

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 24, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 24, 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; Ms. Jo Templin, Career Development Officer, Personnel Department; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds; Ms. Kathleen B. Sexton, Division of Operations; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department; Dr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director of Community Health; Ms. Donna Garcia, Executive Director, Community Housing; Mr. Brent Shelton, Executive Officer, 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. Dan Wilson, President, Wilson, Darnell, Mann, Architects.
Mr. Gary Brown, Executive Vice President, Emprise Bank.
Ms. Donna Garcia, Executive Director, Community Housing Services.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Pete Morris 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, March 3, 1999

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of March 3, 1999.

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Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioners, you have received copies of the Minutes for your review, what is your pleasure today?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 1999.

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."

APPOINTMENT

- A. RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM M. RUSH (COMMISSIONER SCIORTINO'S APPOINTMENT) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.**

Mr. Richard A. Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, this is a four year appointment to expire in February, 2003. The Resolution is in proper form."

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino 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, "I believe Mr. Rush is here today. Come forward, and we'll have you sworn in by the Clerk."

Mr. Paul Rosell, Deputy County Clerk, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Raise your right hand and say I do swear when I'm through.

"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 COMCARE of Sedgwick County Mental Health Advisory Board, so help me God."

Mr. William M. Rush said, "I do swear. Thank you, very much."

Chairman Hancock said, "Mr. Rush, thank you for being here today. The COMCARE Advisory Board and Mental Health is a big job, and I know you'll work very hard and we appreciate you taking the time to do it. Thank you, very much, for being here. At this time I'd entertain a Motion for an Off Agenda Item."

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OFF AGENDA ITEM

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to take an Off Agenda Proclamation.

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

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My colleagues, the reason this is Off Agenda is my fault. I should have done this early, and did this at the last moment. That’s so unlike me.

“We have several people here who are involved in the weekend’s events that I’m going to read, and I’d like for them to come up while I read the Proclamation. Randy Johnson, owner of the Wings, Sammy Lane, Assistant Coach, Chris Pete, one of the goal keepers, Roy Turner, former coach, Debbie Birch, booster club and former employee. If you all would come up and stand behind me, while I read this, I’d appreciate it.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Wichita Wings soccer is celebrating its 20th anniversary making it the longest, continuous soccer franchise in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Wichita Wings soccer has introduced thousands of Sedgwick County youngsters to the sport of soccer, teaching them teamwork and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Wichita soccer has called the Kansas Coliseum home for every year of the team’s existence; and

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WHEREAS, the celebration will include many former players and coaches including Norman Piper (The original Wing), Chico Borja, Dale Ervine, Roy Turner and many more;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Bill Hancock, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 25-28, 1999 as

“WICHITA WINGS 20TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION WEEKEND”

in Sedgwick County and encourage everyone to participate.

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the 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 Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Commissioner Gwin said, “Congratulations on the weekend. Did someone want to talk about the events, or do you want me to continue to do that? Just as a reminder of schedule of events, Thursday, the 25th, the Wings has a game versus the Kansas City Attack. Those tickets are available, either through Select-a-Seat, at the Wings office or at the Kansas Coliseum. There’s a post-game party that night at Tanner’s Bar and Grill, after the game. Friday, the 26th, there will be a party at the Grape. Saturday, the 27th, we play the Edmonton Drillers and Crazy George will be in town for that game. At half-time will be a Wings alumni game, with some of the former players who can still move. After that game, there’s a post-game, the annual jersey auction. That’s fun. Bring your money. There’s a ticketed reception that evening, from 9 to 11:30 p.m. On Sunday, there’s also a ticketed brunch, from 9:30 to noon. The ticket events, the brunch and the post-game reception, need to be purchased by this afternoon but game-day tickets are available any time. We’d love to have you join us.

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“Come out and see the events and celebrate this. This is extraordinary to have a soccer franchise that lasts this long and is this successful. Anybody else? Any remarks.”

Mr. Sammy Lane, Wichita Wings Goal Keeper, said, “We got you a number one, because you’re our number one fan.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thanks, again. Again, call the Wings office, 262-3545 for any more information. Thank you all.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Those who are wondering what’s going on, the Wings brought us jerseys with our district numbers on the back. I’m number two. I’m always number two, behind Gwin, that’s for sure.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Being number two, you just keep trying harder.”

Chairman Hancock said, “I just keep trying harder. They’re lovely. If proclamations brought gifts, we’d do more of them.

“Thank you, very much. I just want to say one thing. Sedgwick County and the Wings have had a tremendous partnership throughout these 20 years. I know there are times when it’s been stormy but most of the time it’s been very calm and I think beneficial for the Coliseum and the Sedgwick County citizens, mostly, and I hope always, through the years, for the Wings. I hope that we have another 20 years with the Wings being around, doing the good things that they’ve done. I know it’s been very difficult and, from me to you, I appreciate your efforts and your sacrifices that you’ve made to make all that possible, over the years. I sincerely mean that. Thank you, very much.

“Madam Clerk, next item please.”

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

B. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES FOR COMPLETION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

Ms. Jo Templin, Career Development Officer, Personnel Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Each quarter, we come before you to publicly recognize Sedgwick County employees who have shown their commitment to provide quality public service, by developing their skills and abilities in the completion of required and elective courses. This morning, we are presenting three employees with their certificates.

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1. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - LINDA ROUSH, COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

“Linda Roush is from the County Manager’s office and she has completed the Professional Development Certificate.

2. SUPERVISORY/MANAGEMENT - MARTIN ANUKAM, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

“Martin Anukam is from the Department of Corrections and he has completed the Supervisory/Management Development Certificate.

3. FACILITATOR CERTIFICATE - DOROTHY HARVEY, TREASURER'S OFFICE

“And Dorothy Harvey from the County Treasurer’s Department has completed the Facilitator Certificate.

“Commissioners, we would like to thank you, very much, for your support of the Career Development Program.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Jo. From the Commissioners, I want to say congratulations and we do appreciate your hard work and Jo, we appreciate you working so hard to carry out the program. I think I see Linda most of all, and she’s smiling the most, too so that must mean something. Thank you, again. We appreciate you being here.

“Next item please.”

C. AGREEMENT WITH MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION, KANSAS/WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER - WICHITA DIVISION, FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK APRIL 24, 1999 TO HOLD A WALK AMERICA FUND-RAISING WALK.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Let me just tell you that we have an agreement with the March of Dimes to hold a walk on April 24th. All the insurance certificates are there and we would recommend your approval.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Mr. Manager. Good job. We knew you could do it.”

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

D. AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES/WICHITA FOR USE OF GRANT FUNDS TO BE USED TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF THE OAKLAWN/SUNVIEW AREA.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I know the Agenda says Brad Snapp will be presenting this, but I'm not Brad Snapp."

"We're presenting for your consideration today the fourth annual agreement with Community Housing Services (CHS). We've been a strong supporter and partner of community housing for four years now. Community Housing Services is a non-profit organization that's formed through a partnership of local neighbors, residents of neighborhoods, local governments and of the financial institutions in this community. It is indeed a unique organization. It is part of a national network of over 200, nation-wide, so they can draw on the strengths of a national organization and national technical assistance and programing, yet has the control and the programing and the local flavor to meet local needs. We've worked with them for four years, now. A lot of our efforts have gone into the Oaklawn area, but they've also targeted other neighborhoods throughout Sedgwick County. The Kenmar/ Fairmount neighborhood and activities in other neighborhoods in Sedgwick County."

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“Community Housing Services is one component of a multi-faceted housing program that Sedgwick County does provide. We don’t get a lot of notoriety or a lot of publicity about the housing programs that we are involved in. Today, I have Donna Garcia, who is Executive Director of Community Housing Services. The President, Janet Lloyd-Williams was unable to attend today but Gary Brown, who is Executive Vice President with Emprise Bank, is here to tell you about one component of the Community Housing Program that you don’t hear about.

“Often times I’m here talking about housing rehabilitation for the Oaklawn/ Sunview neighborhood. What I’ve asked Gary to come and tell you, in his role as Chairman of the Loan Committee for Community Housing, the kinds of activities that Community Housing does in relation to home ownership programs. He made a compelling presentation at one recent meeting, and I thought ‘this is good information and you need to hear it’. So, Gary, if you could tell us about lending.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Good morning, Gary.”

Mr. Gary Brown, Executive Vice President, Emprise Bank, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I first came in contact with Community Housing Services of Wichita/ Sedgwick County in 1986, when it had temporary offices in a very obscure area of downtown area and after considerable search effort, found their office, met Donna Garcia and her staff. Came away very favorably impressed with Donna, with her staff, with the concept behind Community Housing Services and with their structure and philosophies. Based upon that, I was instrumental in seeing that our bank, Emprise Bank, provided support for Community Housing Services and, before I knew it, ended up as chairman of their loan committee. I have chaired their loan committee over the last two years and it has been a marvelous, rich, rewarding personal experience for me. I have found Community Housing Services to be very unique, as an agency, and believe that they fulfill a very unique, niche role in this community.

“In over 30 years as an institutional mortgage banker, it distress me greatly to tell you that large segments of our community have an inherent distrust of financial institutions. That may well be justified, for a variety of reasons. It has to be with the appearance of our building, it has do with the appearance of our staff, it has to do with the fact that many of them have had bad experiences in the past. Community Housing Services is able to access this segment of the community successfully, when financial institutions can’t. Community Housing Services has done a marvelous job of integrating the fabric of the communities they serve and in doing so, they have received, and certainly have earned the trust of those people.

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“Many members of our community have had, and will have, difficulty obtaining financing through traditional financing sources, because of a variety of reasons. Those reasons includes a multitude of credit problems, non-traditional credit histories, their credit report does look like your’s or mine, stable employment but a multitude of employers. I’ve always worked, but I’ve had a lot of jobs. Debt to income ratios. They don’t run their budget like you run your budget. These people simply may not fit the mold for banks or for thrifts. They’re not bad credit risks. They just look different on paper.

“Community Housing Services has proven themselves to be an effective conduit for those citizens who want to own their own homes. Community Housing Services provides a number of things. They provide advice and council, they provide excellent training for homeowners-to-be, and they provide assistance for homeowners who are experiencing financial difficulties and don’t know what to do. They’ve been extremely successful.

“In 1996, the year that I first came in contact with Community Housing Services, they made 11 loans, totaling slightly \$265,000 plus. In 1997, that jumped to 51 loans, \$1,082,000 plus. Last year it was 63 loans for almost \$1,900,000. This year we’re on a favorable run rate and I think we’ll exceed last year’s loan production.

“These are people who probably wouldn’t have gotten financing anywhere else. And guess what. We have sustained a dollar in loan losses. Community Housing Services also has an unequaled resource in Neighborhood Housing Services of America, their parent. Neighborhood Housing Services is rich with talent, rich is expertise, and their very quick to share all of these resources with the local community housing services chapters. They also provide a very effective, if not very stringent, oversight function for all of the CHS agencies.

“A couple of comments on home ownership. Becoming a homeowner makes some very positive and very noticeable changes in the lives of many persons. These are people who thought they’d never have an opportunity to own their own home. They’re telling us, for the first time in their lives they’re preparing and living by a budget. For the first time in their lives, they’re establishing and adding to a saving account. And finally, they have a focus on maintaining good credit. These were all things that were unheard of to them, prior to owning their own homes. A recent study from Harvard University includes some very significant differences about homeowners. One, longevity on the job increases after the purchase of a home. Stabilize your employment base. Tell them to all go out and buy a house. The next one was shocking to me, but delightful. Children who come from homeowner households complete an additional year of school. An additional year more than their counterparts, who would be in a rental household. Home ownership is good for our community. It’s good for our nation. Home ownership is the business of Community Housing Services.

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“In summation, I would say Community Housing Services is effective and unique. They serve people in our community who probably would not be well served by traditional financial institutions. Their loan numbers are impressive, their growing. I believe they provide an extremely critical group of services to the citizens of our community. Thank you.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Mr. Brown. Commissioners, questions?”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I just have one. Sir, I would love to, if a could address that, I would love to get a copy of that Harvard study, if it would be possible.”

Ms. Donna Garcia, Executive Director, Community Housing Services, said, “I have one with me and I have some more ordered. They’re in print right now.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Whenever you get a copy, I’d love to see.”

Ms. Hart said, “We’ll get that to you.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Commissioners, other questions? Irene, I just have one. Will there actually be an office located in the Oaklawn area?”

Ms. Hart said, “There is an office now located in the Oaklawn area. What’s the address? 3000 Jonquil. It’s been there for a couple, three years now.”

Chairman Hancock said, “It serves the Oaklawn/ Sunview area?”

Ms. Hart said, “Yes, it does. It’s a locus for meetings in the neighborhood, associations, all kinds of meetings go on there. There’s a outreach worker who’s stationed there. People can get loan information, housing rehabilitation information, assess to home buyer training classes. All kinds of things.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Very good. Thank you, Irene. Thank you, Mr. Brown, for being here today. Commissioners, any other questions?”

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

E. ADDITION OF ONE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION, RANGE 18, ONE FISCAL ASSISTANT POSITION, RANGE 14, AND TWO OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITIONS, RANGE 12, TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS STAFFING TABLE.

Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We bring before you today a request to increase the staffing table by four. The purpose of that is to continue to give better service to the citizens of the community and to take care of some items that are at loose ends. Any questions?"

Chairman Hancock said, "I don't see anything. Commissioners, any questions? I do have one thing to say. For the general public who are not aware of what's going on, in 1998, here in Sedgwick County, we probably experienced the largest amount of growth in new homes and homes being bought and sold, in our history. I'm not sure what 1999 will hold but because of commercial activity and residential activity and everything associated with those things. All the business associated with that kind of things and I'm not sure I know everything the Register of Deeds does, and I wouldn't presume to even try to explain it. But this office has been busier than any time other time in the history of this office. It's been something to behold, at least from this chair.

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“I appreciate Bill doing everything he can do with the staff, limited as it has been, to try to keep up and do it in a proper way. Bill had come before us and asked us for some help and we’re very pleased to try to provide some extra folks up there to meet his needs. We hope, Bill, you stay just as busy this year as you were last.”

Mr. Meek said, “Well, so far, we’re showing a 24% increase over last year, which was a record year so I’m sure your wishes will come true.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Great. Commissioners, any other comments? Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill, as Commissioner Hancock has said, you came to talk to each of us, individually, about the challenges that your facing and I think I want to reiterate, for the public, that when you came to this office you found yourself with a myriad of challenges which, I’m proud to say, and I think you must be, too, you’ve met most of them. An ongoing work demand is one that, obviously, you’re trying to solve here. I’m also assuming that this is the last, or the only thing that you could think of to solve the problem. Are there other solutions, down the road, that you think will help you as you go forward with these challenges?”

Mr. Meek said, “First of all, the staff that we have at the Register of Deeds office has performed admirably. If it wasn’t for them, we would be in the position we are at right now. They’ve worked ten and twelve hours a day and they’ve worked Saturdays, in most cases.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I know, you could put yourself in that slot, too.”

Mr. Meek said, “They’ve actually given the extra effort. As we move further down the road, we’re going to move into a level of technology that will help simplify the matter. We’re working with a committee in the County, now, to help get the information in quicker, get the information out quicker, and make it available to all the citizens in the city of Wichita and Sedgwick County. So, yes there are things down the road that we’re working on. I think they’re exciting. They’re new. The technology is going to be great for a homeowner to be able to pull up his own address and find his own deed, and things of that nature. But those are items that we’re still working on and we’re working on with the Manager’s staff to accomplish that.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Well, we look forward to being able to help you accomplish those goals, too. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, further questions? If not, what’s the will of the board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the additions to the Register of Deeds Staffing Table.

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, Bill, for being here today. Next item please."

F. DIVISION OF OPERATIONS.

- 1. DELETION OF ONE SECURITY OFFICER POSITION, RANGE 14, AND TWO SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER POSITIONS, RANGE 18 FROM; AND ADDITION OF FOUR SERGEANT POSITIONS, RANGE 19, TO, THE DIVISION OF OPERATIONS STAFFING TABLE.**

Ms. Kathleen B. Sexton, Director, Division of Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The item before you could be a little confusing but let me just clear it up, real quickly. It is an attempt to reorganize the duties of some of the folks in the Courthouse Security Department. As you know, briefly, the purpose of that department is to prevent disturbances in the courthouse, prevent weapons from getting into the courthouse and maintain security in both this building and several other County building.

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“The issue that we’re trying to address is the persistently high staff turnover in this department. What we’re basically doing today is a two-sided approach. One is we’re creating the rank of sergeant, creating four sergeant positions. We’re not asking you for any more money or any more staff, today. We’re taking other positions and, basically, eliminating those so we can create the sergeant position. That will lead to a team leader kind of function, which is partially being done now, but will be done in a more formal way, with the pay and the rank that is needed, I think, to keep people in these jobs. The second thing that we’re doing is actually, you will do the math on the agenda item there, and see that there is an addition of one staff position. Like I said before, no new money. What we’re doing there is, basically, is asking for another position on the staffing table so that we can train and have that one filled because somebody else is quitting. So, we’ll always have one open, it’s just that you actually need another slot, so we can keep someone in there all the time. So, you really won’t see any more people walking around the building or anything like that, but it will allow us to get people to training, so they can be more motivated to stay here rather than go elsewhere for other higher-paying jobs. If you have questions, I’d be glad to answer and if not, I’d request your approval.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Kathy. Commissioners, any questions, comments on this item? If not, the Chair would entertain a Motion.”

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the deletions and additions to the Division of Operations Staffing Table.

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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2. ADDITION OF TWO CUSTODIAN POSITIONS, RANGE 10, AND ONE SENIOR CUSTODIAN POSITION, RANGE 13, TO THE DIVISION OF OPERATIONS STAFFING TABLE.

Ms. Sexton said, "The issue here is that we've contracted out custodial work in several County buildings for a couple of years, as sort of a pilot project, and have concluded that it's not working very well. We did the math and decided we could put this function back in house, similar to how it was done before, but differently. It will be an in-house function again, but different types of folks and different shifts and different supervision and that type of thing. Again, I not asking for any money today, but I am asking for the addition of the three positions to the staffing table and we'll use the money that we were paying an outside contractor."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, thank you, Kathy. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, what's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the additions to the Division of Operations Staffing Table.

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, Kathy. Good luck with the changes. Next item please."

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G. PRESENTATION OF KANSAS COLISEUM MASTER PLAN. CIP #1998 PB-402.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, “What we’re bringing to you today is the next step in our master planning process. If you recall, last month we reported on the design suraté and the result of that, as you’ll recall that in December we had a two day group meeting where we brought in citizens, ticket-buyers, users, the Wings and the Thunders, our major clients, national concessionaires, other facility owners and operators, and the people that rent our building. We collectively joined all those thoughts together, in a preferred future for the Coliseum, the amenities that we would need and even how the facility would look. That process continues today. Keep in mind that these are only concepts, please, that we are bringing to you. We are not asking for any action today, and we won’t ask for any action until the downtown arena group have finished their study. These designs, for me is pretty exciting. This is good stuff. And these are designed for you to say ‘wow’ when you see them. I think you’ll agree. At this point I’d like to turn it over to Dan Wilson from Wilson, Darnell and Mann. He can explain it to you, how he put everything together.”

Mr. Dan Wilson, President, Wilson, Darnell, Mann, Architects, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I just want to thank you for the opportunity to present this project. It’s a very exciting, potential project for the City and County, certainly.

“Our task here has been two-fold. One of which was to use the existing facility, the existing seating counts, and add to that facility in the way of increased concourse sizes, restrooms, concessions, an amphitheatre, new staging, those kinds of things. You will see that in the floor plans in a minute.

“The second task, of course, was to increase the seating capacity of the Kansas Coliseum and I think you’ll see that that totally changes the face of the total building. It becomes a totally new building.

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“To speak to the site plan, which really becomes somewhat of a guide for the master plan. When you look at the site plan, basically, for orientation purposes, you have Interstate I-135, Hydraulic on the east and 85th Street North and of course the Kansas Greyhound Park on the south.

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“The Kansas Coliseum being the dark rectangle located here. Parking-wise, we don’t change parking too much. We do add to it, however, because of certain situations that happen because of the amphitheater location. The amphitheater would be located on the west side of the existing building, and it will take up, once it’s expanded to seat roughly 16,000 people, will take up existing parking that is located here and here. To replace that parking, if you recall, there is an existing maintenance building that is located here. We’re doing away with that and moving that to a complete service yard that will be located at the southeast corner of the property, as well as adding parking, and hard service parking, onto the south, which is presently just existing over-flow, gravel and grass parking. We totally, parking-wise, go from 3,500 hard-surface parking spaces to 4,500 hard-surface parking spaces.

“You can see, from the lighter areas here, where are additions actually occur. Of course, the amphitheater, there’s an addition to the west that incorporates concessions and restrooms. Also, and addition that mirrors that on the east side of the building, incorporating those same elements, as well as a north new gallery area, which becomes a new arena-level entry to the building. We are still keeping the four corner entries to the building, as they exist but we do establish a whole new entry identity to the north end of the building. Again, you will see that, as we proceed here.

“On the south end of the building, we are enclosing staging areas, operations areas, and also storage for commissaries, the concession commissaries, those kinds of things. Everything else, pretty well, stays the same. Connections to pavilions, handicapped parking, handicapped accessibility is very similar to what the Coliseum presently operates with.

“This is kind of a quick over-view of the way the floor plan works. This is the arena level of the existing building. The existing building occurs here. Adding to that, you can see this gallery space. This is a three story, mall-type space that becomes that new entry icon for the north end of the building. As you would enter that area, we have new ticketing areas, administration, Select-a-Seat, and some meeting rooms, there’s meeting rooms on each side of that gallery space and approximately 4,500 square feet each. And then, from there, you would proceed, either direction, up escalators, that would take you to the concourse level, as it exists today.

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“Now, down each side of the building, is where we are putting new concession areas and restroom areas. On the west side of the building, where we do have those areas, they are also accessible from the exterior, by the amphitheater. So, you do have some new concessions and restrooms that work with the amphitheater itself. The east side of the building, certainly, has concessions and restrooms. One thing that the Coliseum has lacked, in the past, is vertical circulation. I think there’s two stairs in the existing building, to go between the arena level and the concourse level. We’re enhancing upon that, in that we have three stair towers, one located on each corner of the building, and then in the center of the building and, also, an elevator on each side of the building. I might mention, on the east side of the building, we do have security, handicap access, and EMS functions that would occur right beside an elevator here, and coming off of that handicap parking area.

“Briefly, the south end of the building, you can see, we really haven’t gotten into detail, because this is concept, more than anything else. But we have about 1,400 square feet of new commissary storage area, for concessions and delivery points for that. There would be new entertainer and star dressing rooms, catering areas, for entertainers and a catering kitchen would occur on this side. And then there is a 15,000 square foot indoor staging area here, for trucks, buses, those kinds of things, for the set up of the entertainment that might be happening in the arena. And then, operations, again, no floor plan to speak of, but just area shown there, along with a freight elevator that serves both levels from that operations area. Operations has shops, storage, those kinds of things in it.

“Concourse level, you can see here, as you would come in that gallery level, at the arena level, you’re coming up escalators, here and here, right in the center of that front area, we’re looking at a small restaurant, or brew pub, that would actually overlook the gallery space. So, that does provide a little more amenity to the building. The existing concourse area is eleven feet wide. We’re removing all the existing restrooms and concession areas to widen that concourse to twenty-two feet. And then, of course, taking all of the concessions and restroom areas beyond the existing building wall and providing queuing areas that are away from that concourse area. So, circulation certainly increases and becomes much better. Makes it a lot easier for a person, during a break during entertainment here, to go to the restroom as well as get a hot dog very quickly, and I think functions very nicely. The same thing happens at the concourse level on both sides, both the west and east side of the concourse level.

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“I think the perspective here, the colored birds-eye, which is taken from the northwest, up in the air a bit, pretty much tells the story of what the Coliseum could look like. Granted, again, this is without additional seating. But it does give you an overview of what this new gallery space could look like, on the exterior of the existing building. A plaza area, that gives you a sense of entry to that, as well as all the areas here, that, these areas, these pod areas here are where all concessions and restrooms occur. And then, of course, the amphitheater space kind of stands on its own in this scheme. It becomes a real identity element, in itself. The amphitheater would have its own ticketing and entry areas, which you see here and here. Everything else, as far as the way it connects to the pavilions, and all that, stays pretty much the same. Material-wise here, we’re talking about cast-in-place concrete as well as pre-cast concrete, and probably some, in the higher areas, some architectural metal panels.

“These are just elevations that enhance the perspective a bit and give you, perhaps, a little more detail of, certainly, this is the west elevation, with your amphitheater in the center of the building, as it ties to the building of the design. This is the gallery space to the north. This is the enclosed area for all the operations, staging and those operations on the south. And then, this is just a view from the north end, looking at your gallery space.

“This is what the gallery could look like. It does give you somewhat of a mall atmosphere. It becomes an exhibition space. You can see, this is roughly a three story space with a lot of activity that really could happen in there. You’d have the overlook of the brew pub, looking out on this space. Meeting rooms, off to the side. Some jumbotron, large TVs, that might show activity going on, or coming to the Coliseum, those kinds of things. Gives you an idea of what it could look like. Any questions on this option.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Commissioners, any questions? I don’t think so.”

Mr. Wilson said, “Okay, option two, as I mentioned, is increasing the overall size of the Coliseum. It, virtually, becomes a whole new building. Volume-wise, we are about twice as large, with this scheme, as the existing building. It adds, roughly, 6,500 to 7,000 seats, as well as 28 sky-boxes, some specialty seating areas and those kinds of things.

“Site-plan wise, very similar to what you saw on option one, with the amphitheater to the west side of the building, and parking arrangement, doing away with this service building, moving it to the service yard. We are showing additional hard-surface parking to the south that brings the total parking spaces up to about 5,300 parking spaces. I think there are other areas, around the site, where we could do some overflow parking, if need be. This is what it looks like with an NCAA Regional Tournament here.”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "With all those parking slots filled."

Commissioner Gwin said, "You bet ya."

Mr. Wilson said, "That's right. That's the way I've shown it."

"Okay, floor plan-wise, the existing building is here. Again, we're keeping the configuration of the existing building in place and building beyond that. It is very conceivable, under this option, that the existing Coliseum can stay in business the whole time this new construction would occur. I think it's been done, a couple of times, around the country and I think it's very conceivable here because we are really going beyond the existing walls and using those existing walls for some support elements."

"Again, floor plan-wise, at the arena level, we have a gallery here that could, if you think about that other picture you saw, it would have a very similar appearance. Again, a three story space. The truss work, and that kind of thing, that you'll see later, is a little different configuration but the overall theme is pretty much the same, with ticketing, administration, Select-a-Seat, meeting rooms. There's additional meeting rooms in this scheme, however, with four large ones in the front. And then, the wings to the side, on the west side, of course, is the amphitheater, and a staging area for that, as well as concessions and restrooms that would both serve the arena level, as well as the amphitheater."

"Then on the east side of the building we also have concessions. The connections to the pavilion area, as well as security, handicap access, and EMS areas. Then, of course, the enclosed staging, commissary and operations area to the south."

"There are a total of four levels to this building now, under this scheme. What you first saw there was the arena level, as it exists and is expanded upon. Now we get to the same level as the existing concourse level, and now we're calling this concourse A, because we, with the increase in seating, we end up with a concourse B, which you'll see here in a second. We're also entering the building at this level, which is the existing arrangement, but again, the dark area here is the existing building, so you can see the extent of the addition, as we would add to the building. Now, at each corner of the building, we create what we're calling pavilions. Each pavilion would house escalators, as well as stairs that would take you to sky-box level, as well as the concourse B level. So, you have that vertical circulation function, that would occur at each of the four corners. Again, we also have stairs at each corner of the building that occurs here. We do not have stairs at the center of the building, given that that circulation pattern, at each of these corners, really enhances the ability to get from one level to another."

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“Each side of the building, again, nothing but concessions, souvenir areas, as well as restrooms. The count on restrooms, with this building, becomes immense. I think we’re probably somewhere around triple to four times the number of restrooms that you presently have in the Coliseum.

“Next level is the sky-box level. Actually, the way you get to the sky-box level from a pavilion, from each corner, is to go up a pedestrian stairs to one of the landings that would occur in that stair. That gets you, at every point off of the corner, to the sky-box level. There’s also elevators, at three of the corners, that gets you to this level. And of course, the number of sky-boxes here is 28 and they can vary in size from some large sky-boxes to smaller ones, depending on the function that would occur there. We also have some areas at each end, both north and south end, that would be useable, somewhat low ceiling areas, but could be useable for some other functions that may overlook the arena. We’re showing some jumbotrons, again big TVs, that would provide for activity in the space. Somewhat of an overlook to the brew pub below, from this level. There will actually be glass areas that would give you some natural light into that level.

“This is concourse B level. This is where we have the seats. Basically, you’re coming in, as I mentioned, in to each of the four corners, up an escalator, or up two escalators, there’s actually two at each corner, to this level. These are very tall escalators. You’re traveling a distance of 45 feet, vertically. Again, you get the additional seating, as well as concessions, restrooms, at each corner of the building.

“Again, I think the birds-eye perspective pretty much tells the story here. This is an immense building, now. It becomes a dome. We have a name for it, but I’m not supposed to mention it. It becomes quite a structure. You can see here on the north, this is this entry gallery. Each of the pavilions, actually, each of these pavilions you can hang a small airplane in. They’re that size and volume. You can see, also, the amphitheater and how it works into the building. Again, the amphitheater itself seats about 16,000 people, by itself. Elevations, again, are mainly to support this. Again you can see the pavilions at each of the corners with the amphitheater space. We have some raised garden areas. We also, I failed to mention in the first scheme, as well as this scheme, we have exterior balconies for smoking. The total height of this building becomes about twice what the existing building is. So, that gives you that additional volume inside. Again, this is a north elevation, showing that gallery area.

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“Okay, interior perspective, this is a great night of hockey. Again, this shows you what this could potentially look like. Existing facility seating is at this point here. So, we’re building upon that existing seating and directing above that, at mid-level now, in this new plan, is where the sky-boxes would occur here. There’s seating out in front of those sky-boxes, patios for each sky-box, if that’s the way you want to think of it. We have also, at that level, a lot of wall area for advertising, jumbotrons, just a lot of lighted activity. And then, of course, the additional 6,500 seating at that new level area. Gives you a great idea what this thing could really look like. We have about 100 feet of height from the arena floor to the bottom of the truss work.

“That’s my presentations. Any questions?”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you. Commissioners, any questions or comments? I have a couple of things. Commissioner Winters, go ahead.”

Commissioner Winters said, “I just wanted to say thanks to Dan and your team for the presentation. This is kind of the second time we’ve got a chance to look at it, and I certainly appreciate your hard work and your creativity. A number of issues kind of begin to grow on me, a little bit, since I’ve seen it the first time. Of course, anybody who has gone to our Coliseum knows the restroom problem there. I still always wondered why it felt kind of crowded. And it’s those 11 foot wide concourses. Just thinking about opening them up to 22 feet just really would give a whole different flavor to the Coliseum. I just, as one Commissioner, wanted to say thank you for your creativity on the project and I think you’ve really done some good work. So, thanks. Mr. Chairman I would, I guess, the only question I have, after that, is perhaps of Mr. Buchanan, and it might be along the lines of ‘well, what next?’ These do look like a very creative plan and opportunity and is the plan just to stop and pause and think, or is there a plan on beyond this point?”

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes, there is a plan beyond this point. We are on two separate tracks, if you will. One track is helpful and cooperative participant of the Sports Commission, who is examining whether there is a need for a downtown arena. And as that proceeds, we have been included as a partner in that, and want to continue in that process because that decision would effect, clearly, what choice we would have here. That report, by the Sports Commission, will be forthcoming within the next month and a half or so. A plan for how to proceed, from them, will be developed. So, that’s the one track that we’re on.

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“The other track that we’re on, now that we have these preliminary pieces of information and have some estimates of what the cost would be to build. We don’t have estimated costs for operations yet, but we can guess what that might be, John Nath will be asked, as well as Jerry Harrison to examine ways in which the project’s capital funds may be obtained to build either one of these options. To begin that planning, financially, of how to go about, to proceed to the next phase, which would be developing plans and construction.

“It’s not necessarily a fast track. It’s not necessarily a way in which we’re going to force decisions, but it’s clearly that we have a need here. That the need for, this community, is great. That this may be one of the solutions. That we need to walk down several tracks, simultaneously, if you will, to some conclusion. At this point, this is the point of the projects that is always the fun part for some of us. The architects get to draw the pictures and color the sky and someone else, Chris Cronis, the Chief Financial Officer, and John Nath have to go dig in the dirt to find the money. And that’s what we will be doing in the next several weeks. We would like to come back to the Commission certainly, within no more than 30 days to give you some preliminary options about how we might proceed and where we might go. That would, with these kinds of numbers, clearly, it’s going to take more than just a cursory view.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, thank you.”

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

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a follow-up and some thoughts. Bill, I appreciate you talking about the Sports Commission and their task or their current process that we’re working on, and looking at the feasibility of a downtown arena and whether or not that will or will not happen. I think we need to reconfirm, to the public, that this is not a project that’s going to steamroll and be in conflict to that decision-making process. What Mr. Wilson and others have brought to us today are options, that I think always help us, when we’re working on making good decision. But the first piece is that I want to occur is I want the Sports Commission to fully study the downtown arena to find out, if so, how much it would cost, where it would be, what the land acquisition costs would be, those kinds of things and, obviously, consider, then, what the impact on existing facilities would be.

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“It’s a very big picture that has to be determined. Once that answer is in place, then we have options. If that answer turns out to be ‘no, that we can’t support it, we can’t afford it, it’s too whatever’ then we have options to that. If the answer’s ‘yes’ then we need to look at how we go about making that happen and how we go about subsidizing or retro fixing or whatever it might be, that we have to do at the Coliseum. These show possibilities to a building that a lot of people have written off as one that ought to be torn down, bulldozed or otherwise just trash canned. I’m delighted to know there are other people in this community who see that it does have a purpose. It can have a continued future, depending upon the will of this community, and the will of the policy makers and the folks who elect us. The action today, obviously, on the Agenda is to receive and file. And so we’re not going to take any action but I want to thank you fellows for bring options to us and for allowing us the thought process and the decision-making process to continue to be an open one wherein we look for multiple solutions to our problems. So, thank you all.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Commissioner Gwin, thanks for bringing those points up. It’s also important to understand that the Sports Commission has requested this information. They asked, not only us, but WSU ‘what are your options?’ We happen to be in the position, because of the age of the building and some of our own needs, to do perhaps a little more of a plan of more substance than what was expected but in fact we are meeting our obligation as a member of that Sports Commission by providing what our options might be.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I appreciate that and don’t you think that will help them in their decision-making process, too. I appreciate you reminding us of that. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, any other comments or questions? I just have one and I want to echo what Commissioner Gwin just said, that we are working very diligently with the Sports Commission and I might add, that in visiting with representatives of WSU (Wichita State University) they are vitally interested in these decisions, because WSU has yet to make some very important decisions about their own facilities and these kinds of ideas and concepts have an important role in where they’re headed also. It just seems to me that, as the Manager mentioned just a few minutes ago, talking about a number of tracks that we’re going down, I think that we’re primarily about to embark on the direction that we’re going to be going. Maybe not the exact track, but we are, at last, I believe headed for a direction.

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“I’m not sure about my colleagues, and I can’t speak for them, but I have been, for some time now, very interested in making decisions concerning the future of the Coliseum and what that venue should look like for the future. Twenty years from now I hope that we will have made the right decision. So, as I said here, as we determine the basic direction that we’re going to be going, I’m going to try to read my own mind to say how do we wish our future forty years from now to be. If I understand this correctly, based upon the two concepts, general concepts that we have before us today, it just seems to me that one of them directly precludes a downtown arena and the other may work very well in conjunction with another venue in the city, if I’m to understand this properly.

“So, I think that’s the direction we’re going right now. I’m not sure I know where the financing for these things will come from but I will tell you this. I’m going to work very hard during my time left on the Commission, to insure that this kind of thing can go forward and this community can develop this kind of venue for itself. I think it’s wonderful. I hope that I’m reading the values of the community correctly. This is something that they’re interested in doing and they would want to see us grow this way. Appreciate you being here today. Thank you, very much. Dan, anything further?”

Mr. Wilson said, “Nothing further, Commissioner, except to state again that we are merely bringing you concepts, we are not making any recommendations nor are we asking for any decisions.”

Chairman Hancock said, “I understand. It important that we know what the possibilities are for the future.”

Mr. Wilson said, “It’s pretty exciting.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you for being here today, gentlemen. Appreciate your time. Next item please."

H. CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Capital Projects Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "All I can say is 'wow' after that. I'm not sure how to follow that.

"I am very pleased to say, though, that our office is working very closely with the Coliseum and with the architects. Stephanie Knebel, in our office, is doing a great job managing that project.

"I want to talk to you about a few other projects that we have going on. Some of the other things that we do. Page thirty eight through forty four is the back-up for this report. One of the things that you've dealt with this morning is the issue of space planning as it relates to hiring of new staff. This is just an example for you. You dealt with the issue of new positions for the Register of Deeds office, for example. One of the things that we do in our office, then, is to sit down with the effected departments and work through the issue of where those employees will be officed. If we have to add a work station, if we have to add an office. Deal with the issues of new phones and computers and those types of things. So, we do that on an ongoing basis.

"Of course, the other large project that we have going on, on page thirty eight of your Agenda, is the Detention Facility project. That is moving along very, very well, getting very near to completion. We also get involved with remodeling of offices within the Courthouse, itself. For example, on page thirty eight, the County Clerk's office, we're in the process of trying to finalize those plans for construction of the remodel of the Clerk's office and the GIS (Geographical Information Services) Department.

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“This is an example of the project we’re working on, that you recently approved, down at the Juvenile Detention Facility. This is currently space for a hearing room, used by the courts, that they are not needing anymore and we’re turning this into office space for three employees and work stations. You see a work station in this corner, one in this corner and a third one here, with a central file area and a central mail-distribution area. We deal with those types of things. This, for example, is a side-ways view, done with one of our consultants of what those work stations look like looking from the angle, much as you did on the Coliseum, where you were looking at it from the air.’

“On page forty, we’re working on a remodel of, almost completed, at the District Attorney’s office in the annex. This is a kind of neat picture taken out of my office across the street, showing the annex of the Courthouse and the Detention Facility in the background. Part of that work is a little more mundane. You’ll recognize this, of course this is the bathroom. We were remodeling the bathroom that’s in there and adding a handicap accessible stall. Those types of things.

“The last project I was going to highlight is on page forty two, which is for Information Services and represented by the entrance to the Munger Building. This was taken to show some issues with the stairs that we have to deal with, and those types of things. We’re in process of recarpeting and repainting the second and third floors of that building.

“Those are pretty typical of what we do. I’d be happy to answer any questions you might have.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Ken. Commissioners, questions?”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Well, just a comment. Ken, I appreciate the visual aids, if you will. I think it puts a picture on the buildings and helps the public understand what facilities you’re talking about. So, I appreciate it.”

Mr. Arnold said, “Thank you. We’re in the process of trying to go to a totally digital program so we will be able to do this off the computer for you in the future.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “It’s fine the way it is. It looks good. Okay, thank you, Ken. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Ken. Commissioners, further questions or comments? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

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MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

I. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Dr. Charles Magruder, Director of Community Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Just a few items to report on and update you regarding some past things that we discussed. The exotic animal ordinance that is proposed is still pending. There will be another meeting, this afternoon, by one of the Board of Health Subcommittees to examine that issue. It will then go before the Board of Health at their regular meeting in April. The Northeast Health Station is still on schedule and we anticipate opening and having services available by mid-April. Just to make you aware of a recent agreement we've made to participate with KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) and the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, in designing a mechanism for communication between the Health Departments and the State of Kansas. We will be meeting very quickly on that and designing a proposal that will go before the federal government by mid-May.

"The TB program, in the past I had mentioned to you that we were looking at some ways that we might participate with the State in designing regional efforts to support other health departments in the State of Kansas. We now have formally implemented a contract with KDHE for our TB program to provide consultation and support to other counties within South Central Kansas.

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“Just to make you aware of some efforts we have in the area of air quality. Many of our staff are actively working with community and business organizations to develop voluntary strategies to meet the new EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) requirements for Ozone production. So, you may be hearing about that in the near future.

“That’s all I have, unless you have any questions.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Dr. Magruder. Commissioners, questions, comments? Commissioner Winters.”

Commissioner Winters asked, “You say you’re continuing to meet on the exotic animal. Do you see this taking a direction, or is it too early to think about what your board is going to do or recommend?”

Dr. Magruder said, “At this juncture, sir, the perception I have is that there are a wide variety of opinions and I could not . . . when I say a wide variety of opinions, I’m not referring to the public, which is quite obvious that we have a wide variety of opinions there but I see we have a wide variety of opinions among the members of the Board of Health on this issue and that is why they have decided to very carefully examine, in an objective manner, all of the available information that we have, before they come to a decision. There have been a series of recommendations made, but I really don’t have a good feel, at this point, as to where the Board is leaning, at this moment.”

Commissioner Winters said, “Okay, we’ll stay tuned. Thank you, very much.”

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Further questions or comments?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

**J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' MARCH 18, 1999
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Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the March 18th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are nine items for your consideration.

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

"Item one, various bridge improvements for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Klaver Construction. That amount, \$357,165.80.

**(2) AB-3 ROCK- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

"Item two, AB-3 rock, also for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Central Trucking. That amount, \$222,560.

**(3) CM-E CHAT- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

"Item three, CM-E chat, also for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Bingham Sand & Gravel Company. That amount, \$35,370.

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**(4) CM-B SAND- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

“Item four, CM-B sand for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Associated Material and Supply Company. That amount, \$65,400.

**(5) CS-2 CRUSHED STONE- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

“Item five, CS-2 crushed stone, also for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Central Trucking. That amount, \$81,900.

**(6) FULL SIZE FOUR DOOR POLICE SEDANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

“Item six is a full size four door police sedans. These are the police interceptor packages for Fleet Management and the Sheriff’s Department. There are four. It was recommended to accept the only bid received from Mel Hambelton Ford. That amount, with trade in and the manuals, \$67,995.

**(7) FOUR DOOR SEDANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

“Item seven, four door sedans, for Fleet Management and for the Department of Corrections and the County Counselor’s office. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Mel Hambelton Ford. That amount, \$34,279, with trade-ins and optional manuals. I might call your attention to the per each price listed for Mel Hambelton Ford. There is a typo there. That per each bid price is \$14,873. That’s the first line item in their tabulation.

**(8) ½ TON PICKUP TRUCK- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

“Item eight is a ½ ton pickup truck for Fleet Management and Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Rusty Eck Ford. That amount, \$13,130, which includes trade-in and optional manuals.

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**(9) SEAMLESS CHAIRS- JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH
FUNDING: JUDGE RIDDEL BOYS RANCH**

“Item nine, seamless chairs for the Judge Riddel Boys Ranch. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Moduform. That amount, \$11,672.16.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

**(10) FIRE FIGHTING PROTECTIVE COATS & PANTS- FIRE DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

“There was one item that did not require action at that particular time. It was fire fighting protective coats and pants. Those bids are being reviewed for the Fire Department.

“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, questions regarding this Item? If not, 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 Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, “Thank you, Darren, for being here. Next item please.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

K. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 626-14-1056; Bridge on 31st Street South between 183rd and 199th Streets West. CIP #B-299. District #3.
- b. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 626-14-4475; Bridge on 31st Street South between 183rd and 199th Streets West. CIP #B-300. District #3.
- c. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project Nos. 624-12-142; Bridge on 23rd Street South between 215th and 231st Streets West; and 791-S-5232; Bridge on 231st Street West between 23rd and 31st Streets South. CIP #B-303 and B-304. District #3.
- d. Three Easements for Right-of-Way and three Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project No. 797-I-1200; Bridge on 183rd Street West between 53rd and 61st Streets North. CIP #B-311. District #3.
- e. One Owner Release for Damage for Sedgwick County Project Nos. 612-18-2000; Bridge on 29th Street North between 119th and 135th Streets West; and 612-18-2750; Bridge on 29th Street North between 119th and 135th Streets West. CIP #B-313 and B-314. District #3.

2. Agreements (two) with Professional Communication Consulting and Wichita Airport Authority to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.

3. Contract with United Methodist Youthville, Inc. to allow direct Medicaid billing.

4. General Bills Check Register of March 19, 1999.

5. Payroll Check Registers of March 16 and March 19, 1999.

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6. Budget Adjustment Requests.

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

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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, "Is there further business?"

L. OTHER

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to pending claims, litigation, legal advice, and personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from executive Session no sooner than 10:42 a.m.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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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. We're in Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:22 and returned at 11:02 a.m.

Chairman Hancock said, "I'll call the meeting back to order. Let the record show there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Mr. Counselor, anything to add? Mr. Manager, anything? We're adjourned."

M. ADJOURNMENT

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

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ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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