

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 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 13, 1999 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock; with the following present: Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Renfeng Ma, Director, Budget Department; Dr. Corrie L. May, Coroner-Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Project Manager, Capital Projects Department; Sheriff Mike Hill; 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. Martin Hammer, member, Sheriff's Civil Service Board.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Joe Stout of the Christian Businessmen's Committee.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, December 23, 1998.

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Miller was absent at the Regular Meeting of December 23rd, 1998.

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review those Minutes, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of December 23rd, 1998.

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	Abstain
Commissioner Sciortino	Abstain
Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock	Aye

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

APPOINTMENT

A. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARTIN HAMMER TO THE SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

Mr. Richard A. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, the Sheriff's Civil Service Board is a five member board which exists for the purpose of creating and maintaining a system of personnel rules and regulations for the Sheriff's Service. This is one of five appointments to that board. It is for a statutory three year term and it expires January 21 in the year 2002. The Resolution is in proper form."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Discussion on this Item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to appoint Martin Hammer to the Civil Service Board.

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 Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you. Marty is here today and, Marty, if you’d like to come up, we’ll have you sworn in.”

Mr. Paul Rosell, Chief Deputy Clerk, said, “Please raise your right hand and after I finish, just say ‘I do swear’.

“I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Sheriff’s Civil Service Board, so help me God.”

Mr. Martin Hammer said, “I do.”

Mr. Rosell said, “Congratulations.”

Mr. Hammer said, “Thank you. Good morning. I would publicly like to take this time and thank Tom for putting my name back up on reappointment on this and thank each and every one of you individually, Ben, Tom, Bill. Also, I want to let you know, too, Bill told me I had thirty minutes and I told him I wouldn’t last, Betsy and Carolyn. I appreciate the opportunity to have this, in order to give back something to the community and I think by doing this time that more individuals, if they have the opportunity to, should do this. I think you learn a lot more about the ins and outs of how government works and some of the headaches you people run into and some of the things that do go on that are interesting and how good a job you guys are all doing. I know that my name had to have snuck through the County Manager because he probably would have said, ‘you’d better check that name again and do a background check again. He must have been out. I appreciate that. I want to thank you all, and I think you ought to all be proud of the Sheriff’s Department, Mike Hill, and all the men and women who serve under him. I think we’ve got one of the best departments throughout the United States and through some of your guidance, he’s been able to do that. Thank you.”

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Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Marty. We appreciate you taking the time to do this. Next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

B. RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Renfeng Ma, Director, Budget Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today, we are asking you to approve a new budget adjustment policy. This new policy takes advantage of computer technologies that are available to us and reduces the amount of paperwork. At the same time, it maintains accountability of public funds. I recommend you approve the Policy as presented."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Ma. Commissioners, any questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Ma. Next item please."

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C. AGREEMENTS (TWO) WITH GEORGE E. THOMAS, M.D. AND JILL GOULD, M.D. TO PROVIDE FORENSIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES ON AN INTERIM BASIS.

Dr. Corrie L. May, Coroner- Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As you are aware, the Coroner's Office has been without a Deputy Coroner since July of last year. We found it necessary to call upon the services of other pathologists to provide interim autopsy services for Sedgwick County. Today, I'm asking you to approve the appointments of Dr. Jill Gould and Dr. George Thomas as interim Deputy Coroners for Sedgwick County.

"They have recently returned from Bosnia, where they have been working for a physician for human rights. Dr. Thomas formerly served as the District Coroner of Shawnee County for a period of four years and his wife, Jill Gould, has been performing forensic autopsies throughout the state of Kansas. If there are no questions, I would ask that you approve the appointment of Dr. Thomas and Dr. Gould as Deputy Coroners and also their contract, which provides for these services."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Dr. May. Commissioners, questions for Dr. May?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I have just one, if I could. We had discussed this yesterday and, if I was correct, it's a two year contract but it can be canceled at any time by notification of either party. Is that correct . . . or thirty day notice."

Dr. May said, "That is my understanding. Commissioner, I think they will probably be here for about two months, on the outside."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dr. May, are we actively trying to hire a full-time Deputy Coroner for you?"

Dr. May said, "Yes we are, Commissioner. In fact, we plan an interview later on in the month."

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Any further questions? If not, I'd entertain a Motion."

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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 Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Dr. May. Next item please."

D. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. CONTRACTS (FOUR) TO PROVIDE HEALTHWAVE SERVICES.

! SUMNER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

! THE COUNSELING CENTER

! FAMILY CONSULTATION SERVICE

! WICHITA CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item provides contracts that will establish our provider network for the Healthwave contract that started January 1st and that is with the Mental Health Centers in Sumner County and Butler County and Family Consultation Services and the Wichita Child Guidance Center here in Sedgwick County. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Debbie. Commissioners, are there any questions on this Item?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Contracts 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 Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Debbie. Next item."

2. AGREEMENT WITH DIANE OVERSTREET TO PROVIDE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, this particular agreement is a renewal of an ongoing contract that we've had with Diane Overstreet to provide occupational therapy services. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, are there any questions?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

3. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE A PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, you're probably most familiar with this program under the name of COMPEER, which is the program that matches volunteers with individuals with serious mental illness. This may be adults or children. It has been a very successful program. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Debbie. Commissioners, are there any questions on this Item? If not, I'd entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the 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 Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock	Aye

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Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Debbie while you're here, I'd entertain a Motion for an Off Agenda Item."

OFF AGENDA ITEM

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to take an Off Agenda Proclamation.

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 Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock	Aye

Ms. Donaldson said, "This particular item involves a grant application. As you're aware, we have had a childrens' federal grant for the last five years, which actually ends the end of this month and with that grant we've been able to provide a wide array of services to children with a serious emotional disturbance and we feel this has been really instrumental in terms of helping children stay at home, and keep out of state hospitals and actually have a productive life.

"One aspect of that program has been family support and this really has been, as this is titled, families helping families. Families who have been through it, who have similar experiences, work with other families to help them with the system, with the schools, sharing with them, in terms of how to work with problems with their children. This has been very effective.

"With loss of the federal funds, we are looking at a number of different options, in terms of keeping a number of these programs going. This is one attempt to do that. The Mental Health Association has put this proposal together. It's the Ford Foundations "Innovations in American Government" and would flow through the County and we would oversee that but it would help to continue to support this program. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Debbie. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Debbie, you said the funds . . . that grant's expiring. How much money are we losing, as a result of that?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Approximately \$680,000 from the last year. The first year we received about \$1,500,000 and it has been a decreasing amount and we have been fairly successful at matching those funds and getting some ongoing funding but we are taking a particularly hard hit from that amount."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, this grant obviously won't replace that. Are we looking for other alternatives, other sources?"

Ms. Donaldson said, "Yes we are. Yes we are."

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Any further questions? If not, I'd entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Grant Application 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 Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Debbie. Next item please."

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E. CONTRACT MODIFICATION NUMBER TWO WITH SHIELDS ELECTRICON FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE AUDIO/VISUAL SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY. CIP #1997 PB-352.

Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Project Manager, Capital Projects Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This Agenda Item requests your approval to increase the contract amount that we have with Shields Electricon by \$2,815. This would include additional work required for this project, primarily because of the need to add additional speakers and capacitors in the dormitory cells. We were hoping that this change wouldn't be needed. We were trying to do other adjustments to the system but the poor quality of the speaker system continues to exist and it is our belief that changing the speakers will now correct the problem.

"Funding for this will come from the 1997 CIP contingency and I request your approval."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Stephanie. Commissioners, any questions? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Contract Modification 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 Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock	Aye

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

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F. PROPOSED SALARY INCREASE FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF.

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioners. This Item I put on the Agenda for today, concerning the Sheriff's salary for 1999. As you know . . . I'd like to give a few statistics to begin with. As you know, the Sheriff's Department is broken into, basically, two departments; the Sheriff's Department itself, and the Detention Facility with a combined budget of over \$24,000,000 right now. The Detention Facility is currently staffed at 309 people with the Sheriff's office staffed at 203 full-time equivalent people, for a total of 512. At this time, we are paying the Sheriff \$74,605 and I'm requesting that we consider a new salary of \$85,000 for the year 1999 and beyond.

"Took the trouble . . . in examining the relative salaries of comparative departments in similar administrative responsibilities in the private section, it's easily recognized that the position of Sheriff in Sedgwick County is currently considerably under paid. I think its really necessary for us to insure that we have quality candidates in the future, as it is an elected position, it's important that we assign a salary, I believe, that's commiserate with the responsibilities of the office. I really believe that we've been fortunate for the last 14 years to have a Sheriff and a department that have met the challenges of this community. The community has really changed over the last 14 years. As the Sheriff can attest, we've had significant changes in how law enforcement does business and how we've conducted our business in Sedgwick County. I'm asking that we entertain a Motion today that we adjust the salary of the Sedgwick County Sheriff from \$74,605 to \$85,000. I believe Mike Hill is here. He may have some comments or answer any questions that you may have, Commissioners."

Sheriff Mike Hill, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I find myself with mixed feelings, standing before you today, trying not to be curt, and yet not trying to show you how quick my heart is beating right now.

"I think the best thing I can do right now is just to go back fifteen years ago today when I came to work here. When I came to work here we had 178 employees in the Sheriff's Department and we had a budget, of course nobody likes to see these budgets grow, but we had a budget of about 5 or 6 million dollars. Like you said, Commissioner Hancock, your Sheriff's Department, the community sheriff's department, is now the third largest law enforcement entity in the state of Kansas. I was reflecting back. This is the seventh group of friends and allies that I, as Sheriff, will be working with. This, today, when the new . . . passing of the gavel, this is the seventh mixture of Board of County Commissioners.

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“We’ve been through three County Managers. We’ve had Mr. Harrison, twice, as interim County Manager. We have a terrific staff in the County structure. It’s great when we have a good staff. It’s great when we have allies because it makes my job easy. We’ve come a long way. Your sheriff’s department, the community sheriff’s department, is recognized as one of the top law enforcement entities in the Midwest and probably in the United States. A week doesn’t go by that we don’t have a request where people, or other entities, are calling wanting to know how we do something and we’re sending them our policies and our procedures in the mail. The Commission, the County has stepped up to the plate. It’s not comfortable spending capital monies building jails but, Commissioners, before this body has listened to the community and they have listened and the community has said, ‘enough’s enough’. If someone breaks our norm, they want a consequence, and many times that consequence is lock-up. The community has said public safety is right up at the front and the Commission has stepped up.

“It’s strange that at the federal level, the state level, the county level and the city level we pay employees to put themselves in harms way, not only in law enforcement service but in the fire service, EMS and others.

“I was reflecting back on how many people your Sheriff’s Department comes into contact with, on a yearly basis, and I’ll just throw out some numbers to show you how many times they come in contact and what I’m leading up to is the complains that we get. 33,000 bookings in the Sedgwick County Jail last year. That’s 33,000 citizens that your Detention Deputies have come into contact with out on the street, I mean, over in the jail. We’re pushing 200,000 pieces of paper that we serve on civil process. That’s people who need a legal paper served. Then you add up all the calls that your Deputies make and everything and then you look at the complaints we get.

“Yes, we do make mistakes and yes, we do get complaints. Needless to say, people aren’t happy a lot of times when they go to jail but, over all, when we make a mistake, we fess up. To give you an example, we had a premature release. What’s a premature release? A premature release is someone who gets out of jail because we messed up. We don’t have very many of those. L.A. County, they average ten premature releases a week. We might average one a month. We looked into it and yes, we messed up. Yes, we sent out a press release saying we made a mistake and we have corrected it. Members of the press, a couple of them, came to me and said, ‘I can’t believe you did that’. Well, we’re human beings and we are going to make mistakes.

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“I look forward, and your department looks forward to working with this Commission. There’s a lot of things on our plate and there’s a lot of things in the future. I look forward to the next two years and hopefully, with the community’s approval, another six years. The badges that we all carry, they’re not our badges, they’re the community’s badges and they give us the honor to wear those badges and yes, we do our darnedest not to tarnish those badges. So, I appreciate your consideration today and I’ll open myself up to questions.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you, Sheriff Hill. Commissioners, any questions?”

Sheriff Hill said, “Thank you. I want to welcome Commissioner McGinn and Commissioner Sciortino. We’re looking forward to working with you.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you, Sheriff.”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adjust the salary of the Sedgwick County Sheriff from \$75,605 to \$85,000 annually.

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 Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you. Thank you, Sheriff Hill. Next item please.”

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G. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF DERBY FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 827-V, W; OLIVER BETWEEN 47TH AND 63RD STREETS SOUTH. CIP #R-212. DISTRICT #5.

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/ County Engineer, Public Works Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item G is an interlocal agreement between Sedgwick County and the City of Derby regarding the construction of Oliver Street between 47th and 63rd Streets South, designated as R-212 in the Capital Improvement Program. The City of Derby will pay \$31,192.00 to the County to add auxiliary lanes, left turn and acceleration/ deceleration lanes, at the intersection of Oliver and Stone Creek. I recommend that you approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thank you, David. Commissioners, questions? If not, what's the will of the Board? Ben, go right ahead."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "David, as I understand it, Derby came to us, asking for this to be added to the improvement that we were going to be doing. Is that correct?"

Mr. Spears said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So they're total happy with what we're doing?"

Mr. Spears said, "Yes, sir. They have signed the agreement."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Any further questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you, David. Next item please."

**H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JANUARY 7, 1999
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the January 7th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are just two items for consideration this morning.

**(1) SMALL TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR PARTS SUPPLIER- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Item one, small truck and auto repair parts supplier, OEM original equipment manufacturer parts. It was recommended to accept the bids of the following companies: Sherwin Williams Automotive, in an estimated amount of \$10,000.00, Rusty Eck Ford, estimated annual amount of \$79,000.00, Foley Equipment, estimated annual amount \$30,000.00, and Wichita Ford Tractor, estimated amount \$7,000.00. These contracts will allow immediate acquisition of parts on an annual basis.

**(2) HARDWARE & SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS- INFORMATION
SERVICES
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES**

"Item two, hardware and software maintenance agreements for Information Services. It was recommended to accept the bids of Storage Technology. That amount, \$80,737.08. Storage Technology Corporation. That amount, \$3,900.00. Compuware Corporation, \$12,215.00, Xerox Corporation, \$112,200.00, IBM Corporation, \$446,150.00, Interlink Computer Sciences, \$31,806.70, Computer Associates, \$36,744.30 and Information Builders, \$27,937.50. Again, Commissioners, these are maintenance agreements for the 1999 fiscal year. Grand total is \$751,690.58. A complete tabulation follows.

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ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

**(3) GAS CHROMATOGRAPH/ MASS SPECTROMETER SYSTEM- REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER
FUNDING: REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**

“There is one item that does not require action at this particular time. That is a gas chromatograph/ mass spectrometer system for the Regional Forensic Science Center. Those bids are being reviewed.

“I will be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes provided by the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “Thank you, Darren. I’d just like to ask, what item is it, again, we’re not going to consider? You say it so well.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I’d prefer that he spell it.”

Mr. Muci said, “You really don’t want me to read that. I practiced all morning.”

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, “It’s great. It’s absolutely fantastic. Commissioners, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

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 Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock	Aye

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Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Thank you, Darren. Next item please."

CONSENT AGENDA

I. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Application for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.

Applicant Name

d/b/a

Attis M. Murrill

M & F Beer Store

2. Certification as to the availability of funds.

3. Order dated January 6, 1999 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

4. 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:

Castleberry Addition

5. Consideration of the Check Register of January 8, 1999.

6. Budget Adjustment Requests.

7. Supplemental Budget Adjustment Requests.

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

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Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Sewer District meeting at 9:31 a.m. and returned at 9:32 a.m.

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

SELECTIONS

J. SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS CHAIR DURING 1999.

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. At this time, Commissioners, I'd entertain Motions for position of Chair."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to elect Bill Hancock as Chair for the 1999 year.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Thank you. Thank you, Commissioners. I'm not going to do it. I'm sorry. I've changed my mind. Thank you, very much.

"For nine years I've sat over there and not said much. I forget to talk when I'm here. It's tougher than I thought it was. Thank you, Commissioners. Any further discussion on the nomination? If not, call the vote please."

VOTE

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

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

K. SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE AS CHAIR PRO TEM DURING 1999.

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "Commissioners, I'll entertain nominations for Chair Pro Tem."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to elect Betsy Gwin as Chair Pro Tem for the 1999 year.

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 Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Bill Hancock	Aye

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Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "I'm sure Betsy has comments. If you don't mind, I have a couple."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I have none. I'd be happy to listen to you."

Chairman Pro Tem Hancock said, "As I said, what's difficult in starting over, as Chairman, I haven't been here in a long time. I do forget to talk. I like to listen and I'm real comfortable listening. I'll probably goof this job up from time to time but I know you guys will straighten me out as you do most of the time. You're not bashful about that. I'd first like to thank my colleagues for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Commission for 1999. It's going to be a privilege for me to work with them and at the same time have the opportunity to serve our community and hopefully, we'll do all those things in a positive way.

"Sedgwick County Commission and the employees of Sedgwick County we have, together, many challenges to meet in 1999. Certainly, there will be not much need to search for new opportunities out there but as is our custom, and my experience has taught me, we will be out there searching for new, quote, opportunities. Certainly, every one of them will be a challenge.

"I don't think it's necessary for me to sit up here and enumerate all the major issues that we've been facing and continue to work . . . will be facing for the next year, twelve months. I would like to set a tone for the next twelve months, how I'd like to see things go and how I will work, hopefully, to insure that they will go that direction. Over the years, my ten years here, Wichita and Sedgwick County has had . . . we've had great partnerships. We've have, together, faced great difficulties. We've overcome them and we've been successful in many of the things, if not all of the things, that we have done together. That type of cooperation I hope to enhance over the next year. I think that we've faced great challenges and I think, together, we can do great things.

"I'm looking forward to increasing my understanding of the interest of the Mayor and of the City Council and I'm looking forward, as I said, to even greater partnerships. I believe that this is the year of opportunity for Sedgwick County Commission, the City of Wichita and the City Council to do great things, together, for all the citizens of Sedgwick County. This is also the second year of one of the most important things, I believe, that we've done in a long time. And that is incorporating prevention funding in our budget. In the second year will be the first opportunity, that I'm aware of, that we will be able to measure, with any significance, how that's coming along. What we will be doing. We need . . . it's will be an opportunity for us to adjust our paths, and to look at our funding and how we might change it to enhance crime prevention here in our community.

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“I think the ultimate goal for us, the outcome of this, is greater sensitivity for the needs of our children, leading to less criminal activity in our adults in the future. The Sheriff was just here, talking about the number of changes that we have committed to and taken care of over the last fourteen years within the Sheriff. I hope we don’t go through such monumental changes over the next four years. It will be a sad time if we have to continue that trend. I think it’s time that we take a look at prevention very seriously possibly enhance the funding. We could adjust the way we do business and hopefully develop correct methods and possibly enhancing and further investing in prevention in the future for our children, our community. It’s one of the most important things we can do.

“Those first two things are uppermost in my mind. There are a whole host of opportunities and issues that we will face and have the opportunity to deal with over the next twelve months. I have had the opportunity, also, in my last ten years here to serve with great Commissioners and great Commissions. It’s always enjoyable. I’ve always enjoyed the Commissioners in the past but it’s even more enjoyable, because of the possibilities to able to serve with a new Commission. We have two experienced Commissioners I’ll have the opportunity to work with and two new Commissioners I’ll have the opportunity to work with. And while my older colleagues have always brought new ideas and perspectives to our meetings, the things we do, it’s great and it’s going to be fun to see what our new colleagues bring, what perspectives they bring to those meetings and those challenges in the future. Maybe they’ll deal more effectively than I have with my own myopic view of things sometimes and open up my view and make me a better Commissioner.

“I hope, Commissioners, that we have a great year and I’m sure we will. I’m looking forward to working with the Staff and especially the employees of Sedgwick County. I appreciate the opportunity. It is a privilege to have a chance to serve our community and the citizens of Sedgwick County in the way that I will have for the next twelve months. I thank you, again, for your vote and your confidence. Appreciate it.

“Is there any other business. If not, we’re adjourned.”

L. OTHER

M. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

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