

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 23, 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 23, 1998, in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Mark F. Schroeder; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Paul W. Hancock; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Melody C. Miller; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Becky Allen-Bouska, Director, Bureau of Finance; Mr. Brent W. Shelton, Executive Officer, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Public Safety; Mr. Marv Duncan, Director, Central Motor Pool; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Mary Anne Nichols, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Del James, Captain, Emergency Medical Services; Mr. Irv Jarus, Buyer, Purchasing Department; Mr. Bob Rogers, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Don Brace, Director, Bureau of Central Services; Mr. John Coslett, Director, Emergency Management; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. John Stanton, Assistant Director, Department of Code Enforcement; Mr. Steve Lackey, Director, City of Wichita Public Works; Mr. Brad Snapp, Housing Coordinator, Housing Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Lynne Melton, Assistant Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Services; Mr. Douglas King, Records Manager; Dr. Charles Magruder, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Community Health; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. William T. Davitt, 1205 Bitting, Wichita, KS.
Mr. Jim Johnston, 7010 Woodberry, Wichita, KS.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Sally Fahrenhold of the Christ Lutheran Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner Miller was absent.

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, December 2, 1998

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of December 2, 1998.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Minutes of December 2, 1998.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Next item please."

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 Agenda. Before I forget, I would like to tell all the retirees today that it has been a great privilege. I've enjoyed working with you, especially Bob Rogers, who I almost made come up here to do this today. Thank you. If you have any questions, I'm available."

Chairman Schroeder said, "I see no questions. Thank you, Becky. Next item please. Excuse me, before I go on to retirements, I've been asked that we do a bit of housekeeping here. Mr. Buchanan has an introduction he'd like to make. I'm sorry."

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Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Because of the retirements that you're going to celebrate, the whole organization has been shaken from one end to the other. Part of that process is that we went about trying to determine who was going to take the place of Bob Lamkey after his promotion in the Motor pool. I'd like Bob to introduce that person."

Mr. Bob Lamkey, Director, Public Safety, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning I'd like to introduce Marv Duncan who comes to us from a short stint in industry after a long and distinguished air force career. Marv, to his benefit, has been married for 30 years to a Kansas native, so he feels right at home here. Without further ado, I'm happy to say that Marv Duncan joins us as the newest member to our Sedgwick County management team."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Welcome, Marv, I'm glad to have you here."

Mr. Marv Duncan Director, Central Motor Pool, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm glad to be here. I look forward to many years of serving the County."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Good luck to you. We're so happy you've become a part of this management team. It is a great team. Good luck to you. Next item."

RETIREMENTS

A. RETIREMENTS.

1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO MARY ANNE NICHOLS, DIRECTOR, PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a humbling one. I can assure you, from being in Sedgwick County for roughly seven years, that this is not 110 years one time, this is 110 unique years with this group of people."

"Mary Anne Nichols was the Personnel Director of the County since January 1, 1976. She will retire after 32 years of service. Mary Anne was hired on June 23, 1966 as a Secretary in Public Works and, basically, worked her way up and became Personnel Director. I have the good fortune of being able to replace her in that role. We're going to miss Mary Anne."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Mary Anne, this place isn't going to be the same without you. I know you have so many friends in this organization throughout the County. So many people know you. There have been a lot of great things happen while you've been here and you were well liked by so many. I know you're going to enjoy your retirement with the golf pro. We hope that wherever he goes, you want to go. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we want to say thank you for your years of service. We're really going to miss you. Good luck to you."

Ms. Mary Anne Nichols said, "Thank you. I hope you'll bear with me for just a minute."

Commissioner Gwin said, "You're not going to read a list of everybody you've known in the County, are you?"

Ms. Nichols said, "No. I want to thank you for my career. It helped me raise three wonderful children. My oldest son is here, Ben Junior, and his wife. My stepson, Gary, is here also. My son in Dallas couldn't be here and my daughter is working this morning. I worked for 12 sets of Commissioners and I gave clocks for 18 years to wonderful people and now I get to have my own, and a wonderful staff. The best asset this organization has is the people. I have deep feelings in my heart for everyone. Thank you, so much."

2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO DEL JAMES, CAPTAIN, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Mr. Russell said, "Del James, EMS Captain, will retire January 1, after 23 years of service. Del was hired January 1, 1976, as an Emergency Medical Specialist, became an MICT on January 1, 1977. He was promoted to EMS Lieutenant April 3, 1979, Education Officer in December of '85, and a Captain on January 1, 1986. Del has done some time with Sedgwick County, doing some pretty important things.

"Del plans to spend time with his four grandkids, all boys. They love to come out to the farm, play basketball, hunt, and work in the tree house. Del's hobbies include his 60 acre hobby farm. That's a lot of hobby, also golf and a tour bus driver. I don't think that's a type of golf club. I think he must actually drive a tour bus. He worked for EMS for 23 years, mainly in the supervisory level. In short, he said, 'I loved it. I'm proud to have been a Paramedic with Sedgwick County and hope the Commissioners continue to work with our Administration to keep EMS one of the best in the country, to be the best we can be.' Del, God bless you, sir."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, Del, we wish you the best in your retirement. Keep this away from the four grandkids, it's kind of expensive. We hope that, when you look at it, it reminds you of your 23 years of service to Sedgwick County. We thank you for that service. Thank you."

Mr. Del James said, "I only have a 60 acre farm because that's all I could afford to lose."

3. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO IRV JARUS, BUYER, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Russell said, "Irv, that's funny, I was having lunch with your boss yesterday. He likes you. Mr. Jarus will retire after 20 years of service. Irv was hired May 1, 1978, and I believe spent the whole time in Purchasing.

"Irv plans to spend time with his grandkids, which are spread from California to the east coast and in the Midwest, and plans to visit them as often as possible. It sounds like you'll have white-line fever. Irv is very interested in the Civil War and plans on taking courses at Wichita State. He is also an avid Shocker fan and will attend baseball and basketball games. Irv spent 20 years in the same department and describes his time with Sedgwick County as very enjoyable. Irv, God bless you, sir."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Irv had his retirement party the other day and you were telling how many purchase requisitions that you had run through in the years."

Mr. Irv Jarvus said, "It's several hundred thousands."

Chairman Schroeder said, "That's a lot of purchase reqs, a lot of taxpayer dollars. I think some of those people will be glad to see you go, but I know we're going to miss you. You've done so much for us and for the County. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners we want to present you with a retirement clock."

Mr. Jarvus said, "My boss, Darren Muci, sent me over to Ireland last year to look for Waterford Crystal. I looked at him and he wanted to know if the clocks that we present to everybody would be a good clock. I went through the factory. They make crystal everything. They do not put out seconds. Anything that has a slight bubble in it, they destroy it then and there. It was very interesting. It was Waterford, Ireland."

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“By the way, I actually started April 1, 1978. Your father was on the Bench, Floyd Schroeder. There were three Commissioners, not five, three. All the P.O.s I did the first two or three years were done by hand. There were seven copies and you had to do it all by hand. They didn’t have computers. They had telephones, but that’s about all. When I came to Purchasing, we were in room 343, on the third floor, where we are now. The office where the Purchasing Department was, was about 20 feet from the elevator down a hall. Inside the hall they had rooms for everybody except me. I took the place of a fellow that was on the outside of Purchasing, working for Purchasing, and he dealt strictly in paper. The only paper I knew was newspaper, but you learn fast when it is thrown in your lap. I believe that’s about all I have to say. Thank you, Commissioners and my entire department. Thank you, very much.”

4. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO BOB ROGERS, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER.

Mr. Russell said, “Have I spent some time with Mr. Rogers. Bob is sort of a legend around the County. Let’s see what we said about him here. He’ll retire after 14 ½ years of service. He was hired June 11, 1984, as County Controller. He became an Internal Auditor on December 11, 1987, and was promoted to Assistant County Manger on February 13, 1989.

“I think Bob had a previous title of Colonel. He plans to spend time with his two grandsons, ages almost six and two months. His hobbies include handyman-type duties for the house, kids houses and rentals. Bob worked as County Controller for 3 ½ years, Internal Auditor for 14 months, Assistant County Manager for almost 10 years. A lot of roles, a lot of change during that time.

“He describes his employment with Sedgwick County as very exciting and challenging. There have been countless opportunities to serve the citizens of Sedgwick County and to help make it a better place to live, work, and play. Bob, going to miss you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “This is the guy who watched Irv. When you mentioned colonel, when I got to the court house back in ‘87, about half the court house had the title of colonel and it still does. We’ve got a lot of wonderful people in this court house and Bob is one that we are really going to miss. Bob, I grew up with you as a Commissioner. Bob always guided me with the financial details and I really appreciate all that you did for me, Bob, and for the citizens of Sedgwick County. You were a wonderful employee and you took goo care of us. We really appreciate it. Good luck to you.”

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Mr. Bob Rogers said, "Thank you, very much. It has been a wonderful 14 ½ years. Back when some of us were hired, there were only three Commissioners on the Bench. I owe a great deal of gratitude to Tim Witsman and Jerry Harrison, who were instrumental in bringing me to Sedgwick County and hiring me as County Controller. We've done some wonderful things in Sedgwick County in 14 ½ years. When I came here, the computer was a big beast across the street and there were no computers in departments. I think the Controller's Office was the first one to pick up a computer shortly after I came here. That computer finally walked out the door and to its demise only a few years ago, so it lasted a long time and the taxpayers got their money's worth out of it.

"When you look around you, you see roads and bridges and facilities, buildings, programs, that Sedgwick County has developed and put in place over the last several years. The citizens of Sedgwick County are better off now than they were last year, the year before, and the year before that and so forth. Sedgwick County is a wonderful organization. I've gotten a great deal of satisfaction from Sedgwick County, from working here, and I appreciate that opportunity. With me this morning is my wife, Colleen, my daughter, Sarah, and my two grandsons, Josh, almost six, and Becky over there has the youngest one, Brandon, who is just two months. That's going to keep us occupied for the foreseeable future. Thank you, very much. It's been a great 14 ½ years."

5. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO DON BRACE, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES.

Mr Russell said, "Oh, there you are. We were trying to sneak this one by without Don. You can't do that. Don has, let me see, what has Don done? I can't read this one. He'll retire after 12 years of service. He was hired April 21st, 1986. Don, basically, if you don't know Don, you haven't been around Sedgwick County. It's about that simple. Don is a very hands-on people person and a manager. If something breaks, he fixes it. If something can't be done, he says 'yes, it can be done' and he does it. I can go on and on about Don and any one of these folks today, but the bottom line is we're going to miss Don a lot."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Don, it's been fun. I know the Commissioners are really going to miss you and seeing your smiling face around here, even when things aren't working, you still come in smiling. Don is one of these people who has been helpful to everybody in this court house, especially to the new guys who come on like myself.

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“Don was here about eight months before I got here and he helped me get established in my office and told me the do’s and don’ts of the operation and many things like that. Don is one of these people that is well known throughout the court house like Doug said. He’s loved by so many and Nancy’s here to take pictures of him to add to the kudos wall you have in the basement. Don, I know you have some grandkids and you’re going to spend a lot of time with them. I know you’re going to travel. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, thank you for your time with Sedgwick County and all you’ve done. We wish you the best in the world.”

Mr. Don Brace said, “These are pretty heavy clocks. It has been a privilege to work here for the County and a great experience. It has also been very enjoyable working with the professional people here in the County, bureau directors, department heads, all the employees. That includes the electeds in the 18th Judicial District. Any success that I have had, I owe it to the devotion of the County employees because they want what the County citizens want, their desires and needs are foremost in all County employees minds. I’m not going to miss everything, but I am going to miss the challenges of the job. I’m also going to miss the joys of success I had. Most of all, I’m going to miss all the people. The interaction I have with each of you daily was rewarding to myself, as much as any success I’ve had here in the County. I want to wish you all a happy and joyous merry Christmas and a wonderful 1999. Thanks for everything.”

6. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO JOHN COSLETT, DIRECTOR, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

Mr. Russell said, “Wow, this is like a who’s who to me. What a group of people. John Coslett was the Emergency Management Director. He will retire January 1, 1999 after nine years of service. John was hired August 1, 1989, as the Assistant Director. He became Deputy Director in ‘91, and Director in January of ‘92. There is a lot you can say about John, but we’ve got here, just as a little paragraph is he plans to spend time with his family, his children and grandchildren. They are all in Wichita, and he plans to spend considerable time with him. He is planning on just relaxing and enjoying retirement. Then he wants to travel with his wife and see some places that they always wanted to see. He has always worked in Emergency Management and describes his employment with Sedgwick County as both challenging and rewarding, to say the least. ‘I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to complete my working life as part of Sedgwick County government.’

“I’ll tell you what, if you had a time when you’ve had a disaster, a flood, a tornado or whatever, believe me, this guy was quietly working behind the scenes to make sure that got taken care of. It would not have turned out the way it did without him. John, we’re going to miss you.”

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Doug stole my thunder talking about the disasters, but that's all right, there will be more. John, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we want to present you with your retirement clock. You have been through a lot here with us, through tornados, floods, windstorms, hail storms. You've seen it all in your career and with us. You've served us well, the Commissioners, the Manager, Emergency Services, and the citizens. We want to thank you for the service to Sedgwick County and wish you the best in your retirement. Thank you."

Mr. John Coslett said, "Mr. Chairman, you said they stole your words, Don Brace stole mine. What he said, I echo all over. It has been a fantastic nine years for me. I look around the room and I see many, many friends. Those are the people you are going to miss when you resolve yourself to the fact that it's time to go, but you're still going to miss the people and working with them on a daily basis. I, too, want to acknowledge my staff, the people who worked for me downstairs, Jack Kegley, John Crosby, and Susan Keeton Malzahn. We're all been together, Jack and I've been together my entire length of time except for two weeks. The other's have been here five and six years, so we've got a good staff down there and manage to get things done and I'm sure it will continue under the new director. I also want to thank the Commissioners for all the support, the Manager, Mr. Buchanan, and another person in particular. I had a supervisor who served as my mentor and kept me on-line. A guy that is not only a mentor and a supervisor, but a very good friend, Jerry Harrison. If you want to blame anybody for me being here, Chief Gary Nichols, retired from the County Fire Department, is the guy who came and asked me if I would like to come down here. Gary, you've done me a favor of my lifetime. Thank you, very much, to everybody."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioners, I know some of you would like to make some comments, so feel free to do so."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think this is probably the most special group of retirements that I have ever known here in Sedgwick County in the ten years that I've been here. I knew some of you better than others but I knew each and every one of you and I want to tell you it's been a pleasure and a privilege for me to have the opportunity to be here and have you folks help me as much as you have. Believe me, as an elected official, it goes that way. You do more for me, I think, than we end up doing for you. I just want to tell every one of you that I hope you have the best of retirements and the most fun in your lives. I'll miss you, very much. You have some great replacements coming on, but they do have some large shoes to fill. You've been a very special group and, for me, it is a really emotional day because each and every one of you did wonders for me, at least as a Commissioner. I want to take this opportunity to thank you very, very much from the bottom of my heart."

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Commissioner Winters said, "I would just echo that. I think, for the support that I've had as a Commissioner coming on and not quite understanding all about county government, this group of people that are retiring today just went above and beyond in every aspect of their service to the citizens and to us as Commissioners. You will be missed. You have been a very special group of people that are retiring today, each and every one of you. Thank you and best wishes for the future."

Commissioner Gwin said, "They said what I was going to say. Thank you all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "You bet. Thank you. Again, to our retirees, thank you for your commitment to Sedgwick County and we do hope that you enjoy your retirement and your families and friends. I'm sure we'll be calling upon you from time to time for advice and I hope you're around to do that. It sounds like, to me, that all of you have wonderful lives ahead of you and, as Commissioner Hancock said, we hope you really enjoy that. Good luck to all of you. Thank you, again, to all the retirees. We're going to go on to the next item, Item B, Madam Clerk."

CITIZEN INQUIRY

B. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING RAMIFICATIONS OF ABSENCE OF THE FATHER IN THE FAMILY.

Mr. William T. Davitt, Attorney At Law, said, "May it please the Sedgwick County Commission, my name is William Davitt. I live over in the Riverside area of Wichita, at 1205 Bitting. I thank you, very much, for the opportunity to visit with you, briefly, about the reason and the cause why so many of our children get into such terrible, terrible trouble. All of my facts and figures are based upon documented data, documented data from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, documented data from the United States Census Bureau, documented data from research done by professors at universities all over America."

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“You remember reading in the paper, in the Wichita Eagle about so many students at one of our high schools dropping out of school. Why do children drop out of high school? The documented data shows that children growing up in a family without a father are twice as likely to drop out of school. Hard core criminals, murder, rape, robbery, arson, why do they do such terrible things? Documented data shows that 70%, 70% of hard core criminals, long term prison inmates grew up without a father. This Commission has wrestled with an authority problem of juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice hall and so on. Seventy percent, 70% of children in state reform institutions grew up without a father. Eighty percent, 80% of children in psychiatric hospitals grew up without a father. Sixty percent of America’s rapists grew up without a father.

“You’ve seen these stories on television about little kids taking guns to school and shooting each other. Why do little kids kill each other? Documented data shows that 72%, 72% of adolescent murderers grew up without a father. The documented data on the pages that have been placed before you on the desk clearly show that all the terrible problems that children get into, smoking cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, teenage suicide, teenage pregnancy, mental illness, performance in school, poverty, crime, can all be traced to absence of the father in the family. Mr. Jim Johnston is now going to present the solution and the solution requires no new taxes. Mr. Jim Johnston.”

Mr. Jim Johnston, 7010 Woodberry Street, Wichita, Kansas, said, “I’m a mid level manager at Koch Industries and I’m also a member of the State of Kansas Supreme Court Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee. I chair a local child advocacy group called, ‘Kids View’, focusing on ensuring continued involvement of both parents of children of divorce. I’m also the proud father of two children myself.

“The Commission has gone on the record seeking solutions to reduce the number of young offenders in this County. Mr. Davitt has just outlined the fact that the most common variable for such children is an absent parent. Different organizations have been created to deal with problem children and are working hard and doing the best they can. While we must support agencies that want to help our children, we should first ask if we are doing all we can to enhance our childrens’ access to and support from both of their parents. Over 11,000 Kansas children experience the divorce of their parents each year. To minimize this tragedy, we need to maximize efforts at helping parents of these children remain active in their lives through changes in our current laws and judicial practices.

“I’m here today to ask the Commissioners to consider a resolution in support for a bill that has just been drafted by the Special Committee on the Judiciary of the Kansas Legislature that will be heard this upcoming session. I have provided a copy for the Commission. Before I emphasize the changes that will result, I must point out that this bill does nothing to change the protections from any kind of abuse or any of the language regarding the best interest of the child in our existing statute.

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“What the bill would do is four things. The biggest factor leading to the large number of pages occurring in this bill is because the bill would simply change the word visitation in all related statutes to parenting time. This occurs in 74 separate areas of existing statutes. Words are powerful and we need to get to the common sense idea that parents should not be statutorily labeled as visitors in their childrens’ lives.

“Second, millions of dollars are spent on child support enforcement in this state yet little attention is given to visitation or parenting time enforcement. Parenting time is established through the court and are valid court orders. This new bill would provide for better enforcement of a child’s right to spend time with his or her parents with clear guidelines for all to easily understand. Judges would retain their full judicial discretion in such disputes but explicit penalties for those denying or interfering with such orders would be provided.

“Third, Kansas is a joint custody preference state by statute and it is in fact ordered over 85% of the time, meaning that both parents continue to share legal decision making regarding their children. Judges do this assuming that both parents will remain involved with their children to some degree, otherwise sole custody would be granted to only one parent.

“This bill, for the first time, would direct the Supreme Court to develop financial child support guidelines that formally include the cost of raising children in two homes, rather than just one, as is done today. Co-parenting children should be encouraged by recognizing their related costs occur now in two homes and build that into the formal guidelines. The Supreme Court Guidelines Advisory Committee that I am part of would continue to have a wide latitude to develop just and appropriate guidelines with this change.

“Lastly, parents would be much more strongly encouraged to jointly develop formal plans on how they will co-parent their children during the child’s custody decision-making process. In addition, judges would be required to list, for the record, the specific findings of fact leading to the custody and residency decisions. For clarification, judges would retain full discretion in this area, ensuring the child’s needs are protected. Accountability for such decisions will, however, be enhanced.

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“In summary, Mr. Davitt pointed out the problems of parental absence leading to some of the issues this Commission wants to change and how having both parents involved reduces such problems. It should be noted that the U.S. Census Bureau has reported recently that where two parents are actively involved in the childrens lives, financial child support compliance is in excess of 90%. You don’t hear much about that in the press. Clearly, no law can make a parent want to be involved in their child’s life. However, without costing taxpayers a dime, this statute would provide greater encouragement to keep both parents involved in their children’s lives, decreasing many teenage problems, while at the same time reducing the expense and need for so much child support enforcement activity. Passing proposed House Bill 2002 will go a long way to improve the lot of children in Sedgwick County and Kansas in general. I encourage the Commissioners to send a message to Topeka that for real change to occur in lessening juvenile offenses state wide, examining and improving our laws for children of divorce is the most cost effective way to make it happen. Thank you.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you. Bill and Jim, I appreciate both of you being here today. Let me tell you, Commissioner Winters and Commissioner Miller have been working very hard on this issue of juvenile problems in Sedgwick County. Now, throughout the State of Kansas, have we begun to get the attention of the right people. You’re absolutely right, in some of your statements, that we do have a serious problem and we need to give it more attention.

“I will tell you, I won’t be here for next year’s budget process or the continuance of what we’re working on here with juvenile justice, but the information that you’ve given us today will be filed with the Clerk’s Office and hopefully parts of it, if not all of it, I don’t know how we will do that because like I said, I’m not sure what the process will be next year, will be included in what we try to do in order to solve some of those problems that you described here in Sedgwick County. It is a problem. It is nation wide, if not world wide. It is one that needs to be addressed and we appreciate your sincere concern and being here today to make the presentation to us. It shows that you do care and we need more people like you in our community and we really appreciate that. We appreciate your presentation. There are some questions or comments from other Commissioners.”

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Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. I have a couple of comments. I am not familiar with this particular House Bill, but I'll be glad to take a close look at it and have our governmental relations person take a close look at it. If we feel there is a way we can support it, we will certainly do that. I do want you to know that I think you're right on target. As we've worked through this past summer with our community planning team, we identified three risk factors in the community that we really try to want to effect. We want to try to move them in a direction. Family management problems is at the top of the list. We see that as a lot of difficulty as families have working through their problems and all at once we have a separated family. I agree with you wholeheartedly. We're going to continue to work in this direction. If you see there are other places where we can be of assistance and help or if we need to know things, please feel free to call me on the phone. Commissioner Miller is very involved in this process and will continue even, I think, after her term as Commissioner has expired. Please feel free to contact me if you have other ideas or thoughts. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Hancock said, "I just wanted to echo what Commissioner Winters has said. I'd be more than happy to take a look at the resolution and consider it. It sounds like something that we could be very supportive of and fits very well into what Commissioner Winters and Commissioner Miller have been doing for the last year and a half. Appreciate you being here. Those are profound thoughts that you've given us. We appreciate you taking the time to come here and tell us about them. Thank you, very much."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Bill, it is good to see you again. It's been some time since I talked to you and I appreciate your sincere desire to see these problems addressed. Jim, thank you for being here. Appreciate your efforts. Thanks again. At this time Commissioners, I'd entertain a motion to receive and file."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chairman Schroeder said, "Madam Clerk, I'm going to hand you this document and would you do me a favor and have a copy of that made before you file it and deliver it to Commissioner Winters. Thank you. Further discussion? If not, call the vote."

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VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you again, Bill and Jim. Next item please."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

C. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS ON BEHALF OF YOUNGERS AND SONS MANUFACTURING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,500,000 TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A MANUFACTURING FACILITY.**

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today we're asking you to consider a resolution of intent to issue industrial revenue bonds not to exceed \$9,500,000 to continue the growth of this remarkable company here in Sedgwick County. Today, we have Wayne Youngers of Youngers and Sons and his staff, and we have bond counsel to answer any questions that you might have regarding this resolution of intent."

Mr. Wayne Youngers said, "Good morning, Commissioners. This is not the first time you've seen our company here, Youngers and Sons Manufacturing, asking for the support of Sedgwick County. I just want to comment on some of the successes that we've had. Probably the first time we were here, we were in the range of 20 employees and now we're up in the range of 80 employees and continue to grow. Also, in the past year, our company has been highlighted in two trade association magazines in cover feature articles about our company that has drawn attention across this nation in some of the progress that we've made out there in our company. It is a piece of the County Commission support that helped that happen so I ask your support again this morning and would be glad to answer any questions you might have."

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, very much. Again, thank you for being here. Keep growing. It is wonderful to have a business in our community doing so well. Appreciate that. Questions? At this time, we'll open up the Commission meeting to public hearing. If anybody would like to be heard on this item, please come forward. Please state your name and you're limited to five minutes. Is there anybody here today who would like to be heard on this item? Seeing no one, we'll close the public hearing and limit discussion to bench and staff. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to certainly speak in favor of this action. Last week, as we talked about and did a similar action only much larger with Raytheon Aircraft, Commissioner Miller and I both commented about the fact of having small business be able to take advantage of some of the economic development incentives that are allows in the state and here is an example of and it kind of becomes what's large and what's small is kind of in the eye of the beholder. But Youngers and Sons has been able to take advantage of some of these economic development incentives from a very small stage and now as they progress through and have developed into just a very stable employer of 80 people, which is really the backbone of our community. We all know and realize that we have a number of larger employers, but a significant part of the employment base in Sedgwick County revolves around small business. I think when we do have an opportunity to put some of these incentives in place for a small business that the large businesses certainly know how to take advantage of and use, I'm just pleased that we can do this with some small companies. I'm certainly going to be supportive of this Resolution and at the proper time would make the Motion."

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

Ms. Hart said, "I do have one additional piece of information. We've got a preliminary cost benefit analysis and the ratio is very positive. Meaning that the community gains more from this expansion than it may lose from any tax abatement or cost of issuing the bonds."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Is that in this packet of information that you've given us?"

Ms. Hart said, "It just came in late yesterday."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Can you get that to us when you have a chance? Other questions or comments? If not, I'd entertain a motion."

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution of Intent to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds on behalf of Youngers and Sons Manufacturing, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$9,500,000.

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Good luck to you. Thanks again. Next item please."

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE, 1997 EDITION, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE IV OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO BUILDING CODES.

Mr. John Staton, Assistant Director, Department of Code Enforcement, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Approximately three years ago to this very day, we adopted the 1994 Uniform Plumbing Code. I come before you today asking for an adoption of the 1997 Uniform Plumbing Code. Be glad to answer any questions that you have."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you, John? Discussion on this item? Commissioner Hancock."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Just have some questions. The first one being, we have a number of codes that we're going to consider adopting today. In those codes concerning fees for licenses, is that part of all three of these?"

Mr. Staton said, "Yes, it is."

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Commissioner Hancock said, "Okay, that's what I want to talk about. Let me give you a scenario. We have an individual who has a license in the state here, does the County reciprocate with other states governing bodies that issues licenses?"

Mr. Staton said, "Our electrical, plumbing, and mechanical people, we reciprocate with anybody who has the block and associates certificate. They're out of the State of Florida. This was adopted several years ago before I came."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Concerning the fees, can you elaborate on that? My understanding is that if an individual coming in, who had been licensed before here in the County and they didn't renew their license and came back late, say one year later or two years later into the year, the license fees actually go up as a result, is that correct?"

Mr. Staton said, "There would be a first time issuance fee for that person once they do a lapse. They are treated as a first time candidate for receiving that license, yes."

Commissioner Hancock said, "What is the difference between that and not a first time?"

Mr. Staton said, "Price wise sir?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Yes."

Mr. Staton said, "I'd have to fall back into the Resolution."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Is there a higher fee?"

Mr. Staton said, "Yes. Now we're talking contractors, not the individual certificates for the journeymen and the masters, the contractors."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Okay, I see what you're talking about."

Mr. Staton said, "The ongoing people that renew with us every year, just a roll over item and people that go off and work in other areas of the country and let their license lapse, it covers the proper paperwork and gets them up to date with everything was part of the reason."

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

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Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Other questions or comments? At this time, according to our agenda, we need to have a public hearing. We will open up the Commission meeting to public hearing. If anybody would like to be heard on this item please come forward. Is there anybody here today who would like to be heard on this item? If not, we'll close the public hearing and limit discussion to bench and staff. Commissioners?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Mr. Chairman, I'd like to take a look at the licensing fee structure to make sure . . . it was my understanding from one constituent and I'll give you the example. They had a County license and then moved out of County but retained either a block or associate license state wide. They didn't renew it. Came back to do a job a year or two later they bid on and it was my understanding had to pay twice, double the fee. I'm not sure if that is correct or not, but that's what I understood. I think as far as the County is concerned, and I understand we operate down there a lot by fees and permits and fees go a long way to financing our Code Enforcement staff. It just seems to me and I've been in that situation just like I'm describing and I wasn't very appreciative of it, especially when I had a small job to do or not much to do and just needed a license for a particular occasion. It just seems to me that there should be some incentive for early renewal and for renewal and not punishment for late renewal or non-renewal. It seems to me that if you renew by January 1, which I would hope most contractors and electricians, mechanical folks, and plumbers would do, certainly they would get a benefit. I really have a problem with individuals receiving punishment for not renewing their license on an annual basis. I would like to take a look at that a little closer before we approve these three resolutions."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Would you like to . . . how much time do you think you need Bill?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Just one week."

Chairman Schroeder said, "One week? Okay. Let me ask this question of the Counselor. Since we had three items that include mechanical, plumbing, and building codes, do we need to take each one of those separately if we're going to delay those for a week?"

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, said, "They are advertised separately and I would recommend you take them separately. I assume you want to open and close those public hearings."

Chairman Schroeder said, "All right, thank you. Okay. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Is this time sensitive? If we go through this and have each one of these public hearings and defer each one of these actions for one week, is there any time sensitive issues involved in these resolutions and perhaps John could answer that or Irene?"

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Mr. Staton said, "For the ease of enforcement, we dated everything January 1, 1999, so that the permits would be recognizable from other permits. The 1999 permits would be under the 1997 codes and then when we see a 1999 number come up we know right away which code we're addressing."

Commissioner Winters said, "If we deal with this next week, that ought to solve that."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Will that give you enough time?"

Mr. Staton said, "We'll get together and discuss those. One thing we do that other jurisdictions don't, I might point out, is we're on a three year cycle. Once that person renews, it is a three year time period, where most other jurisdictions are just renewing on a one year time period. It seems like 12 months goes by so fast that they have problems getting their people notified and getting them in there and getting them relicensed."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I'd like to have the opportunity to understand a little better. I apologize for not. I made some inquiries and very frankly, I'll be honest with you John. I haven't known what questions to ask. I know what I want but haven't been bright enough, which is not unusual for me, bright enough to ask the right questions."

Mr. Staton said, "Maybe we can find time this next week to sit down and I'll be glad to discuss it with you or any of the other staff members. We could go over those fees."

Commissioner Hancock said, "If it doesn't put you guys in a bind."

Mr. Staton said, "If we can make next week, we'll still be in good shape."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I'd appreciate that. Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "All right, we've had our public hearing on this item. I'd entertain a motion."

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to table the item 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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, 1997 EDITION, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE V OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO BUILDING CODES.

Mr. Staton said, "Here again, we're trying to get adopted the 1997 Plumbing Code. We're under the 1994 and it's time to update. The Board has met. Our Plumbing Board of Appeals has met and decided that the appeal amendments that they have made were for health and safety items. They felt like adoption of the 1997 Uniform Plumbing Code as the thing to do."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you, John. At this time, I'll open up the meeting to public hearing. If anybody would like to be heard on this item, please come forward. Is there anyone here today who would like to be heard on this item? If not, we'll close the public hearing and limit discussion to bench and staff. Commissioner Hancock, would you like to make a Motion?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to table the item 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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1997 EDITION, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO BUILDING CODES.

Mr. Staton said, "Here again, we're under the 1994 Uniform Building Code and we're asking for adoption of the 1997 Uniform Building Code."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, John. At this time, I'll open up the meeting to public hearing. If anybody would like to be heard on this item, please come forward. If anyone would like to be heard on this item, please come forward. Seeing no one, we'll close the public hearing and limit discussion to bench and staff."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to table the item for one week.

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

NEW BUSINESS

D. FLOOD CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT AND 1998 FLOOD SLIDE PRESENTATION.

Chairman Schroeder said, "While they're setting up, I want to set some precedence here. Former County Commissioner Bud Hanson is here and I wanted to introduce Bud today. I'm going to be sitting out there with him. Probably not as much as Bud, but I'll be out there in a couple of week. It's good to have you here. Thank you, appreciate you being here. Okay. Steve, how are you?"

Mr. Steve Lackey, Director of Public Works, City of Wichita, said, "Just fine Chairman. I have two items on the agenda this morning and the first one is the monthly reports for October and November. I will not take a lot of time with that because of the slide presentation on the flood that I'd like to share with you. Basically, due to the amount of rain that we've had over the last, particularly over Thanksgiving and the first part of November, our crews have been very busy cleaning debris out of drainage systems and the floodway. One of the other projects they've been working on is keeping the channel that diverts water into Haysville and past their treatment plan open. We've done some maintenance in the big ditch to allow that to occur. We're also going to be doing some more erosion control in that particular area that is associated with flood damage from year ago, but we're finally getting to it with our own staff.

"The other item that I think is of more importance and probably more relevant and timely at this point in time is the flood that occurred over November 1, or the weekend of November 1. I prepared a slide presentation that I've given to our City Council and to the Planning Commission over the last couple of week. This is basically the same presentation. Some of the information in terms of structures that have been flooded is somewhat dated, but it will give you a sense of the relative nature of the number of structures that have been damaged. We'll see if this works.

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SLIDE PRESENTATION

“The flooding that occurred over November 1, impacted the Cowskin and Calfskin drainage basins. We prepared this report to show the amount of intensity in the area impacted associated with the Cowskin and Calfskin drainage basins that were involved. The storm events, we documented some of that and some flood documentation which we use some of the information provided by Sedgwick County. The map that you see here is the drainage basin for the Cowskin and Calfskin. The longer red line up to the top is the Cowskin stream and tributaries and the smaller one to the left or west down towards Kellogg is the Calfskin drainage basin. All in all, there are about 156 square miles that drain down ultimately into the big ditch south of K-42. Of the 156 square miles of the Cowskin drainage basin, 16% of it is developed and 84% of it is still in agricultural or rural applications. The Calfskin drainage basin has approximately 17 square miles and about one fourth of it is developed.

“The storm itself began 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 30. This is a storm distribution graph that we acquired data from the Wichita Airport Authority or the National Weather Bureau at Wichita Airport. This shows the different events over the time period. One area that I want to point out is the estimated time of total saturation within the drainage basin was about nine o'clock Saturday morning. After it rained all night Friday, this entire basin was completely saturated. Really, what that means is in an unsaturated situation you would get only about one third of the run-off off of a site that was totally saturated. So once the conditions became saturated that weekend, then we were getting run-off off this site as if you would off this table top or a piece of pavement.

“The storm ended about seven o'clock Sunday, which was a duration of approximately 50 hours. This is the total amount of rainfall that was recorded at the Wichita Airport measuring station, which was 8.17 inches over the 50 hours. We have other reports within the drainage basin of anywhere from 8 to 9.5 inches and we've had isolated anecdotal information of 11 and 12 inches, but did not substantiate that with official recording stations.

“This is a Doppler radar image that we received from the National Weather Bureau that shows some of the intensity that occurred within the drainage basin. The vast bulk of the rain fell between 3:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. October 31. That amounted to about 2 1/4 inches. Again, 1:30 pm. to 3:30 a.m., between October 31 and November 1, that amounted to about 3 1/2 inches. Overall, over about 4 1/3 inches fell after the ground conditions were totally saturated. The other thing of interest that I feel is within a 24 hour period that was measured, we did have a little over 6 inches of rain within a 24 hour period. And for a 48 hour duration storm, the highest recorded 48 hour storm at the National Weather Bureau in the past has been 5.18 inches. This one amounted to 8.17. So you can see it was a significant storm over that period of time.

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“Another thing that we attempted to do after the storm was to verify some of our flood rate maps and we used several different sources. We wanted to try to determine the magnitude of the storm. People talk about 100 and 500 year storms. We measured the discharge. We were able to measure the discharge down at Kellogg and one of our consultants gathered that information for us. The peak discharge at Kellogg, which is basically the bottom end of the drainage area, was around 25,000 cubic feet per second. Now, to give you a gage of what that means, the 100 year discharge is around 17,400 cubic feet per second. So, the peak discharge of this storm was about 7,000 cubic feet per second larger than a 100 year event. The 500 year discharge is around 27,000 cubic feet per second. So it was less than a 500 but more than a 100. That was one point of information that we thought was pretty important. I’ll show you some other information that we received that substantiates that from another source.

“The other thing that we attempted to do was to try to find out when the peak of the storm was and see if it all made sense. The peak on the Cowskin and the peak on the Calfskin north of Kellogg occurred on November 1 and then later in the day on November 1 down towards Cowskin and Hoover towards the big ditch, which you would expect. The peak occurred upstream and then it occurred downstream later in the day. But on November 1, as we were out there trying to manage some of the storm and doing some sandbagging and rescue operations, we did notice around noon in the area around Maple and Central that the waters were attempting to level off and then ultimately starting to recede. These graphs substantiated that. We took stream gage readings and determined when the peaks occurred and that provided our staff some information on the storm itself.

“This is the other source that we thought was real interesting and substantiated our thoughts about the magnitude of the storm. It also pointed out an area that we thought was a problem area upstream in the Cowskin Calfskin basin. This graph is really busy, but what I wanted to point out is the dark line on the top of this graph is the 500 year flood profile. That’s the elevation, which is around 1310. That’s the elevation the flood waters would get during a major event. The red line is what we surveyed in from high water marks. Then the dash line below it is the 100 year flood profile.

“Now this is an area from K-42 up to approximately Kellogg. You’ll see the red line falls between the 100 and the 500 year band. This again is an area on the Calfskin, which is west of Maize Road. Again, the 500 year event is the solid black line. The red line is falling between the 100 and the 500 year, based on the survey information after the event and the shooting of the elevations of the high water marks.

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“Now this slide, again, shows some of the same. The red line is between the 100 and the 500 year, which substantiates the information that we received down at Kellogg in terms of discharge rates.

“Now this is a part of the Calfskin drainage basin, north of Maple. It goes through Breezy Point, through Rainbow Lakes, and then on up through Central and 135th Street West. You see the red line here is above the 500 year discharge. Now that told us either they had an extremely intense storm or something gave way to allow more water to come down a different drainage basin. It’s any where from 1 ½ to 3 feet above the 500 year flood profile.

“This is a map that we prepared of the drainage basins. Again, it is very busy. But the area I want to point out is the area that says north fork Calfskin and the area up around 13th Street. You can see there is a tributary that goes up off the map in the upper left corner. That is a tributary to the Cowskin. The north fork of the Calfskin and the one just above it, which is not labeled, all feed down to the Rainbow Lakes and through Breezy Point, Hidden Lakes and then on into the Del. The map here also shows the structures with different colors that were flooded or impacted by the water.

“Through field investigations, we found that there were two places that likely had what I call an inter-basin transfer. The transfer occurred from the Cowskin tributary up in the upper left corner and went out of its banks and surged over into the Calfskin. Thirteenth Street, just east of 151st was washed out. There was a lot of sand deposited in the fields. The elevations at 151st between the drainage basins and even over to 167th indicated that there was a large amount of water. We met with Bob George, stream maintenance supervisor, and with M. S. Mitchell, and we’ve all concurred that there was this inter-basin transfer that occurred in terms of running more water down the Calfskin than what is normally anticipated.

“This is an area I think in the future that we probably want to identify for some possible improvements to keep the waters separate. It is an area that is real flat and it is easy I think probably for something like that to occur. But that helped answer some of the questions we had in terms of why there was so much water in some of the areas down around Maple and Central. We feel like that is the answer to that particular question.

“The City of Wichita is hiring a consultant to provide some short term and long term answers to this situation. We’re asking them analyze the drainage basins and give us some ideas on what kind of projects could be done in the City and possibly in the County that would reduce the flooding that occurred in this area. We’re also going to apply to FEMA for some flood warning systems that could be installed on some of these streams. We talked to Bob George, he’s interested in that and may be talking to your County Manager about that application process to FEMA.

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“We’re also looking into some possible structure improvements to what is called the dry creek diversion, which is the area pointed out earlier that we think spilled out of its banks. That’s where we may want to take a look at building some roads up higher, possibly building some levees to keep the flood waters within their own channels.

“The City Council, on January 5, will make some decisions on whether they will apply to FEMA for the acquisition of some properties that was damaged in the flood. FEMA has a program that it will pay 75% to buy out structures that were damaged to the extent of over 50% of their value. Right now we have five or six properties that would qualify in that area. We are also going to ask FEMA to help pay for the study here and also ask them to pay for the alert warning systems. Also, the potential of installing sanitary sewer check valves in the basement of homes to prevent back-up of sanitary sewers. They said that was an applicable area that they would fund. Again, we’re going to ask our consultant to take a look at any and all possibilities of structural improvements in the basin, possible development regulation changes, and any kind of sanitary sewer structure improvements, such as bolting down manholes and of course the sanitary sewer check-valve issue.

“The process for applying for the mitigation funds is through the State of Kansas. Because this was a Presidential declared area of disaster as was Winfield, Augusta, and Arkansas City, and even points in Johnson County, any money that has been paid out in damages, FEMA will total and take 15% of that money and send that amount to the State of Kansas, which we think will be in the neighborhood of three to five million. Communities in the State of Kansas can apply for those funds. It is opened up to everybody in the State. They don’t have to be in a declared disaster area, so we could be competing with other communities. Again, FEMA will pay for 75% of some of the mitigation efforts. There is a 25% local match. That can be public or private money.

“The schedule for these particular applications that I’ve talked about takes about a 12 month period. We will file, actually the applications are due January 8, 1999. We will file applications, final applications, which are more detailed in nature are due in April. Decisions as to whether the local communities will get funds will be made about a year from now. So those properties that were damaged over 50%, those individuals are paid temporary housing until this decision is made. Then the decision is made in terms of whether those properties will be purchased or not. Because they are in a flood plain, because they were damaged over 50%, because we’re in the National Flood Insurance Program, they cannot rebuild their houses, they cannot remodel their houses without complying with the existing codes.

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“Again, I hate to take up this amount of your time, but there was around 150 to 160 structures that were damaged within the corporate limits of Wichita that were either in the floodway or the flood plain. Excuse me, about 115. Then there was another 60 on top of that that were outside the flood plain. So we’ve been busy talking to a lot of people and expecting properties and trying to develop some programs that would mitigate this in the future. Bottom line, it was a lot of rain. We feel like our flood rate maps and our development policies stood the test in terms of structures that were properly build outside the flood plain. Some were not damaged by others were and it was primarily because we had an event that was in excess of the 100 year event which we designed to. There is risk building adjacent to stream and channels and rivers.

“It really comes down to a public policy how much money or what kind of rules do we want to develop to protect people against certain events. I’d be glad to answer any questions you might have.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Steve, there are questions. Let me ask a quick one. You talk about the structures damaged. How many were in the unincorporated areas? Did we have any damage?”

Mr. Lackey said, “I just talked to your housing inspector and he felt like there was one structure that was damaged that had over 50% damage to their particular structure. Outside of that, I don’t know because we’ve basically been dealing with those inside the City.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Thank you. Steve, I do appreciate your bringing this presentation to us. I certainly had a lot of constituents visiting with me about the events that happened that weekend. I appreciate the update. Could you just real quickly define for us again the 100 year storm and the 500 year storm? How would you define those? I hear lots of people saying different things. Could you just touch base with us on those definitions?”

Mr. Lackey said, “At any point in time you have a 1% chance of what statistically would be called the 100 year event. That is based on statistics in this region and the likelihood of a storm occurring once ever 100 years within a drainage basin is a 1% change. A 500 year storm is something even greater in terms of the probability.”

Commissioner Winters said, “When people think that it happens once every 100 years, well it can happen once every week if you were unlucky.”

Mr. Lackey said, “That’s right. Any day we’ve got a 1% chance of that occurring.”

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Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, good. You mentioned the consultants study, do you have any idea what the time frame that that's going to entail? How long that process is going to take?"

Mr. Lackey said, "It is a six month contract."

Commissioner Winters said, "Six months. Okay. Mr. Manager, did you have something to say about that or not?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, I talked to some of you and you received a letter from Chris Churches requesting our participation in this. I talked to David Spears. This is the study that you're referring to. He thinks it is a good idea and we're going to proceed."

Commissioner Winters said, "Good. I think we should participate in that if there is a way we could be helpful in doing that. I don't think it is going to be a major cost wise project. I think we ought to help participate in that."

Mr. Lackey said, "I appreciate that."

Commissioner Winters said, "Could you help . . . a question I've been asked a number of times recently is about the Cowskin as it moves south of Kellogg. I know this was quite a controversial issue back in the mid '80s before my time here. I know some of the other Commissioners and Commissioner Henson is out in the audience, I don't know if he was directly involved with that. Is there a process where we can logically think about doing something to clean out part of that without really disrupting the enhancement of the park that are there? Is the consultant going to be able to take a look at this or what are you thinking about that issue?"

Mr. Lackey said, "To answer your question, yes. I think there is something we can do. We may not want to wait on the consultants final analysis simply because this time of year may be the time to get in and do that type of work. We've had conversations with the park department and they're in agreement that they would be willing to participate in cleaning out the main channel and the bypass channel as well would probably need to have debris cleaned out. I'm in the process of trying to develop a plan that could address that south of Kellogg. I'd like to visit with David Spears and see if he would be interested in helping us north of Kellogg. I think that is a possibility."

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Commissioner Winters said, "I think that is good. I have visited with David. David is on vacation for two weeks and so he is not here. But he expressed his willingness to me of his participation of our stream maintenance in doing part of that work. Sometimes I think his crew might get a little aggressive. They might use the biggest bulldozer and plow the widest path and maybe there is some way we can compromise and yet get part of that Cowskin cleaned out especially through the park. I know he would be willing to work with you on that. There is currently an injunction against the County being involved in that so I would hope there is some way we could kind of maybe bring that to a resolution and I'd certainly like to be helpful if there is some way we could do that."

Mr. Lackey said, "I appreciate that. I want to work through that. In talking to our City Attorney's Office, I think we can get that resolved."

Commissioner Winters said, "When I talked to some of the constituents that are both mine and Councilman Greg Ferris', I think if they could see something happening right away as opposed to six or nine months or a year from now, it might let them see that local government is out there doing something right away. I'm going to leave that to your best judgement. I appreciate very much your bringing the report. It was very informative. Thank you, Steve."

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

Commissioner Hancock said, "Mr. Chairman, I have one more comment. Steve, I appreciate you coming over today and giving us a report. It is interesting. It may not be of any interest to the citizens in the western part of the City, but it might be more information for you as you may or may not know, we're considering a drainage district south of the big ditch drainage way between the Arkansas and Cowskin Creek when it reenters its stream at Haysville at that point. Then east, around McConnell, Boeing, the City of Derby, and Oaklawn-Sunview, those four areas together, we're considering a drainage district. Each of them have their own basins. It was interesting to me that during this . . . we've had this over the years, been inundated in those areas every time we get a large rain.

"It was interesting to me that in this particular case we didn't have the problem that western Wichita had at all. Our percolation rates were probably a little higher and it came over such a long span. Our problem is not drainage, it is just slow drainage. It went away. I just spent the weekend in terror that come Monday I was going to be fielding 25 or 30 phone calls from constituents that said it did it again. The only area that we had was the River Vista area near Mulvane. I think no matter what happens in any basin, the rain falls or the problem occurs, it is going to happen there. It doesn't make sense to have a subdivision in the flow of a river anyway.

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“We’ve done our best. We’ve purchased a number of those properties through FEMA’s buy back program a number of years ago. I thought it was interesting to me and may be of interest to your consultants and your staff that where we traditionally we had a problem we didn’t this time. We had considerable rain down there. My rain gage recorded 7 to 8 inches just like everyone else’s. But it just happened differently. It was very interesting. I was just as pleased as could be as I drove around that the ditches were flowing but nothing was overflowing. It was a curious situation for me. Then the explosion out west, I just couldn’t understand what happened.”

Mr. Lackey said, “Maybe the big ditch took on a little bit more water than normal and diverted it around Haysville. I know we had to do some maintenance work in that area where it diverts through Haysville. Hopefully that helped.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Have the folks keep it in mind that to kind of ask themselves the question what’s different this time. It was sure an improvement. I was all smiles come Monday about my area, of course not about the west part and what they went through. We’ve gone through it down there so many times. Thank you, Steve, again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “You bet. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a question. You talked about sewage and the back-up that happens to so many of us who have questions and don’t have the valves to stop that. I guess my caution to you and on behalf of the tax payers would be careful about expending money because there are an awful lot of people throughout the city who face that same problem, even in times when it is not particularly a torrential rain. Some of the older homes particularly I think in those neighborhoods. I’m sure that is something you all will be careful of to look at.”

Mr. Lackey said, “It is certainly something that we want to sit down with the Codes Division of the Office of Central Inspection and also the home building community and discuss that whole issue. There were certain areas in this flood that saved their basements because they did have these in place. Their neighbors didn’t. So there are some issues there you have to work through.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Well as someone who lives in an older neighborhood, one of the best things you all have done in a long time is to go back and reinforce the fact that the sump pump doesn’t dump into the sewer line anymore. For those of us who have dealt with those kinds of dilemmas over the years, that’s been an improvement over time.”

Mr. Lackey said, “I think they received some positive information in this last storm that indicated there were fewer back-ups in the older areas.”

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Commissioner Gwin said, "I bet that's right. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Steve, appreciate your presentation. Thank you for the details on that, too."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

E. HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

- 1. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FAIR MARKET RENTS APPLICABLE TO THE SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998 PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 17-2357.**

Mr. Brad Snapp, Housing Coordinator, Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "HUD adjusts its rents for the Section 8 program on an annual basis. We need to, as the Housing Authority, have the County Commissioners adopt that set of rental rates."

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

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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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

2. PROPOSAL BY COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM FOR REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OAKLAWN/SUNVIEW AREA.

Mr. Snapp said, "In that, Sedgwick County Community Development would give Community Housing Services \$20,000. They would match those funds with their own funds. Used to acquire a house in the Oaklawn area, rehab it and then sell it to a first time home buyer. Then the proceeds from the sale would be put back into a fund to acquire another house, et cetera."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Question Mr. Chairman. Would you be able to do more than just one house at a time?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Possibly so. We're putting in \$20,000 and they're putting in \$20,000. We might be able to get two houses at a time."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Very good. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Further discussion?"

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Mr. Euson said, "I'd like to recommend to you that the Motion include the action of approving the proposal subject to a contract approved as to form by the County Counselor."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. Would somebody like to make that Motion?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Which contract are we wanting to include?"

Mr. Euson said, "I'm recommending that a contract be prepared for this item to establish the boundaries of the spending proposal. So my recommendation is you approve the proposal subject to the preparation and the execution of the contract."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Between?"

Mr. Euson said, "Between Community Housing Services and Sedgwick County."

Commissioner Hancock said, "All right."

Commissioner Winters said, "So in other words, if we give them the money, we're going to know what they're going to do with the money."

Mr. Euson said, "That's correct."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Good idea. Somebody want to make that Motion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the proposal subject to a contract approved as to form by the Sedgwick County Counselor's Office.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

F. DELEGATE AGENCY FUNDING AGREEMENTS (THREE) FOR 1999.

- 1. WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM: \$107,303**
- 2. THE KANSAS AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM: \$180,500**
- 3. SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.: \$21,500**

Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "These Contracts are about what Commissioner Winters just spoke about. If we give them money, we're going to know what they're going to do with it. These are agencies that are funded in the finance general funds of the County budget. These are the amounts that you approved in the adoption of the 1999 budget for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, the Kansas African American Museum, and the Sedgwick County Fair Association. These agreements set out what they're going to do with those funds and ensure compliance with County policies."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Jerry. Discussion? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

G. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE LIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE OF REGULAR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the contract before. This a contract that we continue to enter from year to year with public television to broadcast these meetings. If there are any questions, we have representatives from the public television here to do that. It is a standard form contract which you've approved in the past."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. Discussion on this item? Questions? Dale, do you have anything that you want to say to us today?"

Mr. Dale Guilder said, "I'm the Director of Production and Public Affairs. The contract is the same as the previous year. We're happy to continue that. Coverage of the County Commission is an important part of our Public Affairs offerings at Channel 8 and we hope to advance that this year in some other areas as well. We look forward to another year."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you, Dale. We appreciate it. Further discussion? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

H. AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM P. BUCHANAN, COUNTY MANAGER.

Mr. Buchanan said, "In 1994, I requested that I be taken out of the County's pay plan system. That system now provides a step increase of 3% annually, depending upon where you are, it may be 18 months. At that time, it was a 4.5% increase step increase either annually or every 18 months, depending upon where you were in the system. I have, since October of '94, received across the board increases as other County employees have but not have received those merit or step increases. During this process, I attempted to examine the current expected salaries of comparable municipal managers around the country and have provided some of that information to you. I've concluded and would request that my salary be increase 9%, or \$116,963. This puts the position of Sedgwick County Manager more in line with comparable managers.

"In 1991, if you remember when did the extensive salary study, we concluded that County employees of Sedgwick County receive somewhere between 0 and 10% less than what the market scale would be. This proposed salary increase would move me close to that range. I'm prepared to answer any questions that you have."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. As you know, we have done some surveys of what other managers in similar size counties and cities are right now receiving and I'm going to be supportive of this request of our manager. When we look at his years of experience and compare that with other local units of government that we have been aware of just recently hiring new managers, we're significantly under what those folks are currently paying. If for some reason, and we hope certainly not, Mr. Buchanan is here for a number of years, but if we went out to look for another County Manager at this time, we would be looking at significantly more than perhaps what we're talking about moving this salary to currently.

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“A couple of the positive aspects. I think we have really been in the process of developing a very good professional staff that really works toward partnerships and innovations. I think the senior staff, even though today we loss today in retirements some significant experience and those people are going to be difficult to replace, but I believe that Mr. Buchanan is bringing on a series of senior level management people that will do an excellent job. As we work through one of the biggest processes that we’ve been involved in, which was building the new adult detention center, I think we’ve been able to really push some areas that have allowed us to do that. Really I think a pretty significant way, that could have been significant more mill levy involved in building that detention facility if we hadn’t really tightened every budget every place in the County.

“At the same time, one of the programs that I’m certainly most interested in as I think we all are is the prevention program that we have initiated as we’ve looked at trying to prevent the need for adult detention facilities and juvenile detention facilities. That was an idea that I think Mr. Buchanan kind of brought to the attention of what I think every one of us grabbed on to that idea and have put our pluses to it. I think it is that kind of innovative thinking that really makes Mr. Buchanan a very good manager for Sedgwick County at this time. I’m confident that if for any reason he would leave, I think we’d be looking at a significant increase in this salary, so I’m going to support this request.”

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

Commissioner Gwin said, “I’ll echo Tom’s thoughts and won’t reiterate them. But there are a couple of other areas that I think I’d like to talk about that we’ve been able to do since you’ve been here Bill. There have been some demands on the County that I think when you were hired and when I first showed up we didn’t realize we’d have. Those had to do with providing services differently to the older people in our population and the mentally and physically disabled population. It really helped us focus on meeting their needs and doing it differently than it has ever been done before.

“I think the pride I take in that is not only the services are done better but that those kinds of systems that we have in place have become models of service delivery and efficiency. Our staff has taken that message out and talked to organizations, both public and private throughout this country and talked to them about the way we do business. Most people don’t know that and I think we should be very proud of that. Again, it is Bill’s leadership that has helped us get there.

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“We’ve also talked about partnerships and trying to keep the ones that we have and develop new ones. That idea of building partnerships has been something that Bill feels strongly about. As you all know, we are currently partners with the Chamber of Commerce in helping to sustain economic development and growth throughout the County. I think that is a good sign of a way to meet problems and challenges. Bill certainly has presented a number of ideas to Manager Churches at the City on ways to coordinate and consolidate functions with the City of Wichita in order to save tax dollars. Unfortunately, not all of those have fallen on receptive ears, but I think we’ve given Bill the challenge to continue to come up with those ideas and present them for consideration to the City and Bill has done so. Whether or not they’ve accepted it is a fault of his, maybe they’re just not hearing us yet.

“I do agree with Tom in that the salary we’re considering today is under market based upon the comparisons that we have. I do believe, too, that if for some reason we’d have to replace Bill to get his kind of experience, his kind of innovation, his management style, that we’d have to pay considerably more than what we’re considering today. So we hope to keep him with us for a while and working as hard as he has been. 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 moved to approve the Amendment to Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thanks Bill.”

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Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you, very much."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Next item."

I. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH HORIZONS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER FOR COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE) TO PROVIDE TELEPSYCHIATRY SERVICES.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item allows Horizons Mental Health Center in Hutchinson to access services of a board certified child psychiatrist, which is really the purpose of this telepsychiatry system, to help other areas access services that are not readily available to them because of their location. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you, Debbie. Questions?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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2. AGREEMENT WITH THE ARC OF SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE SELF-ADVOCATE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

Ms. Donaldson said, “Commissioners this particular item comes out of a strategic planning process that occurred a number of years ago. Out of that came the recommendation for certain funding expenditures. This amount, which is not a large amount, but \$7,500, is focused on training folks with developmental disabilities, how to advocate for themselves. I’d be glad to answer any questions.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Debbie. Discussion on this item?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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3. CONTRACT WITH SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER-PROJECT BRIDGE FOR MEDICAID WAIVER HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED YOUTH.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, again as you've seen over the last several weeks, this is a contract with a provider for the Children's Mental Health Waiver. They will provide services through this Contract. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

4. DELETION OF ONE PART-TIME CASE MANAGER POSITION, RANGE 16, FROM, AND ADDITION OF ONE FULL-TIME CASE MANAGER POSITION, RANGE 16, TO, THE COMCARE STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, this particular position is being funded by Mental Health Reform funds. The reason we're expanding this position is to put more emphases on vocational activities to help consumers become competitively employed. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

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MOTION

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

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

5. MILL LEVY AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT (FIVE).

- ! MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU - PRESCRIPTION VOUCHER PROGRAM: \$5,000 INCREASE**
- ! UNITED METHODIST URBAN MINISTRY - FOOD DELIVERY PROGRAM: \$4,000 INCREASE**
- ! AMERICAN RED CROSS - COLVIN SENIOR CENTER: \$1,799 INCREASE**
- ! SENIOR SERVICES, INC. - MEALS ON WHEELS: \$3,000 INCREASE**
- ! GUADALUPE CLINIC - HEALTH SCREENING AND PRESCRIPTION VOUCHER PROGRAM: \$5,000 INCREASE**

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Ms. Lynne Melton, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Each year our Council on Aging looks at the programs and polls the programs to see if there are some funds that they may not be using this year. With the help of going through the budget process in 1998 for this year when we had such big cuts with the opening of the jail, we met with our providers and they helped us come up with those cuts. They were willing to give back some of their funds and what they could do. Through the help of the federal government with some Older American Act increases and through Action Program through Foster Grandparent, they were able to get some additional funding. These are taking that money and going to what the specific needs that the Council thought were important and using year-end funds to help with prescriptions, food baskets through Urban Ministries, through the Red Cross, who was gracious to give us some money back. In fact they gave us back a little bit too much and so we're helping them get through this year. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Lynne, this does come to us then as a recommendation from the Advisory Board on Aging, is that correct?"

Ms. Melton said, "Yes sir."

Commissioner Winters said, "They looked through these funds and this is their best recommendation."

Ms. Melton said, "Correct sir."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Further discussion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Amendment to Contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

6. PROVIDER AGREEMENTS (THREE) WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDING REENROLLMENT AS A PROVIDER OF MEDICAID HOME- AND COMMUNITY- BASED SERVICES AND VALIDATION OF EXISTING APPLICATION INFORMATION.

! PHYSICALLY DISABLED WAIVER

! NON AMBULATORY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

! TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT

Ms. Melton said, "As you know Commissioners, we do targeted case management and are reimbursed for those home and community based services from Medicaid. We also have reimbursement through transportation. What this is, is actually an application that validates the information that they already had, reenrolls us so we are able to bill Medicaid and be reimbursed for those services."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Provider Agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

7. ADDITION OF ONE TRANSPORTATION GRANTS COORDINATOR POSITION, RANGE 20, AND TWO RURAL TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS, RANGE 15, TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Melton said, "As you know Commissioners, we have brought a lot of our transportation in house. We've opened up a transportation office now at the Stillwell address. The rural transportation drivers, we had a contract with Haysville and Park City that provided the drivers, we provided the funds. It was a pass through. Haysville, at the end of 1997, requested that we bring that driver in house. We also thought it would be best that we bring the Park City driver in house and then add a position for a transportation grants coordinator to help with the additional load of what is happening in transportation and the brokerage transportation. These funds are already in the budget paid through federal and mill levy funds. No additional funds are requested. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the additions to the Department on Aging Staffing Table.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

J. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY (WSU) FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TO PROVIDE FIELD INTERNSHIPS TO WSU TRAINING PROGRAM STUDENTS.

Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Emergency Medical Service, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Agreement before you is our agreement that we do for field internship for our students, particularly MICT or paramedic level and EMT. This is for both with WSU and it would go through the period through July 1 of next year, which is our normal period with them. Unfortunately, this one had a little longer gestation period and we didn't get it as quickly as we like to because of their concerns. I have spoke with legal staff, Jennifer Magana, and she believes this is fine. I recommend your approval."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Not necessarily regarding this item, Mr. Chairman, but I want to take just a moment to say to Tom and all of the EMS crews that worked this past weekend, from reading some of the reports about all the responses, the back-up, I think you guys were right in the thick or a lot of these accidents that were happening. I certainly want to say thank you to you and the whole team at EMS and all the other safety personnel involved. It seems like the first storm has got to be the worst sometimes. We really realize that everybody that was out there involved in public safety had a busy weekend. Tom, we appreciate your work."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Somebody want to make a motion?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Schroeder said, "Tom, I was going to thank you but Tom stole my thunder. Thank you, good job."

Mr. Pollan said, "Thank you, very much. All of you have a Merry Christmas."

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

K. PROPOSED RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY.

Mr. Douglas King, Records Manager, Division of Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Very briefly, I would like to highlight three key points of the proposed policy. It defines the role of the Records Manager in working with County departments. It creates a Records Management Advisory Committee for customers and external stakeholders to participate activity in planning and developing programs. Then, a very important component is that each department would assign a staff member to serve as a records coordinator, someone that I would train and they would serve as the primary person to assist my employees at the department level. I would request your approval of this policy and I would be glad to try to answer any questions you might have."

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the policy.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

L. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director of Community Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would just like to bring one item to your attention if I could, some good news that has come to our attention over the past few days. That is **NACCHO**, which is the National Association of County and City Health Officials, successfully lobbied Congress and obtained money to help us with one of our current high priorities, which is develop our infrastructure so we can more capably perform disease surveillance. Also, other types of epidemiologic capabilities. That, in conjunction with the funding that we will be receiving locally, will be of great benefit and should help us tremendously in making progress here."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Great. Appreciate that. Other questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

M. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Marvin is not able to attend and requested that we delay this a week."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Do we have a Motion to delay?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I read his note to say to delay it to the January meeting and then he'd catch it in January."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to delay the December report until January for the Metropolitan Area Planning Department

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

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N. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The month of November, not a bad month for us, 20 events and 34 performances, attendance of 73,700. Net revenues for the month were \$165,892. We compare this year's performance over what we did last year. Unfortunately in this scenario, it was a little unfair because last year we have five Garth Brooks concerts in November, a half a million dollars worth of extra revenue. But if you take our yearly performance of this year as to where we were last year, we're only \$100,000 off. So we made up some of that with our other programs.

"It is a tough act to follow, but the troops out at the Coliseum have really done a good job. I'm real proud of them this year. Progress towards making our department goals. The survey is finished. We're being presented with that with the research center next week. Right now, we are averaging 16% of all tickets sold to all of our events over the telephone. That trend is moving toward the Select-A-Seat fund. For example, 24% of all the tickets sold to the live televised wrestling event we had in November were sold on the telephone with a credit card. We're operating at 70% of our goal to exceed our revenue budget by \$100,000. To date, we have a 6% increase in events for the year. Our goal was 5%.

"Highlights for last month were a very strong showing by the Farm Trade Expo. That show has been in the market now for five years and it has really taken off. We do have a five year agreement with them. Of course, the national live television show with the WCW Wrestling, which was a great event for us.

"Capital project wise, we finished the roof work on the Sam E. Fulco Pavilion. We resealed that. There are no more leaks, so we should have a better service that we can give, especially to the Sports Boat and Travel Show. For some reason, it either rains when that show is on or it snows on the roof. Apparently there is a problem with the boats getting wet. We have taken care of that and it should be fine this year. Hopefully next month for the December report we'll be able to come up to you with results of our master planning session. We had some really good ideas come out of that and some good information. That's about all I have at this time. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them."

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

**O. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' DECEMBER 17, 1998
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have minutes from the December 17 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are ten items for consideration.

**(1) STREET IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

"Item one, street improvements, Public Works, 63rd Street South, between K-15 and Buckner. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Ritchey Paving. That amount, \$1,147,833.95.

**(2) WEED CHEMICALS - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

"Item two, various weed chemicals for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bids of Vegetation Management Supply and Van Diest Supply Company, to be split equally. That total amount, \$52,222.40.

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(3) PREVENTION EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT FUNDS - DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES
FUNDING: DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

“Item three, prevention and early intervention grant funds for the Division of Human Services. It was recommended to receive and file the proposals you see listed.

(4) RADAR SYSTEM - SHERIFF
FUNDING: LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT

“Item four, radar system for the Sheriff. It was recommended to accept the only bid received from Kustom Signals, Inc., that amount, to match existing equipment, \$12,240.

(5) PATROL CAR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM - SHERIFF
FUNDING: FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE

“Item five, patrol car surveillance system, also for the Sheriff. It was again recommended to accept the only bid received from Kustom Signals, that amount, also to match existing equipment, \$26,325.

(6) SOFTWARE UPGRADE FOR MUG SYSTEM - SHERIFF
FUNDING: DETENTION FACILITY ADDITION

“Item six, software upgrade for the MUG system, also for the Sheriff. It was recommended to accept the only bid received from NEC Corporation. They are the publisher of this particular software. That amount, \$11,120.

(7) SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT RENEWAL - INFORMATION SERVICES
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES

“Item seven, software maintenance contract renewal for Information Services. It was recommended to accept the sold source bid of Computer Associates. Computer Associates is the publisher of this software. That amount for 1999 on the two products, \$12,340.50.

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(8) SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT RENEWAL - INFORMATION SERVICES
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES

“Item eight is software maintenance contract renewal also for Information Services with Candle Corporation for the two products you see listed. That amount for 1999, \$19,700.

(9) WATER TENDER FIRE TRUCKS W/PUMP - FIRE DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT

“Item nine, water tender fire trucks with pump for the Fire Department. It was recommended to accept the proposal of Central States Fire Apparatus. That amount for three vehicles is not to exceed \$556,305. Note the Controller was directed to acquire the best financing available for the acquisition of these vehicles. A one page synopsis of this recommendation is attached.

(10) STREET & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

“Item ten, street and drainage improvements for Public Works. It was recommended to reject all bids as they exceed the engineer’s estimate.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

(11) VEHICLE TIRES - FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

“There is one item that does not require action at this particular time. Those bids are being reviewed. Those are vehicle tires for Fleet Management. That item was tabled for review. I’ll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the minutes provided by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Schroeder said, “Thank you, Darren. Discussion on this item? Commissioner Hancock.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Item three, the bids on the intervention grant funds? Did we have this last year as part of the Bid Board? We requested these and all these came in?”

Mr. Muci said, “This is the second round for the remaining funds for this year.”

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Commissioner Hancock said, "Did we have them on the Bid Board last year?"

Mr. Muci said, "We work through the process of receiving proposals and then forward those to COMCARE."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Working unconscious, thank you."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "My question, Darren, same subject, prevention grants. Do you know when we plan on having a recommendation? You may not be the proper person to ask, I thought maybe you might know."

Mr. Muci said, "The proposals are currently being reviewed for verification of the ability to meet the original requirements and I expect a recommendation will be in mid January."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you, very much."

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Other questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock 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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

P. CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 827-V, W; Oliver between 47th and 63rd Streets South. CIP #R-212. District #5.**

- 2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
C98059	\$148.00	4	Donna P. Bumsted

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V96107	\$281.00	\$219.00
V98041	\$463.00	\$229.00

- 4. Agreement with Air Capital Finance, Inc. to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
- 5. Order dated December 16, 1998 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. Consideration of the Check Register of December 18, 1998.**

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7. Budget Adjustment Requests.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980695	Operations	Transfer
980696	Finance General Coroner	Transfer
980697	Finance General	Transfer
980698	Finance General	Transfer
980699	County Counselor	Transfer
980700	Sheriff	Transfer
980701	Sheriff	Transfer
980702	Election Commission	Transfer
980703	Zoo	Transfer
980704	Corrections	Transfer
980705	Emergency Medical Service	Transfer
980706	Aging-Title III B	Supplemental Appropriation
980707	Aging	Transfer
980708	Aging	Transfer
980709	Aging-Income Eligible	Supplemental Appropriation
980710	COMCARE-Vocational Rehabilitation Supported Employment	Supplemental Appropriation
980711	Temporary Notes 1997-1	Transfer
980712	1998 Road Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
980713	Auto License	Transfer
990001	Corrections-SCYP	Supplemental Appropriation

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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	Absent
Chairman Mark F. Schroeder	Aye

Chairman Schroeder said, "Thank you. Any other business to come before this Board? If not, we're adjourned."

Q. OTHER

R. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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