

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**January 6, 1999**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 6, 1999 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Mark F. Schroeder; with the following present: Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Melody C. Miller; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of Finance; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Human Services; Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

#### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Father Kenneth Van Haverbeke of Church of the Magdalen.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting, December 16, 1998

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of December 16th, 1998.

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

#### **MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Minutes of December 9th, 1998.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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**VOTE**

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

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

**CERTIFICATION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to take just one minute to introduce the person who's going to certify the funds from this point forward and that's our new Chief Financial Officer, Chris Chronis. Chris is a professional who came out of County government out of Florida and a consolidated government, most recently, out of Georgia, Columbus, Georgia. He's has been an officer and member of GFOA and is a consummate professional in the financial field and we were delighted that he was the candidate that came out on top after a national search. With that, I'd like to introduce Mr. Chris Chronis."

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for those kind words. I'm truly honored to be here. When I made the decision to come here and started to tell my friends on the east coast that I was coming to Wichita, the uniform question that I got was 'why in the world would you want to go there?' The answer is that Wichita and Sedgwick County truly is a special place. I've spent some two decades, more than two decades in public service and I have to tell you that an awful lot of governments claim to provide good customer service. What I've found in Sedgwick County is that the management and the employees don't just talk the talk, they walk the walk. This truly is an organization that's dedicated to public service. That has a passion for it. I'm honored to be a part of it, now."

"With that, let me give you my first official action as your CFO. I certify that there are funds available for those items that we have identified on the Regular Agenda, the Sewer Agenda and the Fire District Agenda requiring the expenditure of funds. A listing of those items was provided to you previously."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you, Chris and welcome aboard. It's nice to have you here. I hope you enjoy your stay. We're looking forward to good things from you, I know these folks are, I won't see you. I know you'll do well and thank you. Appreciate you being here."

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“Before I go on to New Business, I need to introduce Mayor Bob Knight. Bob is, I consider, a good friend and supporter. We’ve worked back and forth over the years on many different issues. Bob, thank you for coming today. I really appreciate you being here, and representing the Council and the City of Wichita. Thank you.

“Okay, next item please, Madam Clerk.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

**1. CONTRACT WITH EAP PLUS ARK COUNSELING TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE SERVICES.**

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson**, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This first item is a renewal of our contract with our EAP provider. I think we’ve all been very happy with the service that’s been provided and this renews it for another year. I’d be glad to answer any questions.”

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. AGREEMENTS (TWO) WITH SAYED S. JEHAN, M.D. AND LESLIE PHELPS, M.D. TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Commissioners, these two contracts are the last two contracts we have to cover the psychiatric needs that we have. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, CIP #PB-400.**

**Mr. Kenneth Arnold**, Director, Capital Projects Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Would ask that you approve this amendment in the amount of \$169,400 for the mechanical system related work at the Juvenile Detention Facility. Be happy to answer any questions."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the CIP Amendment.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**C. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' DECEMBER 31, 1998  
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**Mr. Darren Muci**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the December 31st meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are four items for your consideration.

**(1) LAPTOP PERSONAL COMPUTERS- APPRAISER  
FUNDING: APPRAISER**

"Item one, personal laptop computers for the Appraiser. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Ikon Technology Services. That amount, \$21,766.80. There were two additional items presented at that time, for a new grand total of \$29,022.40.

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**(2) 800 MHZ RADIO SYSTEM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**  
**FUNDING: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES**

“Item two, 800 megahertz radio system maintenance contract for Emergency Communications. It was recommended to accept the only bid received of Motorola Incorporated. They are the provider of the system. That amount for 1999 is \$77,216.52.

**(3) COMPUTER ROOM EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE- INFORMATION SERVICES**  
**FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES**

“Item three, computer room equipment maintenance for Information Services. It was recommended to accept the proposal of IBM Corporation. That amount for 1999, \$72,588.82. A complete analysis of that recommendation is attached.

**(4) FORENSIC EVIDENCE DRYING CABINET- REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**  
**FUNDING: BJA LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT**

“Item four is a forensic evidence drying cabinet for the Regional Forensic Science Center. It was recommended to accept the low bid, meeting specifications, of Misonix, Incorporated. That amount, \$13,180.00.

“I’ll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the recommendations provided by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “Thank you, Darren. Discussion on this Item? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**D. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**1. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V98068	\$421.00	5	Springcreek Apartments
C99000	\$275.00	2	Greg A. Akers

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V94120	\$357.00	\$174.00
V95048	\$158.00	\$484.00
C98035	\$360.00	\$146.00
V97020	\$325.00	\$266.00
V872020	\$49.00	\$61.00
V96089	\$280.00	\$297.00

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**3. Plat.**

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

Fort Santa Fe Addition

**4. Consideration of the Check Register of January 1, 1999.**

**5. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980728	Animal Control	Transfer
980729	Emergency Managment Operations	Transfer
980730	Sedgwick County Park	Transfer
980731	Emergency Communications	Transfer
980732	Information Services	Transfer
980733	Information Services	Transfer
980734	COMCARE-CSS Clinic	Transfer
980735	HUD Certificates/ Vouchers	Supplemental Appropriation
980736	Aging	Supplemental Appropriation
980737	Aging-Transportation	Supplemental Appropriation
980738	Aging	Transfer
980739	Aging-Income Eligible	Supplemental Appropriation
980740	Aging	Transfer
980741	Aging-Medicaid	Supplemental Appropriation
980742	Aging	Transfer
980743	Aging-Transportation	Supplemental Appropriation
980744	Aging-Case Management	Transfer
980745	AAA Case Management	Supplemental Appropriation
980746	Auto License	Transfer
980747	Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
980748	Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation
980749	Capital Projects	Supplemental Appropriation

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Type of Adjustment</u>
980750	Drug Test Fund District Court Adult Probation	Supplemental Appropriation
980751	Court Alcohol/Drug Safety Program	Supplemental Appropriation
980754	Community Development	Supplemental Appropriation

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Sewer District meeting at 9:14 a.m. and returned at 9:19 a.m.**

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "I'll call the meeting back to order, the Regular Meeting of January 6th, 1999. I know we don't have any official business to discuss, but there is business."

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**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I was hoping you would bring this meeting back to order, so we could get some kind of semblance of order. We, the three remaining Commissioners, I know on this Board are, I know, unhappy and saddened in many ways to see us lose two experienced commissioners. It's a funny thing, you know, human nature is . . . it never changes. I think, for me at least, it's been a learning experience in that, when I first met Commissioner Schroeder I'm not sure I liked the guy. Even when I first met Melody Miller, I understood her to be slightly different than what we'd experienced in the past. I'm not sure if I was really comfortable there, too. I can assure you, and it didn't take the ten years that I've known Commissioner Schroeder to get to like the guy. We've become good friends over those years and I have a lot of respect for the man and Melody Miller the same. In the four short years that I've had the opportunity and the privilege to know her, the same. I've come to admire her and her hard work that she has done for her community and Sedgwick County. It was been a privilege and a pleasure to get to know both these quality individuals in our community.

"As we send them off today, we have some gifts for them and I'd like to take the opportunity to present those but first, any of the other two Commissioners would like to . . . "

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "You did fine."

**Commissioner Winters** said, "You did fine."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I'm probably the worst person in the world to do this."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Lovely parting gifts."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Commissioner Schroeder, this is your fifth term. Something like that. Commissioner Schroeder, we just couldn't find anybody better to do the job and I could say some other things about it, but I'll just say we couldn't find anybody to do the job. Over the years, he has served as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and I think this is the fifth year that he did so. Each year, we've presented the Commissioners with a plaque and this is your plaque for serving as Chairman for the last year. Thank you."

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

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**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Commissioner Miller has served one term and I hope that she puts this some place prominent, prominently displayed.

### *To Commissioner Melody C. Miller, for service and dedication to the Fourth District and Citizens of Sedgwick County.*

Commissioner Miller, every word of that is true. You did provide great service and dedication. Thank you, very much."

"For each of them, our retirees receive retirement clocks, Waterford clocks, and certainly you shouldn't be short-circuited. We'd like to have you . . ."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Don't tell Phil Nelson. He's standing back there. He's my new boss. I don't want him thinking I'm retiring. I'll be there, Phil."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "If he's not on time, Phil, there's no excuse."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Thank you, Bill."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Melody, this is for you."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Retiring, that's kind of dating us."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Don't retire yet. We also took the opportunity . . . Mark Schroeder had a specific request for a gift as he departed. We took him out to lunch a few weeks ago. We haven't had the opportunity to have Melody out to lunch this time, so we wanted to give you, from the Commissioners, a small gift."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Where's the drum roll?"

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Every meeting, our staff in the front office makes sure there's a gavel placed up here. I don't believe, since I've been here, maybe it's been used one time. We joked today that I don't believe Commissioner Schroeder had the opportunity to use it."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Not this year."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "We've been looking for an opportunity to gavel somebody down, but I guess we're not going to have it, unless you just want to gavel somebody down."

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**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Well, I'll just see what happens over here. I may have to in a minute."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I tried. I've given you at least two opportunities and you didn't take them."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "Beautiful. I'm a little excited here. If anyone is familiar with Fabrege and their collection of eggs, Easter egg crystal eggs, and the basket. Very lovely. Thank you. I've had my light on for some time."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Melody's light's on. I'm sorry, Melody, I didn't see it, with all the hoop-la that's going on."

**Commissioner Miller** said, "You know, I won't take from that phrase, but parting is such sweet sorrow. I mean, it's bittersweet, yet you look towards the new vision and the new life that you're going to lead. I'm simply going to say that probably what I'm going to miss most about Sedgwick County and working here and the individuals that I've got to meet, greet, work with and for, particularly my constituents, is that all of the wonderful resources and talents that each of you possess. That is probably what I am going to miss most because I won't be able to see it on a regular basis but hopefully I will be able to pull from those resources and talents, even if I'm not here and as though I were here."

"And to the Board, we've had ebbs and tides but yet it's been a wonderful, positive experience that I could not have gotten anywhere else and will treasure and take every moment of it with me. I tend to get a little sentimental but I think it's good reason because when you've worked amongst individuals that you know are extremely committed and dedicated, just as they have presented me with this, I could too say the same for each of you because I've been here, I've seen you in action, I have experienced it and I wouldn't take anything for it in the world. So, I just simply needed to say that in front of the Board and in front of individuals that are here, that have been invited and so graciously excepted, and to every employee that works for Sedgwick County because really it is upon your shoulders that each of us is able to stand and perform as we do and work for you. Thank you. Thank you for giving me that opportunity and the lovely gift."

**Chairman Schroeder** said, "Looking for other lights."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Well, we've asked for twenty minutes from Commissioner Schroeder, and he's going to oblige us."

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**Chairman Schroeder** said, "I won't take twenty minutes but I will take some time, first of all, to extend my thank you to the Board of County Commissioners, to you Bill, Tom, Betsy and Melody, I've enjoyed my term as a Commissioner of the Fifth District and to all the other Commissioners that I've worked with. It's been exciting at times and troubling in others but overall it's been a wonderful experience. I've learned a lot and I've always said that everyone in this community should have the chance to sit up here for at least a day to find out what it's really like, especially during budget sessions. To see where the tough work comes in, where you make the cuts and make the additions and the Manager can attest to that, it's very, very difficult. It's been a great experience and I know we've had our difficulties, from time to time, but we've also had some wonderful times together and I appreciate all that you've done for me.

"Mr. Manager, Bill Buchanan and your staff, you've done an excellent job. Thank you for your support. His senior staff is just outstanding and we've had quite a few new people coming on that have been great selections for the County and I know will do an excellent job for this organization and for the citizens of Sedgwick County and I appreciate their support and hard work that they've given over the years.

"I also want to say that it took me a year or two, once I got here, to figure out that the County takes care of the County but it's the Commissioners that take care of people. I think that is has been something that this Commission has shown very well. We all have our tasks, as Commissioners, as Managers, Department heads, as employees, and if we don't carry out those tasks, as needed, then the job doesn't get done. This organization has shown that it can do that all the way down the line and all the way back up the line. It's just been wonderful. I think we've proven to our constituents that we do try hard. We do the best job that we possibly can. One of those people . . . I don't see Jerry Harrison, who's been with me since I started. I know he's short, but he's not that short. Jerry's out in the hall. Jerry has been here as long as I have. Jerry's been here, I think, 23 years and he has served as an interim manager a couple of times and has done a great job and I know he has supported his manager, Bill Buchanan, very well and does an excellent job. I just wanted to extend my personal thanks to Jerry, for all that he has done for me over the years.

"Mr. Mayor, Bob Knight, Bob thank you for coming today. It is wonderful to have you here. Bob and I have done quite a few wonderful things together, I think, over the years. We've had a pretty good relationship. We've had our moments of discussion and disagreement but we have always agreed to disagree and we've remained friends over the years. Bob, I cherish your friendship and I hope that we can continue that friendship. I look forward to that. He's been a very big supporter of mine and I have been of him and I appreciate your friendship, Bob.

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“To all of you that are here, to family and friends . . . I told myself I wouldn’t do this . . . It’s been great. My family has been wonderful.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Now, don’t start me crying. You’ll have mascara all over the place.”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “Thanks, Betsy. They’ve been great. Sharon and the kids have been wonderful. They’ve supported me, over the years, and without their support I wouldn’t have done what I have done. My mother-in-law and father-in-law, Dan and Myrtle Fisher, they’ve been here with me and supported me. So has my sister-in-law, Julie and my sister, Amy and my brother, Matt and my mother, Donna and I just wish Dad was here. It’s been great and I appreciate the support. It’s been wonderful.

“Thank you, all again, all of you for being here. There’s so many of you, the Sheriff, the Chief, and it’s . . . what on earth is this.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “It’s a little remembrance.”

**Chairman Schroeder** said, “That’s nice. I don’t know what to say, now. Bill says adjourn the meeting. Hurry. Thank you all, again. We’re going to have a reception after this meeting and you’re welcome to stay around and enjoy conversation with one another and with the Commissioners. Again, it’s been a great twelve years. Thank you for all that all of you have done to support us up here. We hope that that tradition will continue and from what I have seen, it will continue. I wish the best of luck to Ben and to Carolyn, in their new term as Commissioners. Thank you all for being here. Meeting is adjourned.”

**E. OTHER**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

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

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**BILL HANCOCK**, Chairman Pro Tem  
Second District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Commissioner  
First District

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**THOMAS G. WINTERS**, Commissioner  
Third District

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**James Alford**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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