said, “The students that we serve at KANSEL are students that are coming to us through the court system. The majority of these students have been expelled from the Wichita Public Schools and can’t return. Some of them can’t even test for the GED at Grove Campus because they’ve been expelled forever. What the court is asking us to do and what the students are searching for is assistance in preparing to pass the GED, so that they will be able to find meaningful employment or go on to college. The students that we work with, what we found in the last year and the reason we asked for an increase, and this is a new program, but in looking at our students, there are a great number of the students that are really unprepared to pass the GED. People have the perception that the GED is an easy test to pass and that anyone can do it. On a national average, if you gave the GED to high-school seniors, the minimum score for the GED is 40 and high-school seniors would only score nationally at 50 points on the GED, which is what our students are scoring. But we have a great number of students that are not ready. So what we’re asking for is additional funds so we can add remedial training for the students, math and reading. Many of these students began at a pre-GED level, just building strategies. One of our girls that just finished and just got off probation is 18 years old and could not count change. Our math teacher is going ‘oh my gosh, she passed’.

“That’s what we do and that’s why we are asking for additional funds. We’ve had tremendous success this year. We have students who have finished the GED and gotten off probation and are now working at Beech, Boeing, Cessna, Leer, that are in college. That’s our philosophy, we feel that if we can assist them in finishing their education, getting job skills, such as computer skills or manufacturing training, getting into employment or getting into college or the military, then they will have more options in their life and not reoffend.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Are part of the outcomes that you want, do you have, based upon the number of youth that you see, do you have a percentage or a number of those contacted or who were referred to you that you want to achieve their GEDs or have you identified that kind of percentage or the number of successes that you’re looking for?”

Ms. Partridge said, “Right, for next year we’ve increased that. We know that if we add the extra math and the reading classes that we’ll have even more graduates. We have, to date, and this is just based on 16 to 18 year olds, we have many more that are 19 and up. Ages range from 16 to 72 to get the GED, but we’re just focusing on this program on the school age youth, 16 to 18 year olds and we have 33 GED completions and about 47 that have gotten the GED or gotten a job and they’re in the process.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I appreciate the additional information.”

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Ms. Partridge said, "The reason for our grade, that's because we developed a brand new data base and we were not prepared to turn in our numbers until we were sure we could verify those and if any of the Commissioners wanted to come to our office and look at our numbers and verify them, then you can do that now. Follow me back to the office and you can validate that our numbers are absolutely correct. That's why we hadn't turned in those numbers just yet. Also, one of our measures would not have been able to be reported on until December because it was a 12 month measure. But we're finding that a majority of our students are getting, the ones that are prepared, the ones that are ready to get the GED, will get it in three to six months. The others that we're going to be working on pre-GED for three to six months before they are even ready."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you for the additional information. Appreciate you being here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "You bet. Commissioner Miller."

Commissioner Miller said, "Actually, I'm flipping through a packet of information that I received at the news conference yesterday that the Youth Group associated with Action '98, adolescents coming together to inform others of our needs, they had results and recommendations that came before us. There were five, if I recall, major concerns and I know there is at least one organization that we are considering funding that ties directly into that. It looks as though their top five concern areas for youth were: one, alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; two, they didn't have anything to do, no where to go; three, fighting or violence; four, teen pregnancy or teen sex; and number five, gangs.

"So, when I look at the groups that we are proposing or recommending for actual funding, currently, I'm looking at Big Brothers and Sisters, who would tie in directly to all five of those areas, Communities in Schools, who definitely are able to at an early stage not in a youth but in the family's life at being able to curb all five of those youth concern areas. DCCCA, which is more targeted in its ability to intervene in a youth's life and then definitely KANSEL, which we discussed, is very targeted. Tiyospaye is a very, it is not unique, but it is certainly is targeted in what it does. It is targeted in the area that is definitely a major concern of our youth and that is drug and alcohol use and we know that that is an indicator, when families not only are concerned but are involved in an abusive way of drugs and alcohol, that overflows into the youth or child's life. It is a pleasure for me to see what the review committee has recommended to us as a Board to support. That they all tie in to the five major concerns that our youth, who it is we are attempting to look at and identify as some concern areas and agree with them that we're doing exactly that.

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“Now, let me get to some numbers here. We had 16 organizations that submitted requests for proposals to our committee. Out of that, five of those were suggested to be funded. We’ve got those right up there on the screen. Seven were slotted not to fund because they didn’t meet under the criteria. I’m believing that would be the major reason for us doing that. Four of those were deferred for second round of funding. In that second round of funding, those organizations, I’m looking at their dollar amount that their proposals are adding up to and it is approximately \$220,000 plus, a little bit more. Then the total amount that we have for prevention funding is \$1,000,000. Those that we’re recommending today, those five, equals up to \$550,000 plus, so what remains is \$249,000 plus. We’ve got still \$220,000 to fund, it looks like, the ability to fund, put into our community to target preventing youth from entering into the juvenile justice system. I’m looking for the response, the request for proposals for the second round. Can you update us where we are on that and do you think we will actually spend all the money in the second round? Where are we?”

Ms. Partridge said, “I haven’t heard from Purchasing. They’re due next week, by the 15th of December.”

Commissioner Miller said, “So they’re still coming in.”

Ms. Partridge said, “I’ve had several calls. I’ve actually met with some people to make sure that the pieces were there and offered any support that I could, as part of the request for proposal process. I suspect we’ll probably get about the same number of responses. I’ve tried, personally, to distribute the RFP to different agencies, more grass roots. I’ve gone to the Neighborhood Initiative Meetings and done some outreach to try to increase the response. As far as the agencies that were deferred, they were proposals that really the committee members had questions on. They weren’t 100% sure if they wanted to fund them or not. They wanted to know what does this mean and those types of questions. They’ll be in the mix with everyone else.”

Commissioner Miller said, “It is also good to hear that you, the committee, basically, hopefully, has a finger on the pulse of the community in terms of needs, in terms of the area that we, as a county, need and want to focus in on and looking to pull in those types of requests for proposals, so that we can utilize the money to its optimum is what I’m getting at.”

Ms. Partridge said, “The request for proposals key off the three priority risk factors that were identified in the planning process for the Juvenile Justice Authority, the early and persistent anti-social behavior, the family management problems and lack of commitment to school. I think if you go through there you can see that we did a good do a good job of getting agencies that target those areas.”

Commissioner Miller said, “I believe that, definitely. Those were the comments I needed to make

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now, thank you.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Just briefly wanted to follow-up with Commissioner Gwin’s, some of her questions about KANSEL. One of the parts we found in this community planning process where there is a gap is, and I agree with the zero tolerance policy that the school has on a number of issues, but once somebody is out of school they’re out and then where do you help that young person get connected back in. So, I think there is a gap if they’re not going to fit in the school system what can we do. I think KANSEL is on a track there that I think is a good one.

“The other thing I would say is, again agreeing with Commissioner Miller, she was talking about the Youth Council and their press conference and how these fit in. I think these do also fit in very well with the community planning teams recommendations and think one of the things that all of the people who have requested, who have submitted proposals or want to, is to continue to realize that we’re looking for outcomes that support the continuation of the programs. If the outcomes aren’t there, that doesn’t necessarily mean they’re doing bad work or are bad people, but I think what we’re looking for as a Board of County Commissioners is outcomes that are going to help move these risk factors into a less of a real challenge and there are programs that can move these risk factors and that’s what we are about. I think these five that Jeanette, your committee has come up with, I’m fully supportive of those five. I think they have great programs going on.

“Keep us in tune, as Commissioner Miller was talking about the second round. Please let us know if there is any kind of problem or catch as soon as you determine that. I think I’d probably like to know who is in this second round, as soon as we could.”

Ms. Partridge said, “I will get that information as soon as it is available.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, thank you.”

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the committee's recommendations.

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	Absent at vote
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

2. AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE TO PROVIDE UTILIZATION REVIEW SERVICES.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item involves family consultation services, purchasing some psychiatric time from COMCARE. The utilization review process is part of what is required, in terms of being a community mental health center and accessing revenues through the Medicaid process. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Debbie. Questions 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	Absent at vote
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

3. CONTRACT WITH FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE TO PROVIDE MEDICAID WAIVER HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED YOUTH.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, again as we've seen with some other providers, this is another agreement to provide services for the children's mental health waiver. This is still a relatively new concept. We're still in the first year of it. This allows them to be a participant and provide services for that reason. 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 Miller moved to approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

- 4. ADDITION OF TWO INTAKE SPECIALIST POSITIONS, RANGE 19, AND ONE ASSESSMENT COUNSELOR, RANGE 17, TO; AND DELETION OF FIVE TEMPORARY FULL-TIME ASSESSMENT COUNSELOR POSITIONS FROM; THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE) STAFFING TABLE.**

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, this is focused on the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Program and essentially trading out some positions for others and really the idea is a move towards more full-time positions within that program, feeling that would provide a little more stability and continuity for what is provided. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the adjustments to the COMCARE Staffing Table.

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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**5. AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH KELLEY DETENTION SERVICES, INC.
REGARDING OFF-SITE JUVENILE DETENTION HOUSING.**

Ms. Cecile Gough, Operations Administrator, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have an amended agreement with Kelley Juvenile Detention Services for the provision of off-site juvenile detention housing. The amendments provide for an increase of \$5.00 per client day, effective July 1, 1999, and increases the number of guaranteed beds that we have with them from 21 to 25. Our average daily population off-site is 32. We would ask approval of this Amended Agreement."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Amended 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	Absent at vote
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Melody C. Miller	Aye
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

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I. CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT.

1. AMENDMENT TO THE 1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR INFORMATION SERVICES. CIP #1998 PB-403.

Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm asking your approval this morning of three CIP Amendments and then, for your information in the Consent Agenda, we have associated budget adjustments for them also.

"The first one is for Information Services. This will be follow-on work to the mechanical changes we are making in that building. We will need to do some carpeting, painting, and wall coverings, plus we're going to upgrade the stairway and the interior of the building. I would ask that you approve the Amendment and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the CIP amendment.

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. AMENDMENT TO THE 1998 CIP FOR FLEET MANAGEMENT. CIP #1998 PB-276.

Mr. Arnold said, "This is on page 98 on your back-up. It is for removal of the fuel tanks at the Coliseum and replacement with the new fiberglass tanks, for leak protection and all the necessary things for federal and state guidelines. We would ask that you approve this project and would be happy to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the CIP amendment.

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."

3. AMENDMENT TO THE 1998 CIP FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - YOUTH SERVICES. CIP #1998 PB-404.

Mr. Arnold said, "This project is on page 99 of your back-up. Would set aside funds for maintenance of the parking lots and driveways at the juvenile detention facility and the Judge Riddel Boys Ranch. I would ask that you approve the Amendment and would be happy to answer any questions."

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the CIP amendment.

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, "Thanks, Ken. Next item please."

J. RESIGNATIONS.

1. RESIGNATION OF MARY ANN KHOURY (CHAIRMAN SCHROEDER'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Richard A. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This resignation request has been received and I ask that you accept it."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the resignation.

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, "Thank you. Next item."

2. RESIGNATION OF MARY BLANKENSHIP (CHAIRMAN SCHROEDER'S APPOINTMENT) FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Euson said, "I would also ask that you accept this resignation, please."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the resignation.

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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Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, I'm not sure why Resignations were moved to the back of the Agenda, but I wish that earlier in the meeting I'd had the opportunity to extend my appreciation to Mary. She has been on this Board for years. I understand Debbie said she was a wonderful participant and offered a lot to the Board. She is turning 90 years old and it is hard for her to get out and so she made the decision that she should probably withdraw from the Board because of her lack of access to these meetings as she's had in the past. I just personally want to thank Mary for a job well done and appreciate the time she's given the County and our citizens and this Board. I apologize this wasn't at the top of the Meeting, but thank you Mary. We really appreciate the hard work you put into this Board. Thank you, Commissioners. Next item please."

K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' DECEMBER 3, 1998 REGULAR MEETING.

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the December 3 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are eight items for consideration.

(1) PERSONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE & SOFTWARE FUNDING: ACCOUNTING

Item one, personal computer hardware and software for the Accounting Department. It was recommended to accept the only bid of Gateway. That amount is \$17,041.

(2) MOBILE COMPUTER TERMINAL PROGRAM SOFTWARE LICENSE FUNDING: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.

Item two, mobile computer terminal program software license for Emergency Communications. It was recommended to accept the sole source of the publisher, a bid of PRC Public Management Services. That amount \$15,000.

(3) FOUR WHEEL DRIVE LOADERS FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

"Item three, four wheel drive loaders for Fleet Management and the Division of Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Foley Tractor, with trade-in and options. That amount is \$544,560.

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(4) 1999 INSURANCE RENEWALS
FUNDING: RISK MANAGEMENT

Item four, 1998 insurance renewals for Risk Management. It was recommended to accept the 1999 insurance renewals in the total amount of \$278,962.22. You see the break down of the different vendors that are involved.

(5) CONSULTANT SERVICES
FUNDING: APPRAISER'S OFFICE

Item five, consultant services for the Appraiser, hotel/motel capitalization rate studies. It was recommended to accept the bid of David Craig and Company. That amount, \$10,000.

(6) OXYGEN CONTRACT RENEWAL
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

“Item six, oxygen contract renewal for Emergency Medical Services. It was recommended to accept the bid of Wichita Welding. That amount, for the 1999 year, \$25,000.

(7) SKID STEER LOADER
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

“Item seven is a skid steer loader for Fleet Management and the Division of Public Works. It was recommended to reject all bids, tweak the specifications and resolicit as soon as possible.

(8) BURIAL OF DECEASED INDIGENT PERSONS
FUNDING: REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER

“Item eight, burial of deceased indigent persons for the Regional Forensic Science Center. It was recommended to accept the low proposal of Hillside Funeral Home. That amount is \$1,000 per occurrence.

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ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

**(9) COMPUTER ROOM EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES**

“There was one item which does not require action at this particular time. That is computer room equipment maintenance for Information Services. Those proposals are being reviewed. I will 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. Questions or comments? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

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, “Thanks, Darren. Next item please.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

L. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Instruments.

Four 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.

2. Right-of-Way Easements.

The following tracts of land have been granted by Easement for Right-of-Way at no cost to the County. The Director of Code Enforcement requested the Easements as a condition of receiving Platting Exemptions on unplatted tracts.

- a. Road Number 642-19, Owners: Darrin L. and Susan L. DePriest, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 29 South, Range 1 West, more specifically located on the west side of 103rd Street West and south of 95th Street South. Ohio Township. District #2.
- b. Road Number 632-13, Owners: Glenn R. and Linda S. Cherry, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 28 South, Range 2 West, more specifically located on the west side of 199th Street West and south of 55th Street South. Illinois Township. District #3.
- c. Road Number 634-18, Owners: Steven L. Rucker and Phyllis J. Rucker, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 28 South, Range 2 West, more specifically located on the east side of 135th Street West and south of 63rd Street South. Illinois Township. District #3.
- d. Road Number 626-33, Owners: Richard N. Davis and Billie J. Davis, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 28 South, Range 2 East, more specifically located on the east side of Webb Road and south of 31st Street South. Gypsum Township. District #5.

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- e. Road Number 599-23, Owners: Danny J. and Rene J. Park, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 25 South, Range 1 West, more specifically located on the north side of 77th Street North and east of Hoover Road. Valley Center Township. District #4.
- f. Road Number 640-23, Owner: Fred Smith, d.b.a. D and E Land Company, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 29 South, Range 1 West, more specifically located on the east side of Hoover Road and north of 87th Street South. Ohio Township. District #2.

3. Applications for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>d/b/a</u>
Kerri K. Billingsley	Clearwater Golf Course
Mark C. Reed	Sedg. Co. Zoological Society, Inc.
Christopher P. Rickard	Bomber Burger
Huon Le	El Chaparral Restaurant
Kelly J. Lanham	Cheney Lanes, Inc.

- 4. Orders dated November 25, 1998 and December 2, 1998 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 5. Agreement with Siena Home Care, Inc. to provide Developmental Disability Community Service Provider status.**
- 6. Agreement with Pinnacle Real Estate Tax Service to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
- 7. Set public hearing date of December 23, 1998 for adoption of the Uniform Building Code, 1997 Edition; Uniform Plumbing Code, 1997 Edition; and Mechanical Code, 1997 Edition; and instruct the County Clerk to publish notices thereof no later than December 15, 1998.**

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8. Plat.

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 plat:

Meadowlark Estates Subdivision

9. Consideration of the Check Register of December 4, 1998.

10. Budget Adjustment Requests.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980644	Juvenile Detention	Transfer
980645	Judge Riddel Boys Ranch	Transfer
980646	Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
980647	Operations Division - Security Department	Transfer
980648	Operations Division - Extension Service	Transfer
980649	Finance General - Operations Division	Transfer
980650	Corrections - SCYP	Transfer
980651	District Court	Transfer
980652	District Court	Transfer
980653	Appraiser	Transfer
980654	Information Services	Transfer
980655	Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
980656	Special Parks and Recreation	Transfer
980657	Special Parks and Recreation	Transfer
980658	Juvenile Justice Authority	Transfer
980659	Corrections 99	Supplemental Appropriation
980660	Corrections	Transfer
980661	Kansas Coliseum	Transfer
980662	Kansas Coliseum	Appropriation Reduction
980663	Fleet Management	Transfer

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980664	Fleet Management	Transfer
980665	Fleet Management	Transfer
980666	Fleet Management	Transfer
980667	Capital Projects	Transfer
980668	Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
980669	Capital Projects	Transfer
980670	Capital Projects	Transfer
980671	Temporary Notes-1998-1 Series	Transfer
980672	PBC Bond Issue 1997 Series B	Transfer
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Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have the Consent Agenda before you. We would ask that you allow us to remove two Budget Adjustments, 980661 and 980662. Those are budget adjustments setting up the repayment of the temporary financing we did to remodel Pavilion II a couple of years ago. We actually need to close the projects we’re moving the money from prior to making these budget adjustments.”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of 980661 and 980662.

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, "Just thinking about, watching Jerry Harrison sit there. Jerry has done this many times in the last few years and he's been, I guess you'd call him an interim County Manager, twice, three times. Whenever the manager is gone, he is usually sitting at the table and they used to alternate back and forth between Bob Rogers and Jerry, when Bob was here. I just wanted to recognize Jerry Harrison for 23 years of service and he's always there. He gets hammered on once in a while, when the manager is not around, kind of like yesterday."

Commissioner Hancock said, "He's so young he'll be here another 23 years."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That's right, we expect to see him here for another 23 years. He does a wonderful job. Jerry, thank you for sitting in for the manager and for the three times you were acting manager, you always do a great job. Next item please. I'm sorry, we need to recess and go into the Fire District."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Fire District meeting at 11:12 a.m. and returned at 11:18 a.m.

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'll call the meeting back to order, the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting of December 9, 1998. Other business?"

M. OTHER

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to pending claims, litigation, legal advice, and personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from executive Session no sooner than 11:50 a.m.

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, "Thank you. We're in Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:19 a.m. and returned at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Schroeder said, "I'll call the meeting back to order. Let the record show there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Mr. Counselor, anything to add? Mr. Manager, anything? We're adjourned."

N. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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Third District

MELODY C. MILLER, Commissioner
Fourth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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