

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 16, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, June 16, 1999 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Bill Hancock; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Corrie L. May, MD, District Coroner-Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief; Ms. Norma Jean Farley, MD, Deputy Coroner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Patricia Wells, Telephone Information Specialist, Appraiser's Office; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Ken Williams, Assistant Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Heather Knoblock, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Bob Hansen, Member, Sporty Commission
Mr. Dick Elder, Meteorologist in Charge, National Weather Services
Judge Michael Corrigan
Mr. Fabrice Dumau, French Exchange Student
Mr. Mike Wimmer, Assistant Executive Director, American Red Cross, Wichita Chapter
Major Dallas Raby, Salvation Army

INVOCATION

The Commission stood for a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATIONS OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, May 19, 1999

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Sciortino was absent at the Regular Meeting of May 19, 1999.

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioners, you received copies of those Minutes and had an opportunity to review them. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 1999.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Abstain
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

APPOINTMENT

A. RESOLUTION APPOINTING NORMA JEAN FARLEY, M.D. AS DEPUTY CORONER-MEDICAL EXAMINER.

Ms. Corrie L. May, M.D., District Coroner-Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a day that I've been waiting for over a year now. As you are aware, we've been without the services of a Deputy Coroner and after an extensive search, I think we've located just the right person. Dr. Norma Jean Farley is a native of the State of Illinois. She is a mother of three. She completed her medical degree training down in the University of Texas Health

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Science Center in San Antonio, Texas.

"She has also just completed her fellowship training at the Bear County Medical Examiner's Office, a facility which we visited a few years ago now. I'm just very pleased and looking forward to working with her. I would ask that you approve her appointment as Deputy Coroner-Medical Examiner for Sedgwick County, Kansas."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Dr. May. Welcome. We're glad you're here. Commissioners, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you."

Judge Michael Corrigan said, "I was fortunate enough to be able to swear Dr. May in on the first occasion and now, I guess, we complete the circle. Would you raise your right hand?"

"I, Norma Jean Farley, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare, that I will faithfully and impartially, and to the best of my skill and ability, discharge the duties of Deputy District Coroner for Sedgwick County, Kansas, and that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and this I do under the pains and penalties of perjury, so help me God."

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Ms. Norma Jean Farley, M.D., repeated the oath and said, "So help me God. I just wanted to take a moment to thank you. I'm very happy to be in Wichita. I'm happy to be back in the Midwest again. I thank you for the opportunity to work at such a fine forensic science center. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Good luck."

MOTION

Chairman Hancock moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "This is a special Proclamation."

Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations, said, "We have one Proclamation this morning that I'd like to read that Proclamation into the record at this time.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission is a nonprofit organization with a mission to enhance the quality of life and the economy by taking a leadership role in promoting, acquiring and supporting a diversity of youth, amateur and professional sporting programs and events; and

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WHEREAS, the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission will honor local athletes and sports enthusiasts at their 2nd annual sports banquet on Tuesday, June 22, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Roy Williams, Head Men's Basketball Coach at the University of Kansas, will be honored with the 1999 Sports Award of Excellence for his contribution to the sport of basketball and to the world of sports in general;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bill Hancock, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 22, 1999, as

“ROY WILLIAMS DAY”

in Sedgwick County in recognition of his numerous accomplishments and the respect he has earned from persons of all ages at the state, national and international levels of basketball.

"I would request that you adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign it."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Mr. Ervin said, "Commissioners, with us this morning is Bob Hansen with the Sports Commission."

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Mr. Bob Hansen said, "I want to thank you for making this possible. We're very excited to have Roy in town. He is certainly deserving of this award. We have many other awards that will go to local athletes, to volunteers who make sporting organizations and events possible, contributors of the year who make different facilities available.

"We're just really happy to have the Barry Sanders and Lynette Woodward high school male and female athletes of the year recognized that night as well as college male and female athletes of the year and professional male and female athletes of the year. Several of these are going to be surprises. People are going to be there at the dinner and don't even know they're going to receive an award. We're really excited about that. We've sold about 500 tickets right now. We've got 100 tickets left. So people interested in getting tickets, they ought to do it quickly. I want to thank you, on behalf of the Sports Commission, to help us and make this possible. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Bob. I guess this is okay, I mean this is a KU kind. Loyal K-State fans are kind of suffering here today."

Mr. Hansen said, "Well, we run these by a committee and see if they'll be able to come to the banquet or not. Most of them haven't made it, thus far. Last year we had Bill Snyder, so we're representing both and move on to people from Wichita State and Butler County Community College. We're trying to get all the bases covered."

Chairman Hancock said, "Equal opportunity. Thank you, very much, for being here. Next item, please."

RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS

B. RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS.

1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO JERALD BOOTH, SENIOR MAINTENANCE WORKER, EXTENSION SERVICE.

Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Kind of neat to look at these folks. They've all been with their departments the whole time with the County and they all speak well of it. That's a pretty good deal when that begins to happen. Jerald Booth has been with the 4-H Building, well Extension Facility, since December 7, 1983, where he was a Senior Maintenance Worker. I was looking at what he was planning to do and it says he is planning to spend

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time with his three daughters, two sons, in the Kansas and Missouri area. He plans to devote time to camping and fishing in their camper. He plans to visit his brother and sister who live on lake sites in Missouri and Texas. I guess that doesn't mean you're not visiting one just because they don't, right? It sounds like a good idea.

"Jerry has been a Senior Maintenance Supervisor for Sedgwick County Education Center his entire employment. He came to work for Sedgwick County again December 7, 1983. He describes his employment as, 'I have always enjoyed working with the people at the Extension Office, as well as other County staff who use the facility. People are good. All the other employees have been good to compliment my work in the building and grounds.' Come on up here. Here's a certificate of recognition and the Chairman's going to get you here with a clock."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Jerald, on the behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of Sedgwick County. It is our pleasure to present to you a remembrance of your time here at Sedgwick County with this clock. Thank you, very much."

2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO PATRICIA WELLS, TELEPHONE INFORMATION SPECIALIST, APPRAISER'S OFFICE.

Mr. Russell said, "Patricia Wells, Telephone Information Specialist with the Appraiser's Office, will retire July 1, 1999 after 14 ½ years of service. Patricia was hired on December 3, 1984, as a Fiscal Assistance and was promoted to Telephone Information Specialist in October of 1998. It says here that Pat plans to spend time with her two sons, one daughter, and one grandchild. She figures taxes from January through April and plans to volunteer with mentally retarded children.

"Pat has always worked in the Appraiser's Office. She has kind of an unusual story here. She says she went to work in 1984 to buy a new car. Her husband had an industrial accident on April 4, 1985, which left him permanently disabled. One of those deals that works out. She said, 'My insurance started in March so God was looking out for us by placing me in a County where insurance benefits were so good.' Pretty nice statement Pat. Come on up and we'll give you your stuff here."

Chairman Hancock said, "Pat, thank you, very much. On behalf of the people of Sedgwick County and the Board of County Commissioners, we'd like you to have this is in remembrance of your time here."

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Ms. Patricia Wells said, "I want to thank the Appraiser's Office, my co-workers especially, they make me look good. I want to thank the County Commissioners. It's been great working with you all."

3. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO MELVIN BIRD, FIELD SERVICE ATTENDANT, FLEET MANAGEMENT.

Mr. Russell said, "Last, but not least, Melvin Bird is a Field Service Attendant in Fleet Management and will retire July 1, 1999 after 12 ½ years of service. This is one of these guys that you pick up that has a lot of experience with him when he comes. I was looking through his hobbies here. It says Melvin plans to spend time with his mother and his wife's mother, their sons and grandchildren. Melvin can be more active in the Metropolitan Car Club, can restore his tractors, go fishing, camping, and hunting. He says there are several places of local interest that they'd like to visit. Melvin has worked in Fleet Management in the heavy equipment shop and describes his employment with Sedgwick County as very satisfying."

Chairman Hancock said, "Melvin, come right on up here. We're going to ask you to speak for 20 minutes. I've been down to the maintenance shop a number of times. I kind of slip in and slip out and try to remain unnoticed because the folks are always working down there. I remember one time especially I went down and they had an old D7 cable operated cat setting up on jacks. I don't know if you were one of the folks working on that thing, but I was amazed. I suppose one of those weighs about 40,000 pounds. Our County folks had that thing apart working on the undercarriage. I never forgot that, that we have that kind of expertise down there in that area. It just amazed me. I know you had to work very hard all those years. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of Sedgwick County, thank you for your hard work and the time you spent there. This clock is presented to you in remembrance of your time here in Sedgwick County. Thank you, very much."

Mr. Russell said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Doug. Thank you, all for coming here to celebrate these retirements of your colleagues. Madam Clerk, next item, please."

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STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

C. STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

Mr. Gary E. Curmode, Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Just after the first of the year, I received a long distance phone call from Bordeaux, France. It's the first time I ever received a phone call from there. I talked to a Mr. Horst Risery. He's a professor at the Bordeaux University. He had a foreign exchange student, one of his students, was wanting to do a study on grain elevator explosions. About two years ago, they had a very bad grain elevator explosion in their country also. They lost eleven people. They asked if there was a possibility if their student, Fabrice Dumau, could come over and stay with us and study grain elevator explosions and so forth. So got our Legal Department involved because that sounded like an excellent partnership to go along with our strategic County values. The Legal Department worked with theirs and got this taken care of. I'm happy to say about April 17, we got a new fire fighter, so to speak, came over, Fabrice Dumau, and he is in a two year study program. This was part of his internship.

"Part of his internship was the concluding of two major papers. One was on grain dust explosion, risk management and feedback in Wichita, Kansas, U.S.A. While he was here, he had the opportunity to see a lot of other incidences we had, including the tornado. So he also did a report on the internship regarding to the May 3 tornado we had. Also, he was assisting us out at the Mulvane rescue of Jessie. He's been a great person to have on our department. He has stayed at station 38, done a tremendous job, and it kind of culminated Monday night when he turned 22 years old on his birthday. So we had a little birthday party for him.

"Again, this wouldn't have happened without the support of the Legal Department, Sedgwick County Fire District #1, all the employees, and again with the support of the Manager's Office and the Commission Office. At this time, I'd like to introduce Fabrice Dumau."

Mr. Fabrice Dumau said, "Good morning. I'm very pleased to be here. I have spent a very nice internship and I very enjoyed my stay."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you."

Commissioner Gwin said, "When do you have to go back home?"

Mr. Dumau said, "Tomorrow."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Did you teach any of the fire fighters French while you were here?"

Mr. Dumau said, "A little."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Did they teach you English?"

Mr. Dumau said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Some of it you probably don't want to take home. I met Fabrice at Minneha Elementary School when I was out there for a celebration that Minneha had for some fellows out at station 38. Talked to him at that time about what an amazing time he picked to be here. He came for one reason and found two other incidents of pretty big important aspect for the County and for our responses. So we hope you learned a lot. If time and your future permits, come back and see us. I know the guys would look forward to seeing you again."

Mr. Dumau said, "Thanks."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Glad you're here. Anything else?"

Chief Curmode said, "That's it. Thank you, Commissioners."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, I'd entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

AWARD

D. SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD TO SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning I'd like to make a couple of introductions of folks who are here with me. I'd like to introduce to you Dick Elder, who is the Meteorologist in Charge with the National Weather Service here in Wichita, and I think he has a few words to say to us. Dick."

Chairman Hancock said, "Good morning."

Mr. Dick Elder, Meteorologist in Charge, National Weather Service, Wichita Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you all well know, on May 3, we had a pretty significant tornado that went across Sedgwick County. In the wake of that tornado across Haysville and parts of Wichita, in its wake, we had \$140,000,000 worth of damage. We had 150 people injured, 25 seriously, and unfortunately we had 6 that were killed in that.

"I think most of you probably were down and viewed the damage and the aftermath of that tornado. I don't think I'm saying anything out of line when I say if proper warning hadn't gotten out and people were educated in knowing in what to do, the death toll would have easily been ten times what we did have with the amount of damage that took place. Why was the death toll so low? Why was the injuries so low? I think a number of things came to play on this event. First off, we had warnings out a good 20 minutes ahead of time because we knew the tornado, we'd heard reports coming out of Sumner County of it so we could see it on radar. Another thing that was very important once it did move into Sedgwick County, Randy and the crew with the Sedgwick County Emergency Management, they had Board of Commissioners (BOC) open. They had sky warn spotters out. They were providing a continuous flow

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of information to us so we knew exactly where the tornado was, what sort of damage it was inflicting. "We could turn around and get statements out to the media, to let them know. In turn, they were getting information out to the masses so that they knew this was a very significant event. People did seek shelter from that.

"Another thing that was very important from that too, that I think is different from the 1991 tornado is I think people are much more educated about where to go when tornados come about. Again, I credit Sedgwick County Emergency Management for that because for the last three years, they have been a driving force for our severe weather awareness week, of getting us and all the media together to do very concentrated education and letting people know that a car is not the place to be. You don't set in a mobile home when a tornado comes about. I think we saw that come to play and people saved their lives because of that. So with that in mind this morning, I do want to give you a special service award to Sedgwick County Emergency Management Personnel. This is an award in recognition of the job they've done and the partnership we have with them and the job they did on the May 3 tornado. We couldn't do our job as a National Weather Service and our mission is the protection of life and property, without folks like Randy and your emergency management folks here in Sedgwick County. It is a well deserved award. I want to give that to Randy. Thank you very much for the job that they do."

Mr. Duncan said, "Thank you."

Mr. Elder said, "I'm not done, yet. I have one more. Another thing that I want to recognize and want to make you all aware of. I think you all know that we go out every spring and we train volunteer storm spotters in recognizing storms. We do a lot of weather safety education from that. One of the things that we have worked on doing is training emergency managers how to go out and do storm spotter training and other safety education as well. One of the people who has been very much involved in that is Jack Kegley, who is the Deputy Director of Sedgwick County Emergency Management.

"Just to give you a little bit of background, here in Sedgwick County, just this year alone, there were 23 weather safety and weather spotter classes offered across the County. How many did the Weather Service do just here in Sedgwick County? We were involved in only two of them. The other 21, Jack

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did. There was 1,068 people trained in spotting severe weather and given training on weather safety. Like I said, 21 of those talks, Jack did. As a matter of fact, on March 16 of this year, he was in Haysville and he did train 68 people down there prior to that tornado hitting. So with his job and all the effort he's done in the training aspect, I've got another special service award that I'd like to present to Jack for a job well done.

"Again, we couldn't get out and teach people about severe weather without people like Jack helping us out. Thank you very much. I do have some press releases here on this I will leave with Randy in case any of you want these to take home and show the kids or something like that. That's all I have."

Mr. Duncan said, "Thank you, Commissioners. Any questions or comments? If not, that concludes our end of this."

Commissioner Winters said, "Randy, I think you and John and Jack and your staff support in the basement have done . . . we hope we don't have a spring like this again for a while. But you folks and your very small department have played a critical role in the entire function of this County. John Castled put together a good crew and a good organization and developed a strong system of doing things. We're pleased that you're on board. We're pleased you've got that whole staff working together down there. Again, we hope you can take a vacation here, but don't bet on it yet, because we've still got a lot of cleanup to do. I think you've made the Commissioners all very very pleased. We weren't trying to fight things that you guys were causing, you guys were solutions. We appreciate that very much."

Mr. Duncan said, "Thank you, very much Commissioner. I appreciate you recognizing the importance of the team work that occurs within our office because it is certainly not one person and certainly not one department. Each and every department within the County has helped make this a smooth operation including the support from you all. Thank you, very much."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Randy. Commissioner Winters made me think when he used the word cooperation. I want to say one more time that during the period of aftermath of the tornado, one of the comments I received over and over again is that people who were not familiar with Sedgwick County and the organization of people who work here from all over, from your department, the police department, fire department, all the emergency response teams, the City of Wichita, Haysville, and Derby, and everyone around in that area there. One of the comments I received over and over again was how well we all worked together. I think that is a testament to you and your staff. I appreciate you instilling that concept and that idea into folks that it works a lot better when everybody is on board and wanting to cooperate and do whatever they can to make things better. In that regard also, I want to say a special

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thank you to the National Weather Service. Without you, we couldn't begin to do our job up front. We depend on you to a large extent to begin everything that we do. Thank you."

Mr. Elder said, "Like Randy said, it is a team and we couldn't do it without your support as well. Thank you very much."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Thank you, Randy. At this time Commissioners, I would like to move past Item E and take Item F. Madam Clerk, would you call that item."

NEW BUSINESS

F. PRESENTATION OF SOLID WASTE PLAN.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The reason we've switched these agenda items is the next one is also using the equipment up here. This has become such a popular way in which to do presentations that we've discovered it is becoming overloaded and we need to figure out ways to manage the information on the system better. Mine happened to be on first before Randy Duncan's showed up with his presentation. We will load that when this is done."

SLIDE PRESENTATION

"You have identified 10 or 11 issues that were important to you in the spring. One of those is solid waste. It is a program that we are going forward with. We have an approved plan by the State. We have decided, because of the Board of County Commissioners, to do business differently in Sedgwick County than we have in the past. This is a briefing about where we are in this whole process of managing this project."

"Allison Ohlman, one of the interns, this was her project to do and her project was to make the presentation and make sure that I pointed to the right buttons. So she is ably assisting me in that. Part of what we are managing issues in this community in this organization is what we've developed in 1991 and 1992 is a Management Model. It is a standard way in which to think and act strategically. We do that with all the projects. I'm starting here because it is important to understand that this is the foundation of our decision making process in this issue."

"We define the issues. We identify the stakeholders. We've done that through the plan. We try to

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understand everybody's perspective. We create a preferred future and we agree upon measurable outcomes and development. Part of it we discovered we needed a process for implementing the plan. The Project Management System is a standard system that business and manufacturers use all the time. It is about breaking down the issue into workable tasks, to network to figure out who needs to be involved in the process, the task and schedule, the process, what tasks need to be done and who is going to do it. The action plan, how are we going to execute it and review and report it.

"The issue is really about holding people accountable and responsible for the issues. So we've identified in the solid waste issue. We've tried to identify each task. We've also identified the support and resources needed. We've identified the person responsible for each task. We've identified others involved. For instance, the City of Wichita or the Wichita Independent Business Association or manufacturers or people who are in the recycling business, they will be the external people, others involved. Identify what each task is to be done and your job is to hold me accountable that what we tell you today will be done when we say it is going to be done and I will hold others accountable. Identify how tasks will be measured and clearly monitor the status.

"In charge of this whole solid waste issue is Irene Hart. I happen to be giving the report today, but Irene's job is to manage this process. So we begin with the Solid Waste Issue. I want to let you know that we have available for you work sheets that go into great detail about each of these 12 tasks. Each of the 12 tasks is like a clock. You can see that they are 12 tasks for developing this plan and implementing and that they are interconnected. What happens with yard waste bans does effect the transfer station, and does effect what we do in recycling. The Household Hazardous Waste Program does effect construction and demolition and does effect what happens with our entire program. So they are interrelated. We have details for each of these for you and will present those. But there is much too much information at this point and so what we thought we would do is give a broad overview of those tasks.

"Some tasks have already begun as you know. Others will begin next year and the following year. It is important about staging and completion, because the completion date, our target date is October 10, 2001. That is the day in which Brooks Landfill will no longer be in operation and therefore that seems to be the appropriate date to start things. You see a number of pilot projects that we talk about. It is important to understand that we have some time between now and October 10. We have all those months that are available to us between now and then that when we're changing the way in which we do business, the manner in which we deliver solid waste, of how people remove their trash from their homes, how we

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protect our land, our water, our ground water, is going to be different than what we have done in the past.

"It seems to me to be important to before we start changing people's . . . asking people to change their behaviors or changing the way in which we do business, is to test it. To run a test if you will, a program, and so we've developed some pilot projects to take a look at what has been done in other communities, to test them here, to see how we can tweak them and refine them and make them work here. So you will see that from time to time.

"The first task, and let me talk to you about this letter B and not to confuse you, we've identified eleven tasks that you wanted, eleven projects that you wanted us to deal with. Economic development, solid waste, some public relations, this happens to be the sign, but don't be confused that we've left out A and C, we're only talking about Solid Waste today.

"The first task is the yard waste ban. Let me go through this a little bit. We've completed, and you will see from this point forward, that under the completed category that we've had planning sessions. This is to scope out what resources we need, what we need to accomplish it. You've adopted the regulations in December about yard waste bans. We have broad range education about yard waste and what we need to do. Now in the summer of this year, we will develop a pilot project. We are waiting to hear from a grant from the state to do some pilot projects about mulching and composting at people's homes, about using other facilities for disposal, other than the landfill. In the future, we will develop an enforcement program for haulers, for others, about what we're going to do to assure that the yard waste doesn't get into the transfer station and we will implement the ban on October 10, 2001.

"The transfer station tasks list. A site has been selected. You participated in that process. You approved it. We've had planning sessions regarding it. We've adopted the regulations and the education program is initiated about transfer stations, trying to educate the public about what that means, because there is a lot of confusion.

"Currently, continuing education will continue and we have continued and will do so and encourage the development of a second transfer station. That's an assigned task and we will be working with developers and other companies to try to see what we can do from government to encourage that. The future will be developing some regulatory enforcement plan again for the haulers. Again, on 8/31 we've been told by BFI the end of August 2001, the transfer station will be up and running.

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"The recycling task. We've met and we've done the planning and Susan Erlenwein, the Director of Environmental Services has met with the haulers to get their perspective about recycling and some issues that we were talking to them about. Currently, we have an insert in the newspaper Saturday about recycling and the general need to do that and why that is good for this community and why it is good for the earth. Susan has, over the years, encouraged businesses to recycle and continues that education program with large and small businesses and in this community, large businesses have been pretty successful in developing recycling issues for their company.

“ In the future, you'll see that in the beginning we're not going to talk about recycling much until the first of the year. The first day back of the new millennium, we are going to not only begin that project, but also start talking about market developments for recycling recyclables and develop a plan for that. Develop regulations in September about recycling if we need to do that. The education plan about the specifics of recycling and how to do it and what the benefits are wouldn't occur until August 2001. Again, implement the recycling in October 10, 2001.

"Tires is an issue with this community that we've dealt with from time to time, sometimes more successfully than others. We've identified the issue. We have nothing currently going on and don't plan to until April of next year, almost a year from now. We'll review the citizens with citizens, business, and tire retailers. We're going to design how we're going to deal with tires. There are some companies in the business of dealing with used tires and we're going to try to figure that out in June of next year. Develop an education plan for not only consumers and citizens but businesses that deal in tires. We're going to implement that education plan and try to implement the tire system again by October 10, 2001. That may be moved up because clearly this issue will be involving the City of Wichita program currently existing and currently businesses.

"Construction & Demolition tasks; we've approved the regulations. We notified contractors specifically and done a specific mailing and specific information to contractors about the existence of construction and demolition landfills, that they are cheaper than the current landfill and this may be a method they want to use to dispose of their Construction & Demolition products. We are designing and implementing an education program specifically for demolition. The education is continuing with the contractors and the public. In the future, we're going to, by February of 2001, will look at the long term capacity needs, what that might mean for us. Do we need to develop our own C & D landfill? We will begin looking at that, the development of enforcement will be in April 2001. Again, if you are going to ban these from the

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transfer station, what are the elements in making sure that occurs and the implementation will be in October.

"A volume based collection task list; this is a concept of where you pay for how much you throw away. Currently, we're reviewing the current system and other options available to not only this community but to others. The pilot project will begin at the first of the year about volume based. We need to education the public, after the pilot program is done, educate the public about the issues. Develop these regulations. This will give, this time will give the haulers an opportunity to develop their system to do whatever they need to comply. When we talked about stakeholders and others, clearly the haulers are an important part of this decision making process. We want the system in place, we think it makes sense, and how do we assure that is going to happen. Your decision will be sometime in February 2001.

"We have currently a Christmas tree recycling project. We did it a couple of years ago. The City is now doing it. We're going to review the current programs. We have done that. We need to review what the small cities, other small cities around the County are doing. They have some programs sometimes and we need to make sure that we're not duplicating services and involve them. The marketing ongoing is to help the City and others who have these programs make sure that we help market that. We can design the system a couple of months before it is implemented. This is not a major task, but it is an important one.

"The household hazardous waste clearly is one that concerns us all. A planning session, currently there is nothing occurring. The system exists with the City of Wichita, where to take it. We need to decide however we think the timing of this, we think by the end of October we need to decide and we need to give you the information to make that decision about who is going to own and operate that facility in Sedgwick County after October 10, 2001. That decision is going to drive whether we contract, it will be a part of our capital improvement program, but whether we hire architects, how we go about that. So that's a key milestone for us, that date. We'll design a program, how the people are going to get the material there, how we're going to get rid of it, how we're going to begin the public education, and the grand opening is April 22, 2001, which is Earth Day and that is an appropriate time to have some sort of launching of that because household hazardous waste really is about protecting ground water and protecting land of this community.

"The issues of storm debris. This wasn't on one of the tasks that we originally thought about, but because of the recent storm, it clearly needs to be dealt with. We need to define the issues and we're working on that. This month, we will have identified all the stakeholders. Bob Lamkey is working to do that. It not only means the City of Wichita but other cities who from the townships are the businesses that need to be involved in this process. To begin that, haulers, people with trucks that can help dispose of the material,

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and begin discussion that issue on July of this year.

"To try to develop a system by the end of this year of what our preferred future might look like, to develop the plan and implement it and evaluate it is part of the task. Clearly one of our partners needs to be the City of Wichita in this issue.

"Part of the issue with Solid Waste Plans that is often ignored is we talk about illegal dumping, but that's about all that happens. We thought we would try to take a thoughtful, planning approach, to how to deal with it. How we're going to deal with it is that next year in March, is to, we haven't thought this all through, but maybe do a road survey. Use those around to figure out who is dumping, what's being dumped, and gather information.

"Identify and meet again with the townships and small cities other than the City of Wichita, and the City of Wichita, but clearly part of the stakeholders are local police departments and the sheriff's department and district attorney, to develop a plan about how we're going to deal with that and is there a way we can deal with it in a different sort of a way than we've done before, educate the public because it is in everybody's best interest not to go about that and have a plan implemented about October 10, 2001.

"To do all this requires some resources. Those resources will buy not only materials and goods, but buy some staff help that we think we need. The planning sessions occur. We've developed a budget. We've designed the system. We've talked to you a bit today as we speak there are attorneys in Rich's office who are busy writing resolutions. We think we need to adopt those fees by July 1, 1999, and then we'll have an annual program review and an annual budget review.

"In a few moments, when this part of the presentation is over, Chris Chronis will come and give you some more detail about what our recommendation is for fees, but we wanted to finish all these tasks and then come back to that issue.

"Part of the process, part of the Project Management is making sure that people know what is going on and how comfortable they are and how do you manage the process. So we've identified the stakeholders and will continue to do that. Who, besides the Board of County Commissioners, needs to be in the information loop and at what level? One of the ways to feel good about ourselves is to say, well, we've sent everybody reams and reams of paper but in fact it would be useless because it is too much information and not presented in a way that is helpful. How do we present it in a way that is helpful to keep the public engaged, the Solid Waste Committee engaged, the City of Wichita and others? How do we do that? So

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that is part of the process. We're briefing you now. We hoped to brief the City Council, with you present, in case there are political questions that need to be asked. I know that the Commissioners are working on that. Then we plan to develop a development design of how to keep people involved in the process. We plan to do that by after Thanksgiving of this year.

"So, the events that are going to occur in 1999 is we continue the education for recycling and transfer station and construction and demolition. Broad education to the public. We are going to begin some issues, some of the projects. It is important to note that some of these, although it begins on July 30, 1999, it extends, it continues out there for the rest of the year. It continues as part of the process. So this is an accumulation of work. These are starting dates. One of the milestones, clearly, is this decision on Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Those are the activities from now to the end of the year.

"In the year 2000, you can see there are a series of activities that are going to occur. In the first quarter or so, these issues will be, again, the designing of the program for Household Hazardous Waste, the whole issue of recycling we'll begin to take a look at in a way that we haven't. We've kind of put that recycling and volume based pilot projects, which are tied together, will begin then. Then the second quarter, we'll review the fees and review where we are for the budget process. We'll develop the illegal dumping and the tire disposal systems. We'll begin then. Then, in the last two quarters we'll be recycling regulations and designed volume based waste regulations. All those things that you just heard can continue and then in this year we will choose a volume based system. Another milestone of political decision for you will address the long term capacity for C & D landfills. We will have a grand opening of some support on Earth Day of 2001. The transfer station will open and we will then do business on these issues in a different way than we have in the past.

"Again, the ongoing education, specific education about specific programs will occur in 2000 and 2001. So, on October 10, 2001, the switch will be off for Brooks Landfill. It will be on for our new system. It is really not going to be flipping a switch. It really is turning a rheostat and as programs develop and as we begin the program it is changing the way in which we do business. Then we will celebrate our success, because the issue really is about this community and the values that we heard when we did way back when we did the conversations with the community, when we had community discussion. People were talking about protecting our land, projecting our ground water, doing something different than we have in the past because of high level dissatisfaction in the way that it was done. It was about those issues, those values, that this community was concerned about. We were convinced that was the attitude after talking to 1,400 individuals in this community about what they value. That's what they told us and we believed them. So that's the process that we're going through for the 2 ½ years to figure out and deliver and implement solid waste. I'll be happy to answer questions about this and then what I'd like to do is have Chris talk to you

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about the fee program."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Bill, I don't know if you can answer this or if Susan needs to. I'm a little curious about the delay, or what appears to be the delay in establishing a second or third transfer station. BFI has already made their intentions known and I'm wondering where the others are. I thought we had interest from other businesses and firms in doing that."

Mr. Buchanan said, "We think there are. We think there continues to be interest of others. We've seen no action. It's like My Fair Lady, words, words, words, but there is no action. That's apparently what is occurring. We are not discouraged yet. We think there is some activity occurring. We're trying to find what the appropriate rule is for Sedgwick County to encourage that. It is not our intention to get into that business, but I think it makes sense for the community, if there were more than one transfer station."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Bill, I talked to you, a couple of months ago, about how we need to sit down with the City of Wichita and share what we know and ask any questions and make sure that we're both at the same level. I don't know that I brought up the idea of bringing the other small 19 communities along. Do we have any plans to visit with them and talk to them about how our program will fit with their needs?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioner McGinn, we have developed this, we spent the time necessary to lay out these tasks and lay out who's responsible and how to get them done. Now we're prepared to do that. We have not given that much thought. Clearly we need to meet with other cities in this County. The City of Wichita is not the only one effected by this process. We will be able to do that. Part of one of the tasks about managing information was how do we involve the other cities and who needs to be in the loop. So that will occur later this year, yes."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, further questions concerning this item?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "This is the continuation of this item. Chris."

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is a very ambitious program that the Manager has outlined and of course one of the key considerations from my perspective is how to pay for that program. We've had several briefings with you previously on this topic. This is the first one that we've done in this forum.

"There are a couple of decision points that are involved in any sort of a consideration for how to pay for one of these programs and I want to walk through those very briefly. The first decision point is how to fund the program. That is, specifically, do we pose a fee on all of the beneficiaries of services of the program, or do we use the property tax? Under this state's laws, we can use either approach. We intend to recommend the use of a fee, because we think it is a fairer approach in that everybody who benefits from the service will pay for the service and those people who don't benefit from the service will not pay for it. If we were to use a property tax, obviously everybody who was a property owner would pay in relation to the value of the property they own and that relationship may not be the same as the benefits from the services that they receive from this program.

"Once we've passed that decision point, then we have to determine how we're going to collect the fee. There are two possibilities. One is that we can send out bills to every service recipient. The other approach, under this state's laws, is that we can place this fee, which legally is considered an assessment, on the property tax bill and have the levy go out with the property tax bill late in the calendar year and collected in two installments with property taxes. That is the approach that we intend to recommend to you because we think it is far more efficient for us to create the sort of bureaucracy necessary to send bills to all 170,000 property owners in Sedgwick County would be a fairly large and expensive undertaking and we simply don't see a need to do that.

"The final decision point is how to identify the correct fee to assess. Here we have legal guidance provided both in state law and a variety of court rulings and, essentially, what we have to do is find a way to relate the amount of the fee for each service recipient to the value of the service that we provide that person.

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"To begin the determination of what a fair fee is, we have to go back to what services we intend to provide with the fee. I'm talking, for purposes of this discussion, about those services that we'll be providing in the year 2000. The Manager just outlined a very lengthy list of those services in some detail for you. In summary, I've put them up here. What we're going to be doing in 2000 is refining the delivery plans, the service delivery plans so that when the Brooks Landfill closes in October of 2001, we can have a very smooth and to the constituents a very transparent transition from that city operated facility to a County managed comprehensive waste program.

"The second major service activity we intend to undertake in the year 2000 is a series of pilot projects. The Manager outlined those for you. We intend to do three pilot projects during the year 2000 for volume based collection, yard waste, and for recycling. The third objective of our year 2000 activities will be to expand our public education efforts so as to minimize the amount of confusion on the part of our citizens about what our policy is as a County and what is going to happen over the next several years with this program.

"The specific services that we intend to fund with the fee in the year 2000 are program planning and design, the household hazardous waste program planning, which is a little bit different than the more generic item listed first, and the public education program. The amount of money that we have identified through the budget process as being required for the year 2000, is just a little over a million dollars. The program planning and design budget has been set at \$524,000. That will fund three positions, the pilot projects, and the various other contractual services that are required to get these plans developed. The household hazardous waste program planning effort has a budget of \$200,000 designated for it. That is to do that planning, the contractual services for that planning effort and to undertake a pilot project. Finally the public education program has a \$250,000 budget set for it. So we're looking for a total program budget of \$974,000 to be recovered through a fee. Now, as with any source of a revenue that we levy, we know that there are some people who will not pay, there will be delinquencies. So we have factored in a 5% allowance for uncollected to accounts to arrive at a total funding requirement of \$1,022,000.

"In order to recover \$1,022,000 through a fee, there are a series of steps that we have to go through. First, we have to identify with some degree of specificity who is going to benefit from those fee supported

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services. We have to allocate a share of the benefit to each of those classes of property and through that share of benefit allocate a share of the costs to those classes of property also. Then we come up with a base fee simply by dividing the applicated cost share by the total number of units. In the case of residential properties, the total number of dwelling units divided into the total cost of that \$1,022,000 allocated to Residential Properties will result in the fee that we propose to assess on Residential Properties. We go through the same exercise on improved non-residential properties to determine a base fee to be allocated to that group of properties. But we have to go a step farther with Non-Residential Properties because it is clear that not every non-residential property generates the same amount of waste and not every same Non-Residential Property receives the same amount of benefit from these programs. We have to come up with a way of stratifying that Non-Residential fee so that the people who generate the most waste among Non-Residential properties pay the highest fee and bear the greatest share of the cost burden for those services.

"The three programs that we have outlined, we have gone through with support of the Environmental Resources staff to identify who we think will receive the benefits for each program. Essentially, most of the program planning efforts will accrue to the benefit of residential properties and specifically single family residential properties. So you see here, we've allocated 80% of the program planning and design benefits, 90% of the Household Hazardous Waste Planning Benefit and 80% of the public education program benefits to single family residential. We've allocated 10% of the total benefit and total cost of each of those programs to multi-family residential properties and 10% of program planning and design and public education to improved non-residential properties. We've allocated no benefit from the household hazardous waste program to improved non-residential properties.

"The calculation, once we know the benefit and cost for each class of property and we know the total number of properties involved in the program is a very simple one to make. We are going to propose a fee for each dwelling unit in Sedgwick County of \$4.89 for the year 2000. That will be the total fee for the year for each dwelling unit. Single family residences will pay \$4.89 under our proposal. Multi-family residential properties will pay \$4.89 times the number of dwelling units in the complex. So a duplex would be \$4.89 times 2, an apartment complex that has 100 units would pay \$4.89 times 100. For each improved non-residential parcel, we are proposing a base rate of \$5.79 for the year 2000. That's the entire fee for the year.

"Now the next step in the process for those non-residential parcels is to identify the relative benefits received among all non-residential. For this, we have turned to our Tax Appraisal System. There is

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something called a land use key in the system, which classifies I believe into a 160 different categories according to the use of the property what kind of activity is taking place. We have gone through that listing of 160 land uses and stratified it into 23 similar business categories, such as restaurants, hotels, manufacturing and so forth. For each of those 23 categories, again, we're relying on the Environmental Resources staff. We have defined the relative waste generation characteristics of each class. We've put each of those 23 classes into one of four groupings according to their waste generation characteristics. So the non-residential properties that are engaged in a business activity which by its nature generates a lot of waste, will bear a relatively high fee for non-residential parcels. The non-residential properties that by their nature generate relatively little waste will bear a relatively low fee.

"This is the fee structure that we're proposing for non-residential parcels. We are keying the four tiers to that base rate of \$5.79. We're proposing that tier one, which is the low waste generators pay a fee that is equal to 75% of the base rate or \$4.34. Again, that is the total fee for the year of 2000 and it would, under our proposal, appear on the tax role. Tier two would pay an amount equal to the base fee. Those are the people who are about average in terms of their waste generation. Tier three would pay a fee equal to 125% of the base rate or \$7.24. Finally, the businesses that by their nature generate the largest amounts of waste would pay a fee equal to 150% of the base non-residential rate, or \$8.69.

"To conclude, I have put up here a few examples of what various business types would pay under that structure to show how this relates back to the type of business activity. Agriculture and resource production activities, and again we're talking here about improved properties, not agricultural land or agricultural land under production, but those which have a structure on it would pay a fee of \$4.34. Commercial properties would pay a fee of \$5.79. Construction businesses would pay \$8.69. Manufacturing also would pay \$8.69. Retail would pay a fee depending upon the kind of retail activity that is going on and you see the three fees that would apply to the various categories of retail properties. With that, I'll be glad to answer any questions. As you know, we are working under a law that requires us to make our decisions about this fee by July 1 of this year in order to collect the revenue to fund the year 2000 program. So, as the Manager said, the lawyers are, even as we speak, working on the Resolution that we would expect to put on your Agenda next week for consideration and discussion."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Chris. Questions? Commissioner Gwin."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "First of all, Chris, I think one thing we need to remind the public is the reason we are considering a fee for these services is that unlike the City who collects money every time trash is dumped at the landfill, the County will not have that fiscal resource. Since the transfer stations are going to be owned by private companies, again we don't have the fiscal resources to do these programs without implementing either as you suggested a fee or addition to the property tax. We need to be clear about why we're having to do it.

"Secondly, the issue of fees I think you explained pretty well and particularly how you get to a fee structure. One of the things that I suppose I keep coming back to is we've, along with Environmental Resources and the Appraiser's Office, you all have determined there are certain business categories and that there is a waste fee tier, which I think makes sense. I think we need more discussion as to protests or discussion as to whether or not a business or certain type of business has been appropriately assigned that tier. What recourse they may have if they believe they've been incorrectly assigned.

"Then secondly, when you're talking about improved non-residential parcels, that's kind of an appraisal like term but I suspect that there might be some exceptions that we have to make. For instance, if Towne East Square is on the tax roles a single, I don't know if it is, but a single parcel, then it would seem to me we have a problem charging it a single parcel amount. When Jones gift shop, sitting by itself, it is 1,000 to 1,200 square feet, I understand would pay a small retail, so I think there are still questions that I have as to the process if someone believe the tier is incorrectly assigned and also to make sure that we're being as fair as we can to all the different kind of different types of business and to their relevant sizes and trash generation. So I'm assuming you've taken some of that into consideration or discussed that?"

Mr. Chronis said, "As far as the type of business activity, as I said, we are relying on the property tax system land use code key, a particular designation that is determined through the Appraisal process. The mechanism for appealing that would be through the property appraisal process, the way a tax payer contests the assessment that has been placed on the property would be used to challenge the land use code. Frankly, a business that has an improper business land use code attached to it would have their property tax assessment altered because of that incorrect land use key and so they would have far more at stake than simply the solid waste fee. A business for example that is mis-classed in the land use code system as a large retail establishment rather than a small retail establishment, for example, would, because of that designation, bear a higher assessment on their property and thus a higher tax bill than if they were correctly coded. So I'm inclined to think there would be very few of those sorts of challenges, but the mechanism for making them for anybody who would care to would be through the appraisal process."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. What about the shopping centers, those kinds of issues? We haven't gotten to those kinds of things yet."

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Mr. Chronis said, "We've attempted to get to it through our four tier system. With specific regard to retail, we have three categories of retail establishments. You see the fees assigned there. We could, at least in theory, develop a tier structure that has infinite variability. There are 160 land use codes. In theory, we could have 160 different solid waste fees, a separate one for each of those land use codes. I say that is possible in theory, but it would be highly impractical to try and administer. Frankly, I think it would be very difficult to explain to our constituents as well. We've developed this system thinking that four tiers is an appropriate number. It makes enough of a distinction between different classes of property without making the system so complicated that it can't be rationally explained."

Commissioner Gwin said, "But I guess my confusion still exists in our identification of parcels and some parcels are going to contain one retail shop. Some parcels are going to contain a hundred retail shops. So I think we need to be really clear when we say we're going to be assessing on a parcel when a parcel, like I said, could contain a hundred businesses in one entity and a single business in another."

Mr. Chronis said, "In the land use code key system, what we're classifying as large retail includes regional shopping centers and what they term as super regional shopping centers."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, but that means Towne East pays what \$8.69?"

Mr. Chronis said, "Correct. Your flower shop would pay the \$4.34, assuming it is a stand alone business."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. I understand what you're saying but I still see a problem."

Mr. Chronis said, "You prefer to see a larger spread with perhaps more tiers. I understand."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Let me ponder that. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Most of my questions were asked by Commissioner Gwin. I just think now we've been talking about fees and I want to make sure the public clearly understands this is not the fees that they are going to be charged to have their trash removed. I'd like for you, if you could, to just review exactly what these monies that are going to be generated by these

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fees are actually going to be used for. I can see people thinking now that their trash bill is going to be four dollars and some odd cents."

Mr. Chronis said, "We have taken the approach in our solid waste program planning of trying to have as much of the services delivered by the private sector as possible. The City of Wichita historically has used a dual service methodology, where they relied on the private contractors to do the hauling but the City has operated the landfill as a governmental operation. The City has funded its solid waste program planning efforts through the tipping fees that are paid at the landfill. As Commissioner Gwin said, because we're not going to be in the direct service delivery business, what we will be recovering through our fee that we're proposing be placed on the property tax bill will be the administrative costs, if you will, of planning and overseeing the delivery of those services by the private sector.

"The citizen will continue to obtain service for solid waste from a private company, just as they do now. They will continue to pay a fee to that company for hauling, for disposal of the waste that is hauled from their residence or business. The fee that they pay the government through the property tax bill under our proposal will be intended to cover only our administrative efforts in overseeing that program. To make sure, for example, that no yard waste goes into the transfer station. To make sure that the transfer stations are properly monitoring the waste that is going into them. To make sure that household hazardous waste is disposed of properly according to the regulations that we expect to be adopting in the year 2000."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understood that, I just wanted to make sure the public understood it. I also share Commissioner Gwin's concern over the fairness of how we allocate the fees. That's all I have. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay. Commissioners, further questions? To kind of sum up what you said Chris in one sentence. The fees will no longer be paid by the citizens through their monthly trash bill but essentially they will be paid through a fee assessment. That's basically what it boils down to."

Mr. Chronis said, "The citizens will pay the government for the overhead services for the program management services an assessment. They will continue to pay through their monthly or quarterly waste bill for services that are provided by that private company."

Chairman Hancock said, "I understand. We want to make that as simple as possible for folks to understand what we're doing here. That is, when they pay their monthly trash bill, that goes to a collector, who then goes to the dump and pays a dump fee at the landfill. In that is a fee that goes back to the operation folks, which in this case is the City of Wichita. We're collecting the same fee but not through the haulers, but through a special assessment on the tax bill."

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

Chairman Hancock said, "It's the same thing but just going a different direction. Any other questions? Okay, you did a good job, Chris. Thank you, very much."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. We need to set up for the next presentation, so we'll take a five minute recess."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 10:25 a.m. and returned at 10:35 a.m.

Chairman Hancock said, "I'll bring the meeting back to order. Madam Clerk, we'll have Item E at this time."

DEFERRED ITEM

E. PRESENTATION REGARDING MAY 3, 1999 TORNADO DISASTER ASSISTANCE.

This item was deferred at the June 9, 1999 Commission Meeting.

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Mr. Duncan said, "I'm here today to give you kind of an overview of up to this point, what has happened with regard to assistance coming in to the survivors of the May 3 tornado from the government point of view. The last time I did this, several of you were interested in finding out what the voluntary sector has done with regard to that. So joining me today will be the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army to bring you all up to date upon what impact and contributions to the situation have been.

"So far we've registered a total of 2,178 folks on the FEMA 1-800 number, involved in the process of seeking assistance. We saw 1,477 folks in person at the two disaster recovery centers, which are now closed. Basically, between all the various different programs that have contributed money from the federal government, we have put approximately \$10,000,000 in the hands of local citizens and businesses as of the close of business on June 9 from the various different programs.

"I'd like to introduce to you now Mike Wimmer who is the Assistant Executive Director with the American Red Cross Chapter here in Wichita and let him briefly summarize the Red Cross impact."

Mr. Mike Wimmer greeted the Commissioners and said, "Amid all the chaos, the hurt and the pain, the destruction, what we see is a mass of humanity wanting to help. The Red Cross, like so many other agencies, has a piece of that. You put all the pieces together and you see quite an elaborate community reaction to an abnormal event, which is disaster. Beginning, I remember, I started my career with the Red Cross 30 years ago and prior to 1990, when we had the Heston tornado, we really didn't have many major disasters in this area. But starting with 1990, we had Heston, we had the Andover/Wichita tornado, major hail storms, floods in '93, DeBruce Grain Elevator explosion, which was relatively small as far as disasters go, but it was extremely intense. It was no different than a major disaster in that sense. We had our floods in November again. Then our most recent tornados and then last night, we remember very well how it feels again when we see the wind come up like it did last night.

"Many, many agencies are involved. I'll make the mistake of mentioning a few and obviously couldn't possibly cover everyone. The media, Emergency Management, of course, Salvation Army, Seventh Day Adventist, Church of the Brethren, Southern Baptist, Mennonite Disaster Services, Department on Aging, Thrift Department of Agriculture Food Commodities, organized labor, and then that probably all most important, the individual. Many many people want to help and they do. They help with their hands and their time. They help with their things, which is our in kind donations that go to many, many agencies and with their money. You can't do it without money.

"I'd like to explain briefly the Red Cross process. We have 23 disaster jobs, if you will, functions as we call them. We have people around the country that are on a national disaster roster, who are trained and experienced disaster workers. In this particular disaster, we had 833 volunteers, about 50 full time paid

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staff that were involved in this disaster. We had folks from 38 different states helping Red Cross. They are Red Cross volunteers. We had 26 emergency response vehicles from multiple states that came to help us. That is our system of how we get involved.

"We do simple things like setting up shelters. Sheltering people when they first have the need to be housed some place. Within a few days, we set up what we call a service center. In this case, we had one in south Wichita and one in Haysville. That's where, on an individual basis, families come, are interviewed by experienced and professional workers to help determine what their most emergent needs are. The Red Cross system then is to write out a purchase order to the merchant of the victims' choice where they can go get the things that they need. Things being, typical things would be clothes, the food, the paying of the rent.

"The ultimate goal is helping people set up housekeeping again, maintaining their family, keeping that family together as a unit. That can be household furnishings all the way from beds to chest of drawers and a dining room table and chairs to the appliances. So whatever those things are, whatever those families need is what we get involved with.

"Then you have the Federal Government, who comes in with all of its agencies providing the assistance they do. None of this assistance is a perfect system. It doesn't get everybody back to where they were before the disaster. We had about 10,000 Mental Health Contacts. What that means is we are dealing with people trying to assure them, reassure them, that their reaction is normal, but it is just to an abnormal situation. Those numbers are high. We are not the only agency that does that. So, you spread that around and you can ponder the idea of what the numbers are when we're talking about people and the people's needs.

"After people apply, and you heard Randy mention the numbers, how many have applied through the FEMA system, then some of those folks who are not eligible for a loan will be put into the individual family grant program. They will have the maximum amount of money that they can receive, \$13,600 I believe. If those folks who receive the maximum amount, a lot of them will still have additional needs. They've received everything they can through the government process. The Red Cross, other agencies, there are two what we call, generally speaking unmet needs committees that will be meeting. They are formed now, one in Wichita and one in Haysville. Those groups will also look at people's continuing needs. So, if you ask the question, when does your assistance end, it really does not end. We're still working on the flood from November. It does not end. It goes on for a long time.

"One human interest story, Tom Dolahary, one of our volunteers, goes out on single family disasters in the

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middle of the night, goes out on house fires, goes out across the country to disasters for the Red Cross as a Red Cross volunteer. He has a very serious physical problem. He lost his home. Two of his children lost their homes. Yet, three days later, here is Tom, showing up in our headquarters, wanting to know what he can do. I think that is the epitome of volunteerism. I think the Midwest is so wonderful when it comes to volunteers and people wanting to help. We don't see that every place around the country. I've been on many jobs around the country. I will grant you that Kansas is one of the best supported areas that we have, all the way from the government to the local volunteer. I've handed out, I believe you received it, some of our statistical information, numbers. I'd be glad to answer any questions or I will save those for last. I'll turn it over to Major Raby."

Mr. Duncan said, "I'll step up for just a brief moment here and press a button or two. Commissioners, if you have questions for the Red Cross or Salvation Army, if you would hang on to those until the conclusion of both presentation. It is my pleasure now to introduce to you now Major Dallas Raby with the Salvation Army."

Major Dallas Raby, Salvation Army, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm really proud to represent the Salvation Army and the hundreds of workers, staff and members and volunteers who have participated in working with the City and County and other agencies, Red Cross and dozens of churches and private agencies that have gone to work on this to help. Over the course of our work here, we've had volunteers show up in vast numbers. You can see the numbers just as of June 11, 5,479 in staff hours. Some of our staff, some of our key staff members, case managers, social workers, were putting in 90 hour weeks for up to the first three weeks. Finally, we sent our Director of Social Services on 10 days of vacation. We've got volunteers showing up from all over the country.

"I've shown this little picture. These are two pastors and a psychologist from the St. Louis area who set themselves up as a little team to go to Albania for one of the Salvation Army Kosovo relief operations. Suddenly, changes in the situation over there, met that they couldn't go and they said we're here. We've already set up our vacation time and we're ready, we're a team. They called us and asked, can you use us? So they came and spent three weeks here and were wonderful volunteers. They set up a child counseling operation which I'll mention a little bit later and helping us with our case work.

"At one point, we had up to eight mobile canteens. Our local mobile canteen showed up at the center of the devastation, about 15 minutes after the tornado hit. It was involved in assisting the rescue workers and began serving food and drinks at that point. Within about three days, we were up to eight, three stationary

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locations and the rest mobile units circulating around the area providing meals to those that were in the process of picking up the pieces. I've just been informed by one of our staff members that this doesn't tell the whole story. We've actually served . . . this is just mobile canteen meals. We've served over 200,000 meals in the course of this operation so far.

"The number of persons served, over 83,000, almost 84,000. You see a scene here from our distribution center out on South Palisades, which was very generously made available to us at no cost by Shoneys. Over 200,000 square feet, the Salvation Army being the State's Emergency Management designated gift in kind agent. We've just received virtually tons of food, cleaning supplies, clothing, and building materials. We've been able to distribute them not only to the individuals but to churches and other agencies that are doing their own little relief efforts.

"In the process, we've served an unduplicated 2,600 families. As of Saturday, we saw 50 families and only one of those was a first time case. So most of the cases that are going to come in and ask for assistance have come in. They now come back up to three times a week and get just ongoing supplies of cleaning supplies, food, and as they get moved in to places, gradually furnishing and some larger items. During this time, in the initial stages, handled 1,120 missing person inquiries and have given counsel to 3,195 individuals.

"I mentioned the children. The psychologist who came to us, Dr. Phil we called him, made it clear to us that these children are traumatized in a way that we don't understand. He said you should set up a play therapy operation at our Palisade center. So they set to work and within that first day, a five year old child showed up who the parents said and understand that this was about two weeks after the tornado hit. The parents said that child has not smiled since this happened. So he asked this little girl if she would help him set up this play area. He said we want to set up this play area, will you help me. Okay, she would. Before he was done, she was directing, there should be a sofa there and a teddy bear so you can sit down and grandmas can talk to kids and you should have a sand box over there. So the five year helped design the area and it is still in operation. Since then, Friends University has come in and committed to us a long term commitment to operating a counseling center there.

"We started immediately a lost and found and here you get a view of it as it looked in the initial stages. Later it got tidied up a bit. This was a wonderful place. A scene of real joy as people would come in and just could not believe this old photo album they thought was gone forever or a medallion or an award of some kind. Here's one individual who was showing something he found and the reaction was always just utter disbelief that as people found things blown away that people sent in, often with a little note, saying I found this in my back yard, sometimes many many miles away. This was just a very narrow scope or

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picture of all the furniture that we've gotten. We opened up another warehouse made available to us in the old Dillons store near Broadway and 47th. We've distributed 413 furniture items. These are to people who are gradually getting on into the recovery area and getting some place to live.

"You need to recognize, and citizens of the community need to recognize that thousands of your constituents are still under great stress. We think of the disaster as being over, but it was a long way for that for most of these folks. They are just now beginning to find places to live, getting a new apartment, a new lease. Many of them are still waiting to hear what the final decision is going to be about rebuilding in their area. So there is still a great deal of stress. We expect that during that time, we'll keep one mobile unit operating and keep in touch with the neighborhoods. We've found that to be very effective and also to respond to volunteer groups that come in and do special projects during this long-term recovery plan.

"There is a view of the Shoneys warehouse where we will be in operation at least through August. If I were a betting person, I would bet that it will be well beyond August before we are through helping people get moved back in and fully recovered. We'll continue to operate that. We provide, in addition to the in kind stuff you saw, vouchers for assistance for major items that people need as they get reestablished. I mentioned also the long term commitment from Friends University for counseling.

"We have a wonderful volunteer couple, Salvation Army members from Hamilton, Ontario, who are retired. They have just kind of moved in here. We provided living quarters and they are committed to working as volunteers for the long term to help us operate the warehouse and help us with our counseling. We also have social workers from Salvation Army units across the central territory, an eleven-state area, that will be coming in on a weekly rotation at least through July to help us with the counseling that will go on. We found that it is not just enough to find out what somebody needs today, but we want an extensive case management process to help people who are not in the best of shape to make decisions and understand how and what resources are available to establish a long range plan to get on the road to recovery. So we have that help from those folks.

"We've had dozens of officers from across the State of Kansas who've come in and were here on a one week rotation. We're through with them now. We've let them go back to their real jobs and we're just now using this couple from Ontario, some people we've hired and some people that are kind of long term volunteers. That's our ongoing effort. I expect, as I mention, we'll be down at the South Palisades for several months to come."

Mr. Duncan said, "Thank you, very much. Commissioners, any questions for either the Red Cross or the Salvation Army?"

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Randy. Yes, we do. Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I really don't have a question, but I do want to thank you for being here today. Randy has been giving us briefings regularly since the tornado disaster on what's been going on with FEMA and he's been kind of giving us the technical side of his field. A couple of weeks ago, I asked him if he couldn't give us an update on what's really happening at the people level and what organizations are doing. In reviewing what you've done here in the Wichita/Haysville area, we are very blessed to have the Red Cross and Salvation Army active and healthy and vital in our community. There is just no way that some of the relief efforts could have happened without organizations like yours and all the others that are out there."

"Again, we appreciate the team effort that we see all of you working on. Randy has kind of fulfilled my request. I appreciate the information you folks have given us. You both are part of superb organizations. Thank you for being here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I echo what Commissioner Winters has said about both of your organizations. Major, I might share with you just on a personal note. I grew up in the St. Louis area and had it not been for the Salvation Army family sort of taking me under their wing, my life could have taken a real different tact. I'll always have a warm spot in my heart for your organization. Thank you."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just have a question for Major Raby. I think you kind of alluded to it during your slide presentation. The supplies, furniture, clothing, and such as that, you're still accepting donations from people and if you are, do you want them brought to the Palisade address or your 37th Street address?"

Major Raby said, "They would come to the Palisade address. In particular, we can use furnishings. That's been the shift from clothing and cleaning supplies now to furnishings. People really appreciate that."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I guess you always wonder because I think right after it happened it seemed somebody said we're getting too much clothes right now. What are your needs at this point?"

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Major Raby said, "We really don't need clothing. We can probably cloth the entire western hemisphere. But certainly furnishings. We're quite well equipped with cleaning supplies and that phase is largely completed. But just picture yourself in a situation where you are now getting a new apartment and most of what you had is gone. You've gotten some money from insurance or from FEMA or other sources. If you could go and get a sofa or an end table or a bed or something like that, it would be very helpful to many of these folks."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you, for being here today. We appreciate you taking the time to come today."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Item G please."

G. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH UNITED METHODIST YOUTHVILLE FOR COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE.**

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Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item has to do with an agreement that sets the service terms, conditions, and the rate that United Methodist Youthville will pay for COMCARE to provide mental health care services to youth that are involved in foster care. The agreement is a renewal of a contract that we have had for a year. The services provided include, but are not limited to, in home family therapy treatment, case management, psycho therapy, traditional family therapy, sexual abuse evaluations, and medication management. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioners, questions on this item?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just have one quick question. Does the United Methodist Youthville contract all of these services out or do they have any in-house?"

Ms. Cook said, "They have a small clinic of their own and they do provide some services, but they have not been able to provide all the services they need. So, they are under contract to provide mental health services for these children. So, for those they can't provide, they contract with us and others in the community."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is that a fee paid to us per client?"

Ms. Cook said, "It is based upon the services provided. The rate schedule on the back, the reimbursement schedule lists different rates that we get for different services that are provided."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

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

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

2. AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JORGE BEBER, M.D.

Ms. Cook said, "This Amendment is necessary to fix an error that was in the Original Contract that we have with Dr. Beber. The contract should have been made out for one year, February 1, 1999 to January 31, 2000. However, the Original Contract mistakenly expired in December 1, 1999. So this amends the expiration date on that Original Contract."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

3. AGREEMENT WITH LIN XU, M.D. TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, "This item has to do with a Professional Service Agreement that we have with Dr. Xu. She is a fourth year resident and has been providing psychiatric services four hours a week at COMCARE for a while, since November of 1998. This allows her to continue that through August."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

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4. AGREEMENT WITH KEY MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE REMODELING SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, "This last item that we have is a Professional Service Agreement with Key Management to remodel the lobby area of COMCARE's Community Support Services at Twin Lakes facility. That waiting area has been very small and crowded for a while and our consumers coming in get agitated when they're sitting too close to one another. So we are expanding. We had a smoking area in that lobby and we're taking the smoking area out and expanding the waiting room space to accommodate a larger number of people."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Thank you, for being here today. Next item please."

5. CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF WICHITA-NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT SERVICES UNIT TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT FOR MINOR HOME REPAIR SERVICES.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Minor

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Home Repair Services Program provides minor home repair assistance to elderly persons age 60 of age and older. A variety of repair services are offered to elderly individuals to help them remain in their homes in the community. Those individuals have safety, health or access needs. Some of the services that are provided include roof repair, handicap modification, furnace replacements, plumbing repairs, which are performed for individuals who are eligible for this service. This contract represents a desire of the department of Aging to partner with the City of Wichita Neighborhood Improvement Services Unit to provide administrative services as well as financial support in some repair situations. The funding to support this program consists of already approved 1999 budgets from the Older Americans Act Title 3B and 3D monies and Mill Levy Funds."

Chairman Hancock said, "That's it. You're going to stop just right there. Commissioners, questions on this item? Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "On the mill levy funds, is that an equal share between the City of Wichita and the County? It just says Mill Levy Funds."

Ms. Graham said, "I don't know but I can get back with you with that information."

Commissioner McGinn said, "The statement of the budgets come from the Older Americans Act Title 3B and D monies and mill levy funds, just curious of what mix of mill levy."

Commissioner Winters said, "That's our Aging Mill Levy, which is applied county wide. Back in the 1970s and early 80s, the citizens of the County voted that we could levy up to one mill county wide for aging services. So if I'm not mistaken, we're not at one mill, we're at something less than that. But every time the Aging Department talks about their mill levy, they're talking about that, which is assessed county wide. It is our mill, not the City's."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Further questions?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Annette. Next item please."

H. WAIVER OF POLICY TO HIRE AN ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY MANAGER AT RANGE 21, STEP 7 OF THE COUNTY'S COMPENSATION PLAN.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, I'm requesting that we waive the policy to allow hiring above Step 3. This would be to Step 7. This makes the position competitive and allows us to obtain the kinds of skills in a person that I think we need to fill this position. I request that you authorize the waiver of the policy."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the policy waiver.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

I. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE, WITH CENTRAL PAVING, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 616-E 1/2 32, 33, W 1/2 34; 13TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN THE EAST CITY LIMITS OF WICHITA AND K-96. CIP #R-225. DISTRICT #1.

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item I is a modification of plans and construction for the 13th Street North road construction project between the east city limits of Wichita and K-96, designated as R-225 in the Capital Improvement Program. There will be an increase of \$54,244.45 for the addition of a one half mile continuous right turn lane for the Gateway Center Addition. The entire cost will be paid for through special assessments. The right turn lane will be on the south side of 13th between Greenwich and K-96. To support this modification, there will be a supplemental engineering design contract with PEC on the BOCC Agenda next Wednesday. Recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Chairman Bill Hancock

Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, David. Next item."

J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JUNE 10, 1999 REGULAR MEETING.

Mr. Ken Williams, Assistant Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have six items for your approval this morning."

**(1) SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

"The first item is sanitary sewer improvements for Public Works. The project is Savanna at Castle Rock Ranch, 9th Addition, Phase I. The recommendation is to accept the low bid of Dondlinger & Sons Construction, in the amount of \$96,820.

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

"Item two is street improvements for Public Works. That also is Savanna at Castle Rock Ranch, 9th Addition, Phase I. The recommendation is to accept the low bid of Asphalt Construction in the amount of \$247,289.86.

**(3) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

Item three, bridge improvements for Public Works. The project is the bridge at Zoo Boulevard over the Wichita/Valley Center Floodway. The recommendation is to accept the low bid of Wildcat Construction, in the amount of \$1,384,143.90.

**(4) POD CLEANING SERVICES - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: DETENTION FACILITY ADDITION**

"Item four is pod cleaning services for Capital Projects, the detention facility. The recommendation is to accept the bid meeting specifications of Classic Ceiling & Floor Care, in the amount of \$32,622.60.

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(5) IBM AS400 UPGRADES - AUTO LICENSE
FUNDING: AUTO LICENSE

"Item five is IBM AS400 upgrades for the Auto License. The recommendation is to accept the sole source bid of IBM Corporation, in the amount of \$11,550.

(6) RECORDS CENTER CONSTRUCTION - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

"Item six is records center construction for Capital Projects. The recommendation is to accept the negotiated bid of Kane Construction in the amount of \$145,793. If there are no questions, I'd request approval of the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Ken. Commissioners, questions on this item?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Item four, there is a substantial difference between the two bids you received between River City Maintenance and Classic Ceiling and Floor Care. You indicated that the other bidder did not meet your specifications? There is such a difference in price, could you tell me what they failed in?"

Mr. Williams said, "Commissioner, part of the specifications was to do a test of their product to clean the ceilings. They did not do that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What again?"

Mr. Williams said, "A test of the product and how they would clean it and they did not perform that service or that test."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Did you ask them if they would?"

Mr. Williams said, "At the time they took a tour of the facility, we told them part of the specifications is that they needed to do the test for us."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "What did they reply?"

Mr. Williams said, "They were, but they didn't. They said they would do it, but they didn't."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "My concern is this is three times higher than the other one. I'm confused. Okay, you don't know the answer as to why they didn't. No further questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, further questions on the items? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters 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 Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Thank you Ken. Next item please."

CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 648-4-2550; Bridge on 119th Street South between 343rd and 359th Streets West. CIP #B-399. District 3.

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2. Order dated June 9, 1999 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

3. Plat.

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

Schulte Industrial Park Second Addition

4. Payroll Check Registers of June 11, 1999 and June 15, 1999.

5. General Bills Check Register of June 11, 1999.

6. Budget Adjustment Requests.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the Consent Agenda before you. I'd like to point out that on Item 1, right-of-way, rather than one easement and one temporary construction, it is two easements for right-of-way and temporary construction easements. Then there are two plats that came to my attention and need to be added. One that has been approved by the Bureau of Public Works and one is at Nespor 1st Addition and the second is Millcoats Addition. With those changes we could recommend you approve the consent agenda."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Consent Agenda along with the changes on Item 1 and addition of the two plats.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, at this time I will recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Sewer District Meeting at 11:15 a.m. and returned at 11:19 a.m.

Chairman Hancock said, "I'll bring back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners. Commissioner McGinn."

L. OTHER

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just received a reminder for our viewing audience, the Sedgwick County Conservation District will conduct a work shop on plugging abandoned wells tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Services, 7001 W. 21st Street North in the Sunflower Room. Information will be provided on options available to plug wells and how to receive matching funds from the County."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, thank you. I went up in the elevator, I might say in regard to that. Yesterday I had the opportunity to meet with a citizen and I didn't know the individual and apparently she knew me and she said to tell you thanks for the opportunity to have money available. They had some wells that they were going to plug. It is working and we appreciate your efforts on that. Is there further business?"

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to legal advice, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:39 a.m.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. and returned at 11:55 a.m.

Chairman Hancock said, "I'll call the meeting back to order. Is there further business? If not, we're adjourned."

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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

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BILL HANCOCK, Chairman
Second District

BETSY GWIN, Chair Pro Tem,
First District

THOMAS G. WINTERS, Commissioner,
Third District

CAROLYN McGINN, Commissioner,
Fourth District

BEN SCIORTINO, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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