

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 20, 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 20, 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. Doug Russell, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Phil Rippee, Risk Manager, Department of Risk Management; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD); Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, Developmental Disabilities Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Paul Stucky, member, Wichita Promise Youth Council.
Ms. Christina Finn, member, Wichita Promise Youth Council.
Ms. Lydia Suh, member, Wichita Promise Youth Council.
Ms. Aubrey Tanner, member, Wichita Promise Youth Council.
Ms. Kelly Reid, member, Wichita Promise Youth Council.
Mr. Gary Wiley, Professional Engineering Consultants.
Mr. Terry W. De Cou, 7245 S. Chautauqua, Wichita, KS.
Ms. Donnah Taylor, 514 W. 34th St. S, Wichita, KS.
Ms. Mary Mattley, Director of Purchasing, U

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Ken Hathaway, of West Heights United Methodist Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, December 30, 1998.

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Miller was absent at the Regular Meeting of December 30, 1998.

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you received a copy of the Minutes, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of December 30, 1998.

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 please."

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APPOINTMENTS

A. APPOINTMENTS.

1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Mr. Richard Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, the Solid Waste Management Committee was created in October of 1996. It is a 30 member board, which has a responsibility for preparing and recommending a solid waste management plan and conducting annual reviews. We've prepared a resolution which will appoint and in some cases reappoint 15 members to that Commission. Their terms all expire on December 31, 2000. I will answer any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Richard. Are there any questions on this item?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Perhaps I have one, just a second."

Chairman Hancock said, "Standby, Richard."

Commissioner Winters said, "Do we have a list of those 15 members?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, I do."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Backup page 12."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, I've got both of those, thank you. I knew who they were, I just didn't have a list in front of me. Thank you very much."

Chairman Hancock said, "I have 14 on my list, but maybe one of them is missing. Susan, you might make sure the whole list is with us. We have 14 on our backup."

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, on page 14 of my agenda backup, I have appointments and reappointments of 15 members of the Board."

Commissioner Gwin said, "There are two different lists. We're going off the list on page 14 as opposed to 12."

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Mr. Euson said, "I'm sorry, I was reciting from the Resolution."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay."

Chairman Hancock said, "Any further questions? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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. Next item please."

2. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, state law authorizes the creation of Juvenile Correction Advisory Board and we prepared a resolution that will in effect activate the Board. The duties of the Board include the formulating and recommending of a comprehensive plan for Juvenile Correctional Services and recommending annual reviews and updates. The Resolution establishes a board in accordance with state statutes. I'll be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Rich. Commissioners, any questions? Discussion?"

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Commissioner Winters said, "I have a comment. I think it might be interesting to point out that out of this group, all but six of these positions are designated by state statute, so we had no real choice. We're going to continue to really help this board that is going to be working on juvenile correctional issues. The Community Planning Team has been at work for a year and has forwarded our juvenile justice plan on to Topeka. They have that plan now.

"This Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board will be a board which recommends the different issues to the Board of County Commissioners and it is going to be a very important board. I think there are ways we continue to plus the board. I think we're perhaps even going to try to make some changes in the structure perhaps to do that legislatively working with JJA in Topeka. Mark Masterson and Debbie Donaldson, on our staff, will be working with this group of people. I think we've really got a good group here. I hope we can continue to rely on their expertise. I think this is a good group. Rich, I think it might be important that you read through all of these names on this list. Would that be appropriate?"

Mr. Euson said, "It might be appropriate to pass this Resolution and go on to the appointing Resolution."

Commissioner Winters said, "Oh, very good. Thanks."

Commissioner Gwin said, "That's what I was going to ask. Do we take them together or should we do them separately?"

Mr. Euson said, "They should be done separately."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, that's all I need. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioners, further discussion?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

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, "Next item please."

3. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Euson said, "Commissioners, we've prepared this Resolution that will make appointments of 16 members to this Board that was just created. The appointing resolution meets state law requirements that at least two members of the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board be representatives of ethnic minorities and also meets the requirement that no more than 2/3 of the membership are of the same gender. The members to be appointed to this Board are: Mike Hill, Sheriff; Terry Moses, who is the designee of the City of Wichita's Chief of Police; District Attorney Nola Foulson; Marilyn Cook from COMCARE; Honorable James Burgess, the Judge of the District Court Juvenile Division; Jeannine Lane, Juvenile Court Services Officer. The following three appointments are appointments that the statute authorizes the City of Wichita to make. They are: Shawna Mobley; Margalee Wright, Long Le. The individuals designated by the Board of County Commissioners are: Ralph Teran, Melody Miller, Pat Hanrahan, James Moore, John Sullivan, Beverly Gutierrez, and the Honorable Paul Buchanan, Administrative Judge of the District Court Eighteenth District. Be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Richard. Commissioners, questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn 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. A comment in closing on this item. I just want to say we really appreciate all the individuals who have chosen to serve on this Board. I know Commissioner Winters spent a lot of time getting to this point. This is probably one of the most significant actions that we have taken in a long time concerning juvenile justice here in Sedgwick County. We are in the midst of trying out a whole new system, in my view, including prevention funding. Identifying at risk young people and working with these young people on a daily basis to create better opportunities for them in their future. I just want to say thank you to everyone who has been involved in this, especially Commissioner Winters, and those who have chosen to serve on this Board. They have an awful lot of work to do. I want to wish them the best of luck and thank them for making that decision. Any other comments? Next item please."

RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS

B. RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS.

1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO RONALD DAVIS, CUSTODIAN, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT.

Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I don't believe that Mr. Davis is here today. Well, he's been working here 33 years and probably needs a day off. I was thinking that I was a sophomore in high-school when the guy went to work for the County and I'm no longer that young. The guy has been around here a long time. I see some of his friends around here. We'll be sure and get him his clock and his award."

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2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO HAROLD NORMAN, DIVERSION COORDINATOR, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Mr. Russell Mr. Euson said, "Mr. Norman had indicated that he may be out of town on personal business. Somebody was going to come from the D.A.s Office, I thought, to receive this. If not, you heard my first speech and I can do it again. He's been with the D.A.'s Office for five years as a Diversion Coordinator. We're going to miss him in this County."

Chairman Hancock said, "Congratulations to both retirees. This is my first retirement presentation in some ten years and they didn't show up."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Next item please."

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

C. ADOPTION OF THE 1999 SAFETY SLOGAN, "KEEP SAFETY ON YOUR MIND IN 1999," AND PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, FIRST AID KIT, SMOKE ALARM AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER TO PATRICK MORONEY, SHERIFF'S DETENTION DEPUTY, WINNER OF THE ANNUAL SAFETY SLOGAN CONTEST.

Mr. Phil Rippee, Risk Manager, Department of Risk Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As part of our continuing effort to promote safety awareness, the Board of County Commissioners has supported the adoption of an annual safety slogan for Sedgwick County since 1994. This year's slogan, 'Keep Safety On Your Mind in 1999', was submitted by Deputy Patrick Moroney of the Sheriff's Detention. This year we had 56 entries submitted for the contest, which was the most we've ever had. The Safety Committee had a tough job selecting the winner. I would like to take the time to recognize the efforts of our Safety Coordinator, Diana Mansouri, who administers this program and to thank the Safety Committee members, some are present here, stand up please, for their time in this important endeavor. I would recommend that the Commissioners adopt the safety slogan and allow us to make the present to Deputy Moroney."

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Safety Slogan.

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

Mr. Rippee said, "This is the slogan for this year, which will go out to all departments as usual, to be posted on their bulletin boards. Deputy Moroney, this is the certificate. We have a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, a pocket mask, a smoke alarm, and Diana has put together a safety promotion package which we will give Deputy Moroney. Thank you, very much."

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

D. PRESENTATION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES.

1. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

! DOROTHY HARVEY, TREASURER'S OFFICE

! JACK KEGLEY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Russell said, "I bet I get a better draw on this one. I'm pleased this morning to present career development certificates to four folks in this organization. Employees who are dedicated to improving their skills as Sedgwick County employees. They had to complete elective courses as well as several required courses. They had a choice of a couple of dozen courses they had to complete and had to complete ten or eleven courses each."

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“I also wanted to thank the supervisors and departments who allowed this to happen, because the reality of adult learning is only 3% of us bother to do it and 13% of us, from what I understand, if we’ve got a good cheerleader in our camp to make us go do something. So when people do this as an adult in our organization, personal development becomes organizational development. I really appreciate that, personally.

“The first person is Dorothy Harvey of the Treasurer’s Office. Here is your certificate for your hard work. The other one under Professional Development is to Jack Kegley in Emergency Management. Now this one amazes me, personally, because I’ve known Jack for a long time. Congratulations Jack.

2. SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT.

! SHANNON GOODWIN, CORRECTIONS

“The certificate in Supervisory Management goes to Shannon Goodwin of Corrections. Congratulations, appreciate the effort. We can always use better supervisors because when they’re not good, they come to H.R. People really do appreciate good ones.

3. FACILITATOR.

! CAROL FLOWER, CORRECTIONS

“Carol Flower received our Facilitator training. This is a program that Jo and Christy have been working with folks on for a while to try to get it where when we’re conducting meetings they don’t become like these signs that ‘meetings are a good alternative to real work.’ Facilitators are so important in making sure that meetings are productive, get things done, and people use their time wisely. Carol Flower is probably conducting a meeting. We’ll get this to her.”

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4. EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE.

- ! MICHAEL BORCHARD, APPRAISER'S OFFICE**
- ! JAMES ELVINS, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**
- ! DARYL GARDNER, ACCOUNTING**
- ! FRANK GRIFFITH, KANSAS COLISEUM**
- ! JAN KENNEDY, TREASURER**
- ! STEPHANIE KNEBEL, CAPITAL PROJECTS**
- ! TERRY MAULDIN, FIRE DISTRICT**
- ! MARY KNOPIK-ORR, FINANCE**
- ! MICHAEL MUELLER, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- ! PAUL ROSELL, COUNTY CLERK**
- ! GEORGE SCANTLIN, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**
- ! JO TEMPLIN, HUMAN RESOURCES**
- ! GLEN WILTSE, CODE ENFORCEMENT**
- ! KRISTI ZUKOVICH, COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

“The next group is the Executive Development Institute. There are 14 Sedgwick County employees who completed this training for 1998, along with 14 City employees. I went through this package myself a year ago so I know what it involves. I know the camaraderie and the spirit of the training that is developed here. It is really a neat learning, growing experience to be with folks from both the City and the County and other departments within each. You get a complete perspective on what that involves.

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“The Executive Development Institute includes five courses on community and governmental relations, public finance, communication, productivity improvement, decision making, and strategic planning. It is held over a five month period.

“Let me get on with giving these to folks. Michael Borchard. James Elvins. It is amazing to me the mix of people they put in these classes. As you know these guys individually, it is kind of like you keep chemicals in separate areas on the shelf but they put people in the same class and I’m interested in that. I see James Elvins is in there with these guys. Congratulations. Daryl Gardner, Accounting. Oh, James is with the Sheriff’s Department. I know who you are. Okay, Frank Griffith, Kansas Coliseum. Jan Kennedy. Jan said she may not be here. She’s out of town. We’ll get this to her. She’s your elected Treasurer. Stephanie Knebel, Capital Projects. Congratulations. Terry Mauldin with the Fire District. Mary Knopick-Orr from Finance. Michael Mueller from Human Resources. Paul Rossell, County Clerk. This had to be a fun class. This is some more of that chemistry I was talking about. George Scantlin from 911 Emergency Communications. Jo Templin from Human Resources. Glen Wiltse, Code Enforcement. Kristi Zukovich from the County Manager’s Office.

“I just want to say how much I really appreciate some of these folks and how fun it would have been to have been in that class. I can tell you, from my own experience, this goes on and on and you really work with these folks in a different way thereafter. My thanks to all of you.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Doug. Congratulations to everyone. I know you worked very hard. I’ve been to a couple of those classes and it takes a long time, especially the Executive Development Course. Well, they all do. Those early mornings are pretty tough to get up to, sometimes. Jo, you operated this process for a number of times and finally went through it. The other half of it is that this is a joint effort between the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. In this class, it is very interesting that City staff and department heads get together with County staff people and department heads and begin to learn all about what it takes to provide excellent public service. We’re very proud of the program and very proud of the people who put it on for us. Thank you, very much. Congratulations to all of you who went through it. Next item please.”

CITIZEN INQUIRY

E. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING WICHITA PROMISE YOUTH COUNCIL.

Ms. Christina Finn said, “We’re just going to introduce ourselves quickly. I’m a senior at Kaupun Mt. Carmel.”

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Ms. Lydia Suh said, "I'm from Southeast High School, a sophomore."

Ms. Aubrey Tanner said, "Freshman at Collegiate."

Mr. Paul Stucky said, "I'm a sophomore at Southeast."

Ms. Kelly Reid, said, "I'm a junior at Wichita West High School, and I will start the presentation today. I forgot to mention that I'm also Vice President of the Wichita Promise Youth Council, and our President, Cindy Tran, who was on the Agenda, had planned on being here but something came up, so Paul Stucky will be taking her place today.

"The Wichita Promise Youth Council is an organization that acts as a positive voice for youth in the Wichita community, and takes action when needed. Christina will now talk a little bit more about why we're here today."

Ms. Finn said, "Since our establishment in October of 1997, we have appeared in front of the City Council on numerous occasions. As we have representation from not only USD 259 schools, but also schools outside of the city limits and private schools within the city, we felt it was important to make a connection with the County Commissioners and other agencies within the community. Our representation is not very apparent today as it is second semester and many students felt they couldn't miss class this early on. We have about 40 active members right now, representing almost every school in the city and many outlying schools as well.

"The reason we are here today is we felt it was important to establish ourselves and formally introduce ourselves to the Board. I know that we have had informal contact with some members of the Board, but we felt it was important, though, to make a formal presentation. We also have the results of our Action '98 project, that we completed this summer, we would like to present to you. I think you have a copy in front of you right now, that Kelly handed out. As Kelly said, our mission is to act as a positive voice for the youth of the community and take action where needed. So when issues come up that will affect the youth of the community, we feel that it is important that youth be consulted. The fact that we know what is going on in the youth community, I'm sure you're aware of, but we would like to form a partnership and be here when you feel that you need consultation and also to make presentations on a regular basis and keep the communication level up. Paul will now talk a little bit about what we are doing."

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Mr. Stucky said, “Thank you. Some of Youth Council’s recent activities include planning a teen center, partnering with USD 259 to put on a series of parent forums, serving as advisors on numerous boards, and monthly community service projects as well as creating an Internet web page. Action ‘98 is a variation of Action ‘97. Action ‘98 has been one of our biggest projects this year. Action ‘97 was a half-day youth listening conference, during which 40 teenagers gave speeches and made apparent the issues that they were concerned about, such as drug abuse, teen pregnancy, and school issues. Thirty-six adult community leaders listened to them and committed to do at least one thing to address any one of the concerns presented. For Action ‘98, it was decided to gather youth input in a less time restrictive manner and to go to the teenagers rather than have them come to us. We came up with a list of places where we could find youth. We went to them and we asked what they feel are some positive aspects about Wichita and what also were their concerns they may have about their community.

“In order to prioritize these concerns, all participants were asked to fill out a sheet that included demographic information, such as gender, zip code, age, and their school. On that sheet, participants were asked to list their top three concerns. The results of these sheets were later compiled, categorized, and prioritized by the Youth Council. The response sheets gave us our top five concerns, that we feel are the most important to the teenagers of the community. Kelly will now further explain and give the results.”

Ms. Reid said, “Direct your attention to page 15 and 16 of the packet. This will show you the top five concerns of the youth and also recommendations. As Paul was talking about Action ‘98, we interviewed about 245 students from around Wichita, very diverse group of kids. They came up with the top five concerns, and we lumped some of their concerns together to come up with this list. As you see, start with number five, with gangs. Number four was teen pregnancy and teen sex. Number three was fighting and violence. Number two was no where to go and having nothing to do. Number one concern was alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.

“So after we came up with this list of the five concerns, we also thought that it would be important to have some recommendations. The recommendations, you can see on page 16. They were grouped into three categories. The first one is endorsements, they’re recommendations that focus on already existing programs and that we, as the Youth Council, would like to endorse. The second one was request for action. They were recommendations that focused on areas where there is not already existing services. The third one was action and progress. These recommendations focus on projects that are currently in progress, primarily through the Youth Council itself.

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“With that, that sums up our Action ‘98, as we as the Youth Council would like to thank you guys, very much, for supporting us and like Christina said, it has been informal so far but we do know that you guys have helped us out a lot and supported us a lot. We would like to continue the communication between us. Thank you, very much.”

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

Commissioner Winters said, “I certainly want to say thank you for coming and having this more formal introduction to your group. I know that a number of us have been with a number of your projects, kind of informally in the community. I tell you, I’m really pleased at the number of people that you have already made contact with, the number of people that you’re touching some way. I think you’re kind of learning early on how to make things change, how to get things done, and you’re doing it in a very orderly, progressive, thoughtful way. I would acknowledge, we have Tara Gregory out here in the audience who is with the Regional Prevention Center, which works with this group of young people very closely. I know that you do a lot of what you do on your own. You set a lot of your own directions and goals, but we certainly appreciate the Regional Prevention Center, in being involved in that connection.

“I think you’re looking, of course, at an almost new County Commissioner Board and one of the things that I think you’re going to see us involved in, more than ever before, is ways that we can help prevent young folks from getting on a track that gets them in contact with the justice system or the court systems or detention facilities, or any kind of problem area. We have made a commitment, as a Board of County Commissioners, to direct our efforts on prevention issues. We’re in really kind of a second year for that. So, I think we will think of you as a resource, as we go through that process and continue to think about where we spend money in these areas, what works, what doesn’t work. We’re not interested in working and putting money into projects that don’t work and sometimes you all may be our best avenue in determining some of that. I appreciate you all coming today and giving us this little formal presentation. I think we will be in contact. Thank you.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Commissioner Sciortino has a comment.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’d just like to say that if you all are representative of the type of young people we have in Sedgwick County, then I’m breathing a lot better, because we’re going to pass the gavel to some really dedicated people. Thank you.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you for being here and taking the time to come down here and visit with us. Next item please.”

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

F. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD).

- 1. CASE NUMBER SCZ-0778 - REQUEST FOR ZONE CHANGE FROM "RR" RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND "SF-20" SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO "MH" MANUFACTURED HOUSING, LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF GROVE, SOUTH OF 63RD STREET SOUTH AND IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE WICHITA-VALLEY CENTER FLOOD CONTROL DITCH.**

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have several Planning items for you this morning. This first item, if it looks familiar to some of the Commissioners, it ought to. This involves the property that was considered by the County Commission back last summer. The area that is outlined in black tape is zoned Rural Residential, which permits two acre lots, but it was approved for zoning by the County Commission last summer to the SF-20 District, which allows one acre lots, subject to platting and that platting has not yet occurred.

"Last summer, this property was, the western portion of this property, which is the left half of the taped area, 12 acres was requested for Limited Industrial Zoning and a conditional use for expansion of a salvage yard. All the properties that are in the pink area to the left of that taped area represent mostly non-conforming salvage yards. There is one gray area, and the purple areas had been zoned, but most of that is non-conforming but long standing salvage yard uses that have been located in that area. One of the salvage yards, backing up to this property on one acre, wanted to expand to another 12 acres for a recycling type of facility. There was strong opposition to that request and it was denied by the County Commission last summer, but the Commission did approve SF-20 Zoning that would allow for one acre lots. That is the salmon colored area on the screen, SF-20, the Pine Bay Addition to the north and the Applewood Addition to the right and lower portion of the screen. Those areas are zoned SF-20 and have been developed with one acre lots. That would be consistent with the pattern in the area.

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“The prospective purchaser in this case wants to develop a manufactured home subdivision. That requires MH Zoning. MH Zoning can allow either a manufactured home park, which are pad sites where homes are placed not on a permanent basis and set sites are rented out and operated as one unit. Or in this case, a subdivision, where lots would be laid out just like in a typical subdivision and subject to all the same standards as a single family subdivision except that the manufactured homes need not be double-wide homes. They can be single-wide or double-wide and they need not be placed on a permanent foundation. There is a sketch plat that I’ll show you in a minute that shows a total of 32 lots on the lay out and the portion of the property, you see the zone doesn’t extend all the way to Grove, there is a strip that would be left SF-20 and the lots that are immediately on Grove Street would remain SF-20 and then they would be limited to either site-built homes or double-wide residential design manufactured homes that are on permanent foundations, which are allowed anywhere that a site-built home is.

“To the north of this area is the Pine Bay Addition, which is continuing to be developed. I mentioned the Applewood Addition. The large white diagonal swath through the left side of the screen is the Big Ditch, the Wichita Valley Center Flood Control Ditch. There is a large lot with one home immediately to the south of this area and, as I said, the salvage yards are to the west. So there is definitely a mix. The Applewood Addition, if you’re not familiar with that area, has a mix of housing and it does include single wide, as well as double wide, manufactured homes and not all on permanent foundations. So this particular case, although the staff doesn’t see many places where we would be recommending approval of the MH District in the future because of the difficulty of development adjacent to those salvage yard, thought this use would be a good transition and a good buffer for the Pine Bay Addition, for the Applewood Addition, would establish residential uses as a buffer to those salvage yards, which are probably going to be there for quite some time.

“This is the aerial photograph and maybe I can show you the salvage yards. This is the area of request. The strip of land along Grove that would remain SF-20, limited to homes that meet single family category. They have to be residential design manufactured homes, permanent foundations, or site-built homes. This is the Applewood Addition. One other home with a large lot. The Bg Ditch and the Pine Bay Addition up to the north.

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“The staff did recommend approval, because we felt this was sort of a transitional district and there were buffers that were established. There is a strong tree row along the north for Pine Bay. Subject to platting the property, this is the proposed sketch plat for the property. These are the salvage yards. This is the plat with 32 lots. These lots would be along Grove and closest to the land to the east and the Applewood Addition, would be limited to the SF-20 district. The interior lots could be done either as site built homes, or residential design homes on a permanent foundations, or they could be single-wides or could be placed on anchors if not on permanent foundations. That is the nature of the request.

“The staff recommended approval. I’ll show you some slides of the area. We’re looking now at the site from Grove looking to the west. In the far background would be the salvage yards. Again, looking to the west and the south at the one home that is on a large lot. This is looking south on Grove. To the left hand side is the Applewood Addition, with the home on a large lot to the south of the request area that is on the right hand side of Grove. This is looking, again, south toward the Applewood Addition. You can see more of the homes in Applewood and see the character of homes in that subdivision, similar to what is being proposed in this area. North of Applewood is a farm field. Again, looking to the east across Grove. Now, north of Grove. The property in question is on the left hand side of those initial rows. The long road would remain SF-20. Same shot, basically. Back to the aerial photograph and the zoning map.

“The Haysville Planning Commission voted eight to zero to recommend approval. There were citizens who came to the meeting. The nature of their inquiries was more finding out what this was about and how it would effect them. I wouldn’t classify it as opposition. There was no one who appeared in opposition at the Planning Commission, the MAPC hearing, and the MAPC also voted unanimously to recommend approval. Since that hearing, there have been no written protests that were filed, so it just requires a majority vote of the County Commission to approve this request. I’d be glad to entertain any questions you might have.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Marvin. Commissioners, do you have questions for Marvin? If not, I’ll open it up for public comment. Is there anyone here who would like to address the Commission on this zoning item?”

Mr. Gary Wiley said, “I’m with Professional Engineering Consultants, 303 S. Topeka, representing the contract purchasers on this site. I would just say that we’re in total agreement with all the requirements that the Planning Department and the Planning Commission imposed on this. We have tried to, by leaving the strip 150 foot wide along Grove for stick built or modulars on permanent foundations, we think will be a good buffer for the area to the east. Be happy to answer any questions that you have.”

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Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioners, any questions for Gary? Thank you, Gary. Is there anyone else who would like to address the Commission on this zoning item? Come forward. Give your name and address for the record."

Mr. Terry DeCou, 7245 S. Chataqua, said, "I live in the Apple Wood Farm Addition. I'm here to say I think it is a good idea what he is trying to do, but there are a few changes that I would like to have in the process. I think it is a good idea what we're trying to do in the County to bring in more people down in there and stuff. We got Pine Bay towards the north of that addition and we got Applewood Farm east of it. Now, there is a guy who lives across the street, on Grove, who has a pretty nice house. It's in the middle of a field, got a picture of it. I've got some pictures of houses in Pine Bay and then there is some houses in the Applewood Farm Addition. I'd like to have you guys look at these.

"The four houses you're going to put on a foundation, I have no problem with that. I think that's a good deal. But the other lots I think ought to be put on a foundation because we get pretty strong winds out there. It will blow the skirting off and the wind gets beneath these houses and they flip over. But if you've got them sitting on foundations, the wind can't get underneath the house and flip it. I talked to Paul Mahoney down in Haysville out in the hall and I told him I was carrying a water petition down in that area. He said he didn't have no problem signing a water petition. He got what he wanted.

"Now we've been doing some tests down in that area on water and we pulled this out of a well down in that area. This is lime. This is what neutralizes chemicals in water. Somebody has been putting it in the ground water. The people buying these lots down there are probably mostly young people with little kids, ladies who are pregnant, and the water isn't very good down there, it's pretty bad. We've been doing some research going back through the paper in the Health Department and there is some pretty bad stuff down in there. I think the Health Department needs to go back and look through the papers that they have and do some research and look before this development goes in any more. I think there ought to be water brought down in this area. I've been walking in the streets. I know what's going on and I don't like it. People bringing in bottled water. I bought down there 17 years ago, 18 years. The person I bought it from said the water was good. It's not so. I was lied to. Everybody was lied to in that area and it is not right, not right at all. I think these houses, all of them, should be put on foundations, every one of them. If we're going to do it, let's do it right. That's all I've got to say about it."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you for your comments. Are there any other speakers?"

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Ms. Donnah Taylor, 514 West 34th South said, "I'm building a house at 5555 S. Hydraulic. I've been told the water is not good, which it isn't. I wasn't told when I bought the property. I have two properties in Wichita and in the County that has bad water, contaminated water. I'm not happy with it. Also, we have a gentleman that wants to put trailers, or manufactured homes, whatever you want to call them. As long as you put them on a foundation I don't care what you do. As long as the area looks good. I have a problem, I was told that we have a saltwater plume coming toward our property. When you get a salt water plume, you have to fracture the equis bed. I was told by one of the Commissioners that we have salt water coming toward my property. Now, why wasn't this taken care of, or part of it found out before any of us bought property down there. I've got my life savings done in a house down there and there is no way that I can get it back. They tell me you can't drink the water because it smells bad. If it smells bad, most of the time it isn't good. Nobody seems to care that any of this is going on.

"You are putting manufactured homes down there on acre lots. We had to end up buying ten acres. I had to give up 66 feet of my property and the gentleman with the property next to us on 29 acres, they're planning to put on homes. Nothing is said about my property faces Hydraulic. They told us when we went in for the planning that I had to give up 66 feet of my property. On his planning, there was never anything said about him giving up property that they could build and enlarge Hydraulic. Now I know I'm just one person, but I'm just as important as anybody that's got money out there. So, everybody ought to be treated the same. I want somebody to explain to me, because I talked to the guy from Planning and they told me it was none of my business that they were building houses back behind over there. I had nothing to do with it. Just because I can't see it, doesn't mean that I'm not there. If you put the manufactured homes on foundations, I've got no problem with it. If you go down and not, you go down and look at the other places that are down there. We have enough manufactured homes in our area. There is 80% there. Now, if you want to go north, east, west, leave us alone for a little while and do a little of it the other way. That's all."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you for your comments."

Commissioner Winters said, "I have a question for the speaker. Ma'am, were you aware when the Haysville Planning Commission was having their meeting and did you attend their meeting?"

Ms. Taylor said, "I was told by the Wichita Planning it was none of my business."

Commissioner Winters said, "The Planning meeting at Haysville is an open meeting."

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Ms. Taylor said, "I know, but when you're told it is none of your business, what do you do? I went to my planning for my property. I went to his planning for his property. All they do is raise their hand and say yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I have some questions for Marvin. Marvin, I don't know if you can address the first issue, but I have about three questions here. One is on the water. I'm assuming everything is on well in this area, is that correct?"

Mr. Krout said, "Everything is on wells in this area. Normally, the Health Department normally does not require well testing as part of the subdivision process. They have, on rare occasions, if there seems to be a problem. There have been complaints from this area for some time. I know the Health Department has been monitoring ground water in this area and we'd be glad to have them report to you. My recollection is that they have not found contaminated groundwater. There is definitely aesthetic problems, odor problems with the water. But my understanding is that they haven't found contamination that would prevent someone from using wells in this area. If that is an issue that the Health Department has concerns about, they can require well testing as part of the platting process, if this is true. The agent has some additional comments about water quality. Maybe he can help answer that."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, and then I'll get back to my other two questions."

Mr. Wiley said, "Two weeks ago the KCC employed some well testing in this area. There were no chemicals found, no bacteria on this particular site. The chloride levels were at 178. The Health Department recommends not to exceed 250 parts per million. So it was well within the tolerance for the chlorides. This particular property has had a test well drilled and we're quite comfortable with the water."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. Marvin, how close are we to city water here, in case something in the future."

Mr. Krout said, "The agent indicates that his firm is working on a rural water district proposal that would extend water to this area. He can describe that in more detail if you want. I think city water is at least a mile to the north."

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Chairman Hancock said, "To be a little more helpful here, I know the area. It is a mile and a quarter west and a mile and a quarter north. Haysville is a mile and a quarter west and Wichita to the north."

Mr. Krout said, "Do you want to know more about the rural water district?"

Commissioner McGinn said, "Yes, I do."

Mr. Wiley said, "Commissioner, approximately a year ago, they started sending out some notices to the land area owners within an area that went from 63rd all the way south to the county line. I don't know the east/ west dimensions. But this area is included in that particular area. They started the talks. They have hired the attorney to create the Rural Water District. They have employed our firm to prepare the maps, the proposed water line layouts. We think that within the next year or so, there will be rural water to this site."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Then, two other issues, Marvin. Did you address the drainage problem there and I'd also like for you to speak to the skirting issue a little bit."

Mr. Krout said, "Drainage problems are typically handled at the stage of platting. Zoning deals with the land use, what you can put on the land. Whenever we are recommending a change in zoning, the change is not made effective until the property has gone through the platting process. When it goes through the platting process, it is filed with the Planning Commission. Detailed drainage plans have to be submitted to the County Engineer and the plat cannot be approved until the County Engineer has approved those drainage plans. So the details of drainage have not probably been developed at this time but would be if this was approved and the plat was filed."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Also, I was just curious, are all manufactured homes required to at least put some kind of a skirting?"

Mr. Krout said, "Yes, that's a requirement in the County Zoning Resolution."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

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

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Marvin, this is probably where I’m going to show my ignorance, but on that strip of land north and south on Grove, which is going to be platted single-family residential, will there be a privacy fence boarding to try to hide the park, somewhat, from those single family dwellings or will they just be butting right up next to a trailer?”

Mr. Krout said, “It is not a normal requirement of the County Zoning Resolution or of the subdivision regulations. I think the intent is that those homes on those border lots would visually at least partially screen the homes that are in the interior. Those homes would definitely be in character with or exceed the values in the Applewood Addition, I think.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. That’s all I have.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you. Further questions? Marvin, do you have further comments?”

Mr. Krout said, “No other comments, except to say that I’m going to follow-up with the lady who spoke about someone in the Planning Department who told her that something was none of her business. I can’t imagine anyone on my staff saying anything like that, but I’ll try to get to the bottom of that.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Okay, thank you. Further questions? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chairman Hancock said, “Discussion?”

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Commissioner Gwin said, “Just on the . . . and obviously I made the Motion so I’m supportive of the request, but Gary, I’ll look forward to that petition for a rural water district right away. It sounds to me like those folks might, and others down that way, might be beneficiaries of this. I appreciate that. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Further questions or comments? If not, Clerk call the vote please.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you. Next item please.”

- 2. CASE NUMBER V-2133 - REQUEST TO VACATE THE PLATTED NORTH BUILDING SETBACK FROM 50 FEET TO 24 FEET AND VACATE THE PLATTED BUILDING SETBACK ON THE EAST PROPERTY LINE FROM 50 FEET TO 33 FEET, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BURLINGTON AND CAMBRIDGE, NORTH OF 55TH STREET SOUTH AND EAST OF 167TH STREET WEST (16105 BURLINGTON).**

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Krout said, “These next two items are Vacation cases, so that means that they are advertised public hearings. I think you may see one or two more, but in the future the Planning Commission will be holding the public hearings on these. These are holdovers from the end of last year so these are, under state law, required to be public hearings.”

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“This request is in the K-42 Addition, which is way out on K-42, south and west, 55th Street South and Colwich Road. The whole addition has 50 foot front yard platted setbacks, which is very unusual. The usual requirement is for 25 to 30 feet in single family subdivisions, but this area was platted and most of the homes that are built out here have respected that 50 foot requirement. In this particular case, the Health Department had required an extra large septic field as part of the department. In order to install that field, the applicant is having to move the unit closer to the street lines in both of these cases along Burlington Lane and along Cambridge, as you can see on the map.

“I have an aerial photograph that shows you the character of the subdivision, that particular lot in the lower portion of the addition. We do, by policy, send notices out to all the surrounding neighbors, although it is not required by state law, to participate in the subdivision committee and the Planning Commission meetings that proceed this public hearing. The Subdivision Committee and the Planning Commission met and none of the neighbors were there to speak, either in support or opposition. The Planning Commission has recommended that the reduction in the front yard building setbacks along these two streets to 33 feet and 24 feet be approved. I’ll try to answer any questions that you have on this. This is an advertised public hearing.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Marvin. Commissioners, questions? If not, at this time I’d like to open the meeting to public comment. Is there anyone here who would like to address this item, vacation item 2133? Is there anyone here who would like to address this Vacation Item? If not, we’ll close the public hearing. Commissioners? Marvin, anything else?”

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Vacation and authorize the Chairman to sign the Vacation Order.

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

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

3. CASE NUMBER V-2136 - REQUEST TO VACATE A PORTION OF A PLATTED BUILDING SETBACK LOCATED NORTH OF CENTRAL AND WEST OF 143RD STREET EAST.

Mr. Krout said, "This case involves an existing home that was built in error by one foot, encroaching one foot into platted 30 foot building setbacks for this lot in the Fountain Hills Addition. You can see it is an irregular shaped lot that is on those two streets and so difficult to site a house without encroaching into one or another setback. Again, this is a very minor setback, just one foot in each direction. The owner is attempting to clear the title to this property because of those encroachments. We notified all the surrounding neighbors and property owners of the Planning Commission meetings. No one appeared in opposition at those cases and the Planning Commission and staff are recommending that this reduction by a Vacation of one foot on both streets be approved. I'll see if I've got an aerial photograph that shows you the character of the lots in this area. Most of the homes are built with similar setbacks and I don't think this is a noticeable encroachment. Be glad to answer any questions you have."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Marvin. Commissioners, any questions on this item? If not, I'll open this for public hearing. Is there anyone here who would like to address this item, V-2136, this Vacation? Is there anyone here who would like to address this particular item? If not, I'll close the public hearing and limit comments to staff and Commission."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Vacation Order and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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. Next item please."

4. MAPD MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Krout said, "Just to highlight activities that occurred both in November and December of last year. In our current Plans Division, in those two months, we accepted 94 development applications. The end of the year total for all of the development applications that come through the Planning Department totaled 609 cases. That is a 20% increase in case load from the previous year in 1997. A very active year in terms of development for the Planning Department.

"Included in those cases in the last couple of months of '98, were three major requests for commercial development, associated with Community Unit Plans. The County Commission saw those cases at their first Agenda of January and approved those. I think those are going to establish, hopefully, a pattern for quality development of the area northwest and northeast of the Wichita limits.

"The Planning Commission also heard the manufactured home request that you considered earlier on this Agenda. We continue to work with other departments and also with the Home Builders Association on amendments to the subdivision regulations. There is an attempt, in addition to the kinds of streamlining amendments that we have begun, what was the initial reason for going through these amendments, we also have been dealing with trying to tighten up some of the drainage requirements and standards for subdivisions as they go through the process. The Home Builders have been very cooperative and even pressing the engineers and the Planning Commission Subdivision Committee to accept those new regulations. The Planning Commission had an advertised hearing for the end of the month, where they'll consider the amendments and if they pass those on, then you should see them on an Agenda in February.

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“We also met with a group of public and private economic development officials who meet regularly at a meeting that is hosted by the Chamber. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss industrial sites that are available for prospective business locations and relocations. I think that some of the people around the table were not aware of some of the recent rezonings that we’ve been dealing with and so I think we’ve been able to at least informally add to the inventory that they now know is available for future development.

“In a Comprehensive Plan effort, at the end of the year, we completed what we call trend scenario, based on the current trends continuing for where and how to distribute a 100,000 new people and 40,000 new jobs in the 60,000 new jobs in the community. We also began work on an alternative scenario. Began discussions with City and County departments on the infrastructure and facilities in general that are going to be needed to serve that new population and employment. We’ve calibrated the transportation model, which means we’ve taken existing people and jobs and the existing traffic and traffic volumes and network and sort of adjusted the computer model so now we can accept those additional 100,000 people and 60,000 job placements and we should be, this month, running that model to see what kind of traffic problems we’re going to have to face in the year 2030.

“We have also drafted a new newsletter. You know, we’ve been putting out newsletters every few months, to kind of get people interested in aspects of Comprehensive Planning. This newsletter should be going out in this week’s mail and it will deal with transportation issues and transportation trends. I think that ought to get people interested. Our plan is still, in March and April of this year, to be going out to public meetings. We’ll probably have one more newsletter with some more information and then providing publicity about those public meetings.

“In the transportation division, we also last month reviewed technical reports and participated in a steering committee discussion on the concept of a northwest freeway. There is to be a final meeting next month of that steering committee and a final report submitted to that group. We have been working with officials in Butler County and Harvey County, along with working in Sedgwick County on adjustments to census tract boundaries. This is in preparation for the year 2000 U.S. Census. As populations change, the Census Bureau has requirements on the population size and geographic requirements on what constitutes boundaries for census tracts. So we’re working with the other two counties and making adjustments in the 1990 census tract boundaries in anticipation of the 2000 Census.

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“We also prepared a grant application that we learned about last month, fairly quickly. Federal funding is part of the T-21 overall 7 year Federal Transportation Program, but there is a special category for what are called high priority corridors. These are major national corridors, one of which is the I-35 corridor between Mexico and Canada, which Kansas is right in the middle of that. We’re also in the middle of another corridor that is on the high priority list, which is the transcontinental corridor, which basically follows US 54 through Kansas. So we trying to say we are an important intersection of two high priority corridors and ought to be considered for some funding opportunities out of this T-21 program. So we submitted a grant for improvements to East Kellogg, right at the intersection of the US 54 transcontinental corridor and the I-35 trade corridor. As you know, Kellogg intersects with the Turnpike both near Webb Road and out near 127th Street. So, basically, redoing those two interchanges and improving to freeway standard the two miles in between is what the proposal was for, funding about 50% of that construction project. As you know, the City Council has to move out and do those improvements ahead of improvements that are in the Rock Road and Woodlawn area. So, with a little luck, we may get some funding assistance. So, we did a quick grant. Actually, the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission as the MPO, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, had to officially submit that grant. But the City Council had to agree to provide the match, because the Planning Commission didn’t have any money to match that grant. So we did do a quick grant submission.

“We also have been working with KDOT on the final detailing of costs for some of the bike paths and other enhancements that were submitted back in September. They were requesting additional information. We’ve been preparing a scope of services for a consultant study to look ahead at the next round of enhancements, which will be submitted next summer. KDOT is interested in connection between bike paths. We have a couple of critical areas that need some special study because they are very complicated. One is how to connect the bike path that is to be built, that would run along K-96 corridor and into Grove Park, somehow down from Grove Park and into the I-135 corridor, where we have a bike path that starts at the park at 13th Street. We also have a situation down in the south part of Wichita where we have three bike paths that all dead end. We have the new Gypsum Creek bike path, the I-35 bike path and the Ark River bike path, that all fall short of connecting with each other. There is sort of a spaghetti of interchange areas and river and Big Ditch all coming together at that location. So, fairly complicated, but we think there is a way to make those connections, so we need to do a little preliminary engineering to make sure we can and find out how much it is going to cost. So, we’ll be in better shape to include that as part of a submission. I’d be glad to answer any questions you have about our activities last year.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Marvin. Commissioner Winters.”

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Commissioner Winters said, “Marvin, I’m interested in some of this population project that you talked about, particularly as it relates to transportation plans and other plans, it becomes very important. How do we arrive at that number? You were talking about 100,000 new citizens. How do you arrive at that? I have seen some projections and I haven’t seen a number like that? How do we get that?”

Mr. Krout said, “Well, we hire other people so that we’re not responsible for those numbers. We do hire consultants. We have done the job ourselves, but we thought it is important, there are all kinds of ways to do it. Some are very technical ways. You do have to look at what is happening nationally. There is . . . that population by the way is not a straight line. What we expect is to see more rapid growth in the next 10 or 12 years and then the curve flattens as the population ages and the baby-boom population reaches 65 or over. We’re going to have a population in 2030 with twice as many people who are over 65 as we have today. So the character of the population changes. The birth rates begin to slow on a national level, and unless we find ways to beat the national trends, that rate is going to slow, faster growth in the early years and slower growth later. But how it is done is a combination of looking at those national trends, looking at the historic rates of birth and death and immigration. Watching as a chain of people who are at certain age groups moves up because if they’re in their child bearing years, you either have smaller groups or larger groups moving up. Right now, we have sort of a bulge where the babies of the baby boomers, who are now moving through the school-age population and increasing some stress on the schools, locally and nationally, but, after 2005, 2010, that’s probably going to decrease again.

“Then, we look at employment and we try to see whether or not, if we ask employers what their expectations are and it is difficult to ask them, 20 or 30 years, what their plans are and expectation area, but we ask them to think about technology and the future and what they think is going to happen. In this particular case, we hired Carleen Hill at Wichita State and her group to make predictions about employment and population based upon the historic trends of immigration, with consideration for the fact that we’ve done better in these past few years of attracting new people to live and work in Wichita, but understanding also these national trends, which are difficult to overcome. That’s how we got to the population increase. A 20% increase over 30 years is less than 1% per year and that would be considered, in most communities, a moderate rate of growth.”

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Commissioner Winters said, "Population numbers become very important to all kinds of folks. Even when we're talking about amphitheaters and expanding coliseums or downtown arenas. These become very important numbers when we talk about transportation, they become very important. Were you really serious when you were talking about the 100,000 or were you just using that as an example because the numbers I see projected out to 2020 are only about a 40,000 population increase? I tend to think that is way on the conservative side. These numbers do become very important. As we think about developing the Comprehensive Plan, as we go ahead with the update of that, I think those are going to be significant numbers. So how can I get more comfortable with these projects of populations? Would it be possible, perhaps, at your next report to this board, we could have some more details about that? Once we put those numbers in print, they become others who look at our community think 'well gosh' in 2020 you're only going to have 480,000 people, by 2020, even if you take a few years back and if that 100,000 population is right, that is over half a million people."

Mr. Krout said, "That's right. I feel pretty comfortable about the 100,000. That wasn't a cavalier statement, just a rounded number. We feel pretty comfortable that Wichita can maintain that kind of population growth without major changes."

Commissioner Winters said, "Would it be possible, at your next report a month from now that you could have some population projects, some numbers that you're going to be using as we look at the Comprehensive Plan and so we could see that again?"

Mr. Krout said, "Sure. Let me just say that if you're going to err, it is better to err for planning purposes on the conservative side. So what we may be saying is the 2030 population, even if it ends up being the 2040 population, when you build public facilities that have a life of 30, 40, 50 years or more, then it is probably better to err on the conservative side of a higher number and not to underbuild facilities. I think we've had too many examples of where we haven't oversized a facility or built it to meet the growth needs."

Commissioner Winters said, "I would take that to mean that we shouldn't be so conservative. I think we should really take the . . . I mean, if we believe we're going to increase by 100,000, we need to make plans for that, instead of making plans for a 25,000 to 30,000 population increase."

Mr. Krout said, "I'll show you my numbers if you show me your numbers. I don't know where the smaller numbers come from, but I'd be interested in seeing. We have seen some out of town consultants that have used population estimates and made population projections for shorter term and we have been critical of those. Maybe those are what you are looking at."

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Commissioner Winters said, "If you could maybe talk about it at your next report. I'd be glad to share these numbers with you."

Mr. Krout said, "Okay."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any other questions or comments? Marvin, it sounds like you had a busy year last year, with everything you've done. I know you've been strained and I don't know if it's going to slow down this year or not. I'm going to hope not. I know when you're in business, we're in business."

Mr. Krout said, "We hope we'll have some good people to help."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, very much. See you next month."

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. Next item please."

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NEW BUSINESS

G. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS-SCHOOL OF NURSING (WSU) PROVIDING WSU STUDENTS EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AT SEDGWICK COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES.**

Mr. Kevin Bomhoff, Developmental Disabilities Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Debbie Donaldson is up in Topeka talking with State Legislatures. This first item is to allow nursing students access to our facilities and to individuals that we serve for learning opportunities. Recommend that you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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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2. AGREEMENTS (THREE) PROVIDING FUNDING THROUGH SEDGWICK COUNTY'S 1999 PREVENTION FUND.

**! BIG BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, INC.:
\$156,476**

! DCCCA, INC.: \$111,390

! KANSAS SCHOOL FOR EFFECTIVE LEARNING: \$78,265

Mr. Bomhoff said, "Commissioners, this is a part of your effort to prevent individuals from entering the juvenile detention facilities and, eventually, the adult jails of our community. You have directed one million dollars in prevention funds, annually, and this is the second year of that process. The three contracts that you have before you, today, represent proposals that you've already considered and approved, and now we've gone about the business of making the contracts so they are ready for you to sign. The first is Big Brothers and Sisters, which has been awarded \$156,476 for their mentoring efforts with at-risk youth. The second is with DCCCA, and it has been awarded \$111,390 for their Youth Resource Center. This targets children aged 8 to 13. That age range has been slightly increased, on the upper end, for a little bit older children, to provide services to them. These are children who are being processed by juvenile intake and assessment, for offenses ranging from curfew violations to theft and assault. Services provided include a comprehensive psycho-social assessment. That means psychological, as well as how they work within their own social environment, school, home, et cetera. A development of a family plan, individual counseling, referrals, urinalysis, curfew, and attendance monitoring, as well as educational family retreats, where parenting information and so forth is provided.

"The third is with the Kansas School for Effective Learning, also called KANSEL. It has been awarded \$78,265 for their education, training and employment program. That provides academic instruction, computer skills, training, work experience, and employment search training, and job placement assistance to at risk youth. It helps them spend some of their energy looking for a job, rather than other things they could be doing. Each student is assisted in the development of an individual education training and employment plan, to assure they are active in their goals to gain the necessary skills and attaining employment at their highest possible wage. Our recommendation for these three proposals is that you would approve the Agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Kevin. Commissioners, any questions for Kevin? Any comments?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Agreements 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

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

3. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS PROVIDING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BUDGET.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "This particular item is required by contract when budget line item adjustments are made. These particular adjustments represent 10% of their budget so they are moving items of the value of \$10,000 in a \$100,000 contract. I can give you a detail of how those budget items are being moved if you'd like."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, thank you, Kevin. Commissioners, questions for Kevin on this item? If not, the Chair would entertain a motion."

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Amendment to Contract 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 please."

4. GRANT AWARD FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO FUND SHORT-TERM CRISIS COUNSELING SERVICES RELATED TO THE OCTOBER 1998 FLOODING.

Mr. Bomhoff said, "As a result of the funding, our Aging Specialist has provided services and continues to provide services to residents of the Maple Gardens Assisted Living Facility that experienced extensive damage and evacuation as a result of the flooding. COMCARE also, in coordination with the Family Consultation Service and Wichita Child Guidance Center, will provide crisis counseling assistance to affected residents of that area. Our recommendation is that you would approve the Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Kevin. Commissioners, questions or comments? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Grant Award 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, Kevin. Next item please."

H. PROPOSED CONTRACTED CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR 1999.

Mr. Russell said, "The Item before you is a joint work with the City of Wichita, that Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita do. Jo Templin, in our department, works with them, beginning last May, to start a catalogue that begins this year. The course work is a couple of dozen things that have both City and County employees interacting, items that you saw this morning for presentation were just examples out of that catalogue. The County's share of that process is \$39,892.50 for 1999. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, any questions on this Item? I might say, this is what I was talking about earlier, the City/ County joint training program. It is an outstanding program. We appreciate it. I know it takes a lot of effort for the staff to put it on, especially Jo. I don't even know why Jo had to go through this program, she's watched it for all these many years. Anyway, appreciate your efforts on it. It's a good program. It is fun to have the folks together. Commissioners, any questions or comments? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the contracted training.

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. At this time we'll take a ten minute break to set up for a presentation."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 10:28 a.m. and returned at 10:39 a.m.

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

I. YEAR END REPORT OF FACILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING 1998.

Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On pages 110 through 113 of your back-up, we have the 1998 year end report. There are 32 projects we completed during the year. The cost of those projects was \$6,270,973. The good news is that represented a savings of \$680,000 plus over what we originally thought those projects might be. I'd be happy to answer any questions on any projects you might have."

Chairman Hancock said, "Good work, Ken. Thank you. Commissioners, any questions for Ken?"

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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. Next item please."

J. KANSAS COLISEUM.

1. AGREEMENT WITH RUSTY ECK RV AND TRUCK CENTER FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT THE KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Agreement before you is our standard agreement for the lease of advertising space at the Coliseum. This is for signage in the Sam Fulco Pavilion, with Rusty Eck RV and Truck Center. We recommend approval."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, John. Commissioners? The Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

2. PRESENTATION REGARDING A FACILITIES AMENITIES MARKET STUDY OF THE KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. Nath said, "As part of our master planning process and our efforts to determine what the future of the Coliseum is going to be for the next 20 years, we thought it was important we find out what the customers think, what the residents think. We commissioned a study by the research center to look at those customers, to look at those residents, the people who actually use the Coliseum. The survey area was within a 100 mile radius of Wichita. It encompassed nine counties in south central Kansas and northern Oklahoma. It was conducted in the fall of 1998 by the research center.

"Our objectives were, we wanted to know what residents liked best about the Coliseum. We wanted to determine what our customers perceptions were of the facility when they come to visit us, how they feel about it. How do they feel about visiting? How do they feel about the events? We wanted to determine what the residents liked about the Coliseum and what they didn't like about it, what is important to the customers and why non-customers, because we don't have everybody as a customer, why non-customers don't visit us?

"Methodology was a telephone interview. The focus again was the nine county area in south central Kansas and northern Oklahoma. Customers were identified and non-customers were identified. One thousand one customers were interviewed. Those interviews took 11 minutes and 1,001 non-customers were interviewed in a five minute period.

"The results of the survey, forty percent of the residents of Sedgwick County, of those people who were polled, are current customers. Forty-seven percent of those folks that were surveyed, that's both groups together of all the people that were called, are non-customers. Ten percent of the folks that were called are potential customers, folks who just haven't made up their mind yet whether they want to come to the Coliseum or not.

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“High points of what they like. The programming of course and the events. They liked the size and versatility of the facility. They could do all kinds of different things. People liked the layout of the interior. It is easy to get in and it is easy to get to your seats. It’s easy to get back out again.

“Current potential customer perceptions; now we’re talking about current potential customers now. Eighty-seven percent find that the facility is easily accessible. It is easy to get to and it is easy to get out of. Eighty-three percent feel safe and welcome, very important. Seventy-nine percent like to go with their family or friends, so it is not individuals coming, people are coming in a group. Sixty-seven percent say it is easy to get tickets, which is good when we talk about our ticket system, Select-a-Seat. Sixty-one percent say it is conveniently located. Interesting when you go back and look, that number, that 61%, would be bigger if the Coliseum was closer to where those folks live. So, it would be a little bit more convenient if it was in my back yard.

“The top five most popular type of events, concerts are number one, sporting events are number two. We do a very good schedule on both of those. Family shows, we do all the major family shows. Theme shows, people like Champions on Ice. People like the other kinds of theme shows that we do. Auctions and flea markets are very popular with those people that were surveyed.

“Amenities, what do people like? What would people like? People like to be able to order tickets by telephone. They like to do it by credit card. They like to stay at home. They don’t like to go out, stand in line. They want to be able to do it from the comfort of their homes. They like the idea to be able to purchase their tickets by credit card. Very little cash is used anymore. They like the idea that an ATM is inside the facility. We have an ATM inside two facilities, the Fulco Pavilion also has an ATM. Ninety percent like the parking, very close. They like to be able to see where they’re going, from their car, when they park in the parking lot. Closed circuit television scored very high on what people would like to see. They would like to be able to stand at concession stands and be able to see what is going on at the event, so they’re not missing anything. We’re currently working on a proposal with that, a local media entity.

“Meeting rooms, kind of surprising. People would like to see more meeting rooms. Whether that was folks that like to come in groups, group sales type wise with a party before hand. We need to determine that, but meeting rooms scored very high.

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“Food service, eighty percent find the concessions appealing. Eighty-eight percent say the locations of our stands are convenient. Thirty-eight percent would like a premium beverage service. Now, a premium beverage service can be anything from a full service bar restaurant to a brew pub, an area that is like a gathering place that is open and decorated, a beverage house. Something we are looking at in our master planning process, the possibility of adding a brew pub to the Coliseum. Forty-six percent like the amenities that would come with a full service restaurant.

“Restrooms and signage, how do we lay out? Now this is real interesting and we can qualify this first item here, when we get further on back in the survey. We profile who our customers are. Eighty-six percent said the restrooms are convenient. Seventy-nine percent said the restrooms are clean, which is very important. Ninety-two percent say the direction signs are easy to understand in the facility. Again, that will become a little clearer when we get further back in this presentation.

“What people want, twenty-five percent of the folks that are our customers wouldn’t change a thing. Ten percent would change the location, because they’d like to get it closer to home. Nine percent would like to change the parking lay-out, to make it a little bit more convenient to get closer to the doors. Nine percent would change the physical lay-out, again, convenient in and out. Seven percent would change the restrooms. Six percent would do something with the programming, more concerts, more sports, more wrestling, it depends upon what their personal likes were.

“Non-customers, why? Nineteen percent mentioned the programming, there is nothing there I’d like to see. I’m not interested in concerts. I’m not interested in sports. Seventeen percent said they don’t know about the events, they haven’t heard, they don’t know what’s going on at the Coliseum and we will talk about, later, how we’re going to address those issues. Fifteen percent said their health or their age, they just can’t leave the house, they’re too old to do that, whatever the reasons were.

“What else do they say? Comments that we picked out, really picked out. They would like to see more and better access signage, how do I get from point A to point B. This is something that really stood out. They’d like to see more colors. They’d like to see it a little brighter, a little more vibrant. Carpeting, a little bit smoother when you walk in, a transition area when you come in out of the cold parking lot into a carpeted area before you get into the seating area where the concourse is. Comments like that. It needs to look more exciting. They would like to see more lights and colors. The Coliseum has a cold feeling. Well, we’re made out of concrete and steel, but there are some things we could do to kind of bring that vibration up a little bit and add some more excitement to the appearance of the facility.

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“Demographics; sixty-seven percent of our current potential customers live in Sedgwick County. Fifty-one percent of current potential customers have children under 18.

“This is our customer profile and will go back to the restroom comment. The majority of our customers are male. They are non-minorities. They are under 55. They reside in Sedgwick County. They have children in the household and the annual income is above \$35,000. Men don't have a problem with the restrooms, folks, the ladies do. We do need, desperately, more ladies rooms.

“Non-customer profile, female, at least 55 years old, resides outside of Sedgwick County, have no children in the household, and the annual income is under \$35,000.

“First steps; we would like to increase our event schedule exposure, because of those folks that say they don't know anything about the events. What we're doing now, we're going to the newspaper to have a monthly event schedule at the beginning of every month. We're working with broadcasting. Of course, we have trade agreements with certain broadcast entities in town. We will increase our schedule exposure on those broadcasts. Schedule availability; we currently send packs of our schedules to 30 different either Chambers of Commerce or Convention and Visitor entities in areas in our 100 mile radius and we'll continue to do that. We'll tie everything that we do back to the web site, because the web site will always be current with the calendar. Of course, that is www.kansascoliseum.com.

“Long term, we're going to continue with the master plan and we will be coming to you with updates in the next couple of months, to show you where we are with that. We will develop some more strategies to reach our potential customers whether it is through different programming or whether it is through the media. We're going to target some marketing towards those who are not currently our customers. Women outside of the Sedgwick County area, and those other folks to try to possibly do some possibly ethnic programming at the facility. Be happy to answer any questions if you have them at this time. It was a very good study. I thought they did a great job on it. A lot of useful information that we can use.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Very good, John. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. John, you had some responses that the percentage showed that it was either under a majority interest or way under, for instance in the restroom concerns, about those and you explained that, about who your customers are. But in the issues of a premium beverage service or a restaurant, those are still under a majority of folks indicating that they would be interested but are there ways that we can respond to some, even though the majority of people didn't indicate they're interested?”

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Mr. Nath said, "It could be that it is not an interest, Commissioner Gwin, because there is not an exposure to that kind of thing at this point. It could be that people just aren't aware that this amenity could be there. That could be a possibility. By providing it, you may see the interest grow."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So, is there a magic number, percentage number, of responses to the positive that would make us look at certain features and say yes, there is a watermark. We can look at things when 38% of the people tell us they'd be interested."

Mr. Nath said, "I don't know, at this point, whether I can answer that for you. Of course, you'd be dealing with a large pool of people. A smaller percentage would mean more. I don't know. I think that what we've found out in our master planning process, in talking to folks, and by judging what has really worked in other markets that have instituted some of these changes and amenities and improvements, we can safely say these things do work when people are exposed to them."

Commissioner Gwin said, "The other thing and we've been given a copy of the report, I'd also like to see the verbatim comments that's an appendix to this. I think it is always helpful to know exactly what the words people use, rather the words that the surveyors or the questions they ask with identified responses. I'd sure be interested in seeing those, verbatim."

Mr. Nath said, "You can get a copy of the cross tabs, you bet."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, I appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I have to assume, touching base a little bit on what Commissioner Gwin said, they weren't asked, specifically, would you like a brew pub or not. That was just something they volunteered and a certain percentage . . ."

Mr. Nath said, "Not necessarily. They were asked how they would feel about having a full service restaurant. Those kinds of questions were asked."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Did anyone site location as a reason, or inconvenience of location as a reason for being . . ."

Mr. Nath said, "It was farther away from their home, yes. Generally, that was said by folks that were outside of Sedgwick County."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. You talk about non-customers and you've talked about potential customers. Are you saying that 10% of the whatever percentage of non-customers could become customers?"

Mr. Nath said, "Absolutely. Folks that we just have not had something that spikes their interest."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "All right. That's all I have."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay. Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, any further questions? Any further comments? Appreciate the information. I know we met last month with the Coliseum Board and began talking about some things and some strategies and some possibilities up there. I'm looking forward to some of the things we talked about. I don't know, John, I sense that the Commission . . . I know I am very much in the mood to look at a refashioned, brighter, warmer, more amenities coliseum. I think you are, too. I know it is a long, hard job for you. You barely have time to do stuff that you have to do on a daily basis, let alone take on new stuff. I think the folks will appreciate it in the long run."

Mr. Nath said, "I think so, too."

Chairman Hancock said, "Good thing to do. Thanks for the report. 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.

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 please."

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3. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Nath said, "The month of December 1998 we hosted 23 events, 23 single performances and attendance of 47,000 people. Net revenues for the month were almost \$105,000. Progress toward our goals. I just reported on the survey that we had commissioned to find out how our customers felt about the facility. At this point, 16% of all tickets that we sell are sold by telephone. Our goal is to reach 25%. We operated in excess of \$100,000 that we are charged to beat our budget by. Our goal was to increase the events in 1998 by 5% and we increased the number of events by 8%. We had a pretty good year.

"In 1998 we also had some highlights. We had two of the top five concert tours in the country, with Yanni and Shania Twain who played the Kansas Coliseum. We had another national TV event with WCW Wrestling Live, Monday, November 16. They're coming back, again, to do another event in May. I guess it worked very well.

"Highlights for the month of December were the Colin Raye Christmas show and the Thunder went on an eight game winning streak. Did very well. Report to you next month, we have a really big month coming up in February with rodeo, the Sports Boat and Travel Show, and we're doing a first time ever event with the indoor arena cross, motorcycle racing, which is very popular in some markets and I think it will be very well received here. We also had our first ever in January, had our first ever Elk show, which is a new segment of livestock. Pretty interesting. I'll include that in my report next month. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, John. Commissioners, any questions? The Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Chairman Hancock said, "John, am I thinking the same kind of elk? Domestic elk?"

Mr. Nath said, "Well, they're not exactly domestic. The way they handled the animals is really interesting. It's not like cattle. They're moved through narrow alleys and they use this big piece of plywood on wheels to push the animal. They get kind of ornery. They're interesting. It was fun to watch."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thanks for the information. Call me if we have another one of those."

Mr. Nath said, "Okay."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "They were selling those, auctioning them off."

Mr. Nath said, "Yes, \$15,000 to \$16,000."

Chairman Hancock said, "My word."

Mr. Nath said, "The cash crop, though, is the antlers."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "The cash crop is the antlers? I'm not going to ask why."

Chairman Hancock said, "I have a Motion and second. Clerk, call the vote please."

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, "John, thank you. Next item please."

K. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

1. PRESENTATION REGARDING A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING STATUS REPORT DEVELOPED BY THE PURCHASING DIRECTORS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, CITY OF WICHITA AND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 259.

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for this opportunity, today, to provide you an overview of a report that was presented to you in December. At that time, and actually last summer, the topic of consolidated government reared its head again. Purchasing is one of those departments and functions that traditionally is immediately identified as an area that we can combine or consolidate our services."

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“The Manager directed me to develop a report outlying cooperative purchasing functions at that particular time. I suggested that a cooperative report be developed, working with my counterpart at the City of Wichita and adding the Wichita Public Schools. This presentation is the result of that report. The principals in the development of the report, obviously myself, Melinda Walker, the City’s Purchasing Director, and Mary Mattley, the Purchasing Director from the Wichita Public Schools, and she is in the audience here behind me today.

“The report is broken down into these five areas. We’ll start off with current practices and then move into some options and different recommendations. Within current practices we’ll take a look at who is involved, governments, thresholds, and also outline some current successes. The simple answer to this particular question is absolutely yes. It wasn’t too long ago where I was asked, ‘Darren, do you know the purchasing guy over at the City of Wichita?’ Yes, I do, and we meet on a regular basis. In fact, that purchasing guy happens to be a woman. We have very good relationships and work very well together.

“Moving ahead into governments or the laws that determine how we conduct our business, they’re all different. However, they are based upon Kansas state statutes and the American Bar Association Models Procurement Code and Ordinance. The ABA, American Bar Association also had guidelines for state and local governments as well. Generally, however, our policies and procedures are much more involved and stronger than those guidelines identified by the American Bar Association.

“Taking a look at the thresholds to which we adhere, the dollar amounts that we use, they’re all different. However, as you’ll see, and I just use the \$15,000 mark as kind of a bench mark here. We all have a requirement at \$10,000 to receive Board approval of our purchases. You’ll note some differences, in between here, on how we handle the formal and informal purchase that don’t go before the Board. I would note that Sedgwick County, in 1995, is the last of the entities to reach these current levels.

“Moving into the purchasing and financial systems, a very important area, in fact perhaps the backbone of the ability for us to complete our work and maintain accurate records. Sedgwick County, and they’re all very different, Sedgwick County of course we’re number one. We have an in-house developed mainframe system. We do believe it is state of the art and it has been updated at least twice. One of the things that is beneficial to us is that all the fields are capturable for reporting. Both the City and the Wichita Public Schools are in the process of implementing new client server systems and they expect to do that in 1999.

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“Professional involvement, I’ll spend a little bit of time on this particular topic here. We believe it is important. Traditionally, purchasing professionals are pushed to blow their horns, to tell more about the good things that we’re doing. The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing is our primary professional organization. They provide developmental training and a library of data and documents, all directed towards assisting us in becoming even better professionals. There are two other organizations, KAPP, the Kansas Association of Purchasing Professionals. They’re a local chapter of NIGP. NAPM, that organization is pretty much developed to assist our purchasing peers in the private sector.

“An area of which we’re quite proud, within our professional involvement, you’ll notice that nine of our current 15 technical buying staff members hold national certification through NIGP or NAPM. Most of these are since 1990, as we expect to have three more in 1999 and certainly our goal is 100% and we expect to get there.

“Lastly, within professional involvement, these are some of our other organizations of which we are involved, non-traditional areas, not normally involved in purchasing. Our current staff members have attended, given presentations, have or hold board level positions in all these organizations and we’re quite proud of that.

“Looking at some of the current successes. We believe that we realized tremendous savings in process and in monetary. We meet regularly. The purchasing directors, Mary, Melinda and I, we attempt to meet at least once a month. However, in the year or so, we’ve had so many ongoing projects, we probably see and talk to each other every other day. We communicate regularly, to identify different procurement opportunities. We share our documents. Of course, our professional involvement. We see each other at conventions and expos and we’re also working on the final two items there. Requests for proposal standards; about a year ago we recognized that we’re using different formats and different procedures to work through the request for proposal process. We’re in the process of developing standards to perhaps combine and do a better job, and a cooperative purchasing website. Sedgwick County is leading the charge on both of these two options.

“Looking back at a little history, and we’ve divided this up into two areas. Up through 1989, what we discovered, up to that point, was that there were different methodologies in place. Each one of us have different ways of conducting our affairs. We’re just not quite the same. There was, and has been, some contract price sharing, but by and large, what we ended up with, because we could not always agree on specifications for services of the commodities, we have very thick procurement documents. Because of that, often times very little savings were realized. The Wichita Public Schools was not always involved. Often they are described as a quasi government, but they’re in there and they spend a lot of money.

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“Recent history, 1990 to present, what we’re doing now, we’re making sure we have more meetings and contact. Again, as I mentioned, we try to meet only on a monthly basis, but it is often much more than that. Sharing a procurement solicitation document each week, our department and the City’s department, we provide a synopsis of all the current outstanding solicitations and send those back and forth. We’re able to see what each other is doing and identify possible opportunities for our departments to get involved.

“In our successes, both savings and acquisition and process, this is just a very short list. The very first item, travel agency services, last year we completed the third selection and this was a cooperative effort to select a travel agency to provide those types of services. Emulsified oils, natural gas and light bulbs, in each of these cases, one of us, City, County, or School District, led the charge or provided contract pricing and made that available to our brother and sister entities for definite savings. Bond paper, as an example; the School District pays approximately \$3.00 less per case for paper than what the County pays. The last item, wireless communication, equipment and services, you’ll see a recommendation on that, in just a little bit, when I read through the Board of Bids and Contracts minutes, that was a tremendous project, tremendous undertaking. We added Wichita State University to that project as well.

“During the development of the report, we took a look and identified some areas for tremendous savings. I won’t read through all of these, but just pick out a couple of the more important ones. Roofing maintenance; the School District maintains a roofing crew department. Perhaps this is an area they could provide some services for the City and County. When you’re looking down the list, all these are areas where some of us have to do a little bit. There are opportunities where we can consolidate our needs and requirements and put them in place, work better with our departments.

“Moving ahead into challenges, as we developed the report, we recognized there were some challenges to perhaps us doing even more cooperative purchasing. We put that into three little areas here, definition of success and management support. What’s expected? We are committed to being the best we can be. Working together and moving on forward. But if there is an interest in doing something different we want to work with you, the management, to determine exactly what needs to change. We’re committed to doing that.

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“Another challenge, management support, now, first I should note that we have tremendous support from within our organizations and entities no concerns at all. But if we’re looking at consolidated and more cooperating purchasing, we need to take a look at some of the methodologies and thresholds and philosophies that each of us adhere to. How we manage procurement solicitation documents, taking a look at the specifications and differences, and handling such issues as accounts payable. We all do things just a bit differently. If we want to move on forward, that support on a consolidated effort is important.

“As I mentioned before, the backbone of our ability to provide services is the purchasing and financial system. It is certainly easy to recognize an integration would require some reprogramming, as I mentioned. Sedgwick County maintains an in-house system and the City and School District are working on implementing cam systems. Can we built network or bridges to allow communication? We don’t have the answer to that but it is something that would need to be addressed.

“Conclusions: You can expect commitment form the purchasing staffs to do more, to do better. We have an interest and will work together. We do recognize there could be additional savings depending upon the support levels and the interest from the different departments involved. We’ll be there.

“Moving into the options for consideration, I’ll note at this particular point, and you see the given options there, items four and five were not submitted in the final report to the City Manager and I’ll say a little bit more about that. We took a look at these five options and, certainly, the very first one is to keep doing what it is we’re doing now. Work towards enhancing our services. We believe we’ll continue to realize savings in the acquisition and the process.

“Do a little bit more of it is certainly an option. How do we do more? Well, more involvement from user departments, more meetings, more interaction, more upper level cooperative management support, and we recognize that we can continue to realize additional savings.

“Cooperative commodity buying. You’ll see in this particular example, each of these entities and their purchasing departments and our using groups have developed different expertise in some of these commodity and service areas. What we’ve identified here is the potential for having one entity being responsible for buying all within a certain area. These are just examples. Certainly, there are others. If we do that, we can realize tremendous savings in the process. Instead of three competitive documents, there is just one. Certainly more planning would have to go into the development of that, but we believe we can get there.

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“Options four and five. Again, this is an item that was not presented to the City. Combined Board of Bids and Contracts. Both the City and Sedgwick County have a Board of Bids and Contracts that provide the primary review of purchases on a weekly basis. We felt this could be beneficial to the Wichita Public Schools, simply because they don’t have such a board. Their purchases are reviewed and approved by the Board of Education. Generally, that Board meets just twice a month. Occasionally, there could be a back-log of purchases that are needed, because of having the very few meetings on a weekly basis or monthly basis. Certainly, we would want to look at expanding the existing boards, but do recognize there could be savings in the process, especially with the Wichita Public School.

“The big one, option number five, consolidated Purchasing Departments. Certainly, to be successful, we would almost have to mandate usage and we’ve got to take a good, hard look at the purchasing or financial system and whether or not we can build networks or bridges so they would have access to the data that is very important. How could we fund, perhaps? Perhaps a per-transaction user fee, but regardless, we think, in time, there could be tremendous savings in the acquisition process. It would take a lot of work to get to that point.

“There are recommendations. Certainly the simplest one is to continue with recommendation option one, keep doing what it is that we’re doing. As noted, we continue to meet and we’re committed to being the best that we can be. Begin working towards two and three, and that was more cooperative buying, more involvement, and the cooperative commodity buying in certain areas. Lastly, the third option is research the possibility of options number four and five, the combined purchasing approval boards and the consolidated purchasing department. A tremendous paradigm shift, but we recognize there could be tremendous savings. What will it take to get there? Certainly strong support and collaboration.

“What we came up with, as an end to all this, was that the purchasing staffs will definitely work together. We’re going to do our best to keep management informed of projects and opportunities and we’re committed to success, regardless of the baggage that we bring to the table. I’ll be happy to take questions. I enjoyed this opportunity and I’m sure that Mary could answer some questions, as well, from the School District side.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Darren. Commissioners, any questions? Commissioner Sciortino.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I just died and went to heaven here, listening to this. This is one of the ways that we can improve the efficiency and the effectiveness of government and that is exactly what I campaigned on. But the question I have of you, Darren, is there a way that we could allow some of the other 19 cities within the County should they . . . I'm going to speak just in Kansas, need a patrol car or some other goods, so they could take advantage of our purchasing power?"

Mr. Muci said, "We do lots of sharing of contract pricing. In fact, just here recently we shared the pricing results from a purchase of leased vehicles with, I believe it was, the City of Andale. I could be wrong. We can do that. We can work harder to do more of that. We've made efforts on certain commodity basis to provide those prices. That is an area that is not addressed here, but we have an interest to do more of."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So we can at least offer them the opportunity to join with us."

Mr. Muci said, "Absolutely."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "The only other thing that I would suggest is when we start having examples of the amounts of money that we're saving and efficiencies, lets let the public know. I think we deserve a pat on the back, once in a while, for really doing something that is improving the way we're spending their tax dollars."

Mr. Muci said, "I'll work towards making sure that gets reported."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's all I have."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Darren, on the options. Obviously you started at the ones that don't shake things up very much and moved to ones that do or would. I understand the numbering. I guess what I don't understand is when we talk about, or when the public talks about, consolidated government, one of the first things I'll hear the proponents of it is, well consolidated purchasing department, you can do that, or personnel, or whatever. There are some departments that everyone points to and says that will be easy, let's do that. I guess I need to know, is it as easy as some would think it would be or could be. Secondly, why didn't the City have the option of looking at four and five, those options, which are again paradigm changers and push the envelope, but I'm interested in why that didn't happen. Is it as easy as people would like it to be, to combine all of them and then why didn't all of the suggestions get to our colleagues?"

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Mr. Muci said, "If we look at a surface level, sure, purchasing is purchasing. We all buy things. But what we've attempted to show in this report is that there are some areas that would provide tremendous challenges for us and, certainly, the financial system is one key area. If we're not able to make our departments available, have that data available, we'll be in big trouble. Certainly, that controls our budget and accounting and the ability to pay bills, et cetera, et cetera. Could it be done? Yes, but it would not be an over night thing, once we got into some of the substance issues. I did note that our departments have no fear of this. We're ready to work together. We work well together and we will do what is necessary."

"Lastly, why was that not presented? I think Mary, Melinda and I worked very well together to develop the document, but a draft of that was provided to Melinda's immediate supervisors and it is my understanding that they felt, because they are in the process of implementing a new financial system, that at this particular time options four and five would best be served by laying low. That would be my perception."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay. I appreciate the information and I appreciate the work that you all have put into it. I think it is very apparent that there can be savings in acquisition and, in the process, if we continue to do it right, but I think it should also become apparent to some that some of these things will not happen with a snap of the finger. That we are governed. That we do have different rules under which we live, these governments. But I do encourage you and your colleagues to continue to work in the best interest of the people of this County. I certainly think this report indicates that you have done so and will continue to do so."

Mr. Muci said, "We will do that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Darren."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, any other comments or questions? Darren, I just might say, I know that in the years that I've been here there have been tremendous changes in purchasing, particularly in the time that you've been here. We have grown to admire the way you do business down there and especially the integrity and quality of the work that is going on."

Mr. Muci said, "Thank you, very much, Commissioner. I have a great staff, quite supportive."

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Chairman Hancock said, “You do, and they are very cooperative with us. I know in times that we have an opportunity to interact with them, they’re courteous and efficient and always, in a nice way, keep us going down that straight and narrow path that we need to follow, even in our own department, and remind us what we should be doing. I just want to say congratulations. Appreciate the work you’re doing here. I know this is beyond the call of duty. In the long run, I know that we will reap benefits from it. Keep going that direction. I know that, in time, I think we’ll see a major paradigm shift in how we do business.”

Mr. Muci said, “We’ll look forward to working on behalf of the citizenry and our stakeholders.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Mr. Chairman, just real quickly. Mary, do you have anything you’d like to add? I figure, since you’ve taken your time and are patient enough to be here, maybe you’d like to add something.”

Ms. Mary Mattley, Director of Purchasing, Wichita Board of Education, greeted the Commissioners and said, “It is an honor to be here. I certainly want to speak for the School District, to say that we’re working cooperatively, very often, all the time and we look forward to future opportunities. We certainly seek your support, in whatever you seek for us to do on down the road.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you for your assistance and for your interest and your time being here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner Gwin, I’m glad you mentioned that. I think there are great benefits working with the School District and the City of Wichita. They can put a whole new face on purchasing and what that means in terms of volume and efficiency. Thank you, Mary, for being here. Commissioners, any other comments or questions?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn 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. Thank you, again, Darren. Next item please."

2. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JANUARY 14, 1999 REGULAR MEETING.

Mr. Muci said, "You have Minutes from the January 14 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are just five items for consideration today."

(1) AUTOMATED MICROPLATE ANALYZER SYSTEM - REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER
FUNDING: REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER

"Item one is an automated micro plate analyzer system for the Regional Forensic Science Center. It was recommended to accept the low bid meeting specifications of STC Technologies. That amount is \$36,994.

(2) UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK UPGRADE FOR THE KANSAS COLISEUM-FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

"Item two, underground storage tank upgrade for the Kansas Coliseum, managed by Fleet Management. It was recommended to accept the low proposal of Ray's Petroleum Company, Inc. That amount for the fiberglass system is \$31,273.

(3) FINANCING OF THREE FIRE TENDER TRUCKS - FIRE DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: DIVISION OF FINANCE

"Item three, financing of three tender fire trucks for the Fire Department. It was recommended to refer this item to the review committee and forward this directly to the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as the governing body of the Fire District #1.

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**(4) WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
FUNDING: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

“Item four, wireless communication services, various departments. Again, Commissioners, this is that cooperative purchase project. At this particular time, we’d like to accept the individual proposals, with amendments, as approved by the selection committee of Cellular One, Sprint PCS and Southwestern Bell Wireless. Note that there are two pages of recommendations attached from Bruce Renberger and Trudy Shryock, the telecommunications managers of Sedgwick County and the City, respectively. Again, note for the record, that we are not guaranteeing our vendors any minimum quantities. Our committee has recognized that these are viable options and we want to present these to our users for implementation on a necessary basis.

**(5) UNIFORMS - SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: SHERIFF**

“Item five, uniforms for the Sheriff’s Department. It was recommended to accept the contract renewal of Law Enforcement Equipment Company for 1999 purchases, estimated at \$37,000.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

**(6) TAX FORECLOSURE TITLE SEARCH & ABSTRACTING SERVICES - DIVISION OF FINANCE
FUNDING: DIVISION OF FINANCE**

**(7) CONSULTANT SERVICES - TAX ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM - DIVISION OF FINANCE
FUNDING: DIVISION OF FINANCE**

“There are two items that do not require action at this particular time. The bids and/or proposals were tabled for review. They include tax foreclosure title search and abstracting services for the Division of Finance, and consultant services for the Tax Administration System for the Division of Finance. Again, those proposals are being reviewed. I’ll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes provided by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Darren. Commissioners, any questions? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin 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.

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, Darren, good work. Next item please."

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract.

<u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Rent</u> <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V99001	\$421.00	James W. McFadden

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- 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>
V96007	\$153.00	\$135.00
C98001	\$225.00	\$222.00
V95007	\$247.00	\$154.00
C98006	\$433.00	\$431.00
V96005	\$400.00	\$398.00
C98056	\$341.00	\$405.00
C98052	\$322.00	\$154.00
V98047	\$328.00	\$217.00
V96061	\$410.00	\$335.00
V94081	\$248.00	\$162.00
V94012	\$513.00	\$580.00
V98029	\$249.00	\$131.00

- 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:

Raaf Addition

- 4. Agreements (two) with Jill Gould, M.D. and George E. Thomas, M.D. to provide coroner/medical examiner services.**
- 5. Order dated January 13, 1999 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. Check Register of January 15, 1999.**
- 7. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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. Is there any further business?"

M. OTHER

Commissioner Gwin said, "Yes, Mr. Chairman."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 45 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to pending claims, potential litigation, legal advice, personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 12:15 p.m.

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, "We are in Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. and returned at 12:34 pm.

Chairman Hancock said, "We're back in session. Let the record reflect that there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Mr. Euson, do you have anything else?"

Mr. Euson said, "Yes, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. I'd request your authority at this time to settle a workers compensation case involving an employee by the name of Tony Marceau. This is in regard to an injury that occurred on October 17, 1997. In this, we would ask you to approve a settlement based on a 7% general body disability converting to the amount of \$10,147.41."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve a settlement based on a 7% general body disability converting to the amount of \$10,147.41, to Tony Marceau, as a result of an injury that occurred on October 17, 1997.

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, "Anything else? We stand adjourned."

N. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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