

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 21, 1999**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, July 21, 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 Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. Fred Ervin, Director, Public Relations; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Human Services Division; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, COMCARE; Ms. Susan Hendrich, Director, Children's Program, COMCARE; Mr. Dean Frankenberry, Chairman, Extension Council; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, (MAPD); Mr. Chris Chornis, Financial Officer; Mr. Joe L. Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell; Ms. Cecile Gough, Operations Administrator, Department of Corrections; Dr. Corrie L. May, Coroner-Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Projects Manager, Capital Projects Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; and Ms. Heather J. Knoblock, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Mohan Kambampati, Director, Wichita Indochinese Center  
Mr. Carl Peterjohn, Executive Director, Kansas Taxpayers Network  
Ms. Rosa Malina, Medical Services Bureau  
Ms. Judy Fenell  
Ms. Marry Ellen Lewis  
Mr. Scott Nicholson, Director, Gerontology Services for Via-Christi Senior Services  
Ms. Andree Sisco, Secretary, Oaklawn Improvement District  
Mr. Tim Cunningham, Director, Catholic Charities Adult Day Services  
Mr. Dick Layton, Gilmore & Bell  
Ms. Brenda Denton

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Mr. Balbir Mathur, Founder of Trees for Life.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

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**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that Commissioner Winters was absent.

**CONSIDERATIONS OF MINUTES:      **Special Meeting, July 12, 1999****

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of July 12, 1999.

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Commissioners, you received copies of those Minutes for your review. What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 12, 1999.

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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

**MOTION**

Chairman Hancock moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

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

### OFF AGENDA ITEM

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "There was some concern addressed over the last several meetings regarding services to children in this community being provided by the Wichita Child Guidance Center. I thought it might be helpful for you to hear what that transition plan looks like and how seamless it will be and that there will be no disruption of service. Let me just remind you that some 90 days ago or so, we sent a letter to the Wichita Child Guidance Center indicating that we needed to terminate an existing agreement with them. That existing agreement had been in effect since 1985, and that there were provisions in there that no one could live with, that both sides were not in compliance with, that it was outdated and frankly unusable.

"We offered a contract to another agency, Family Consultation Services, who took the contract, examined it, talked to their board, and signed it. Wichita Child Guidance Center was given that same contract, same language, same numbering, same everything. They took a look at the contract and rejected it some time ago. In the last 35 days, we've had discussions with them and there has been a flurry of activity. Because they rejected the first contract, we offered them a second contract. The second contract was exactly the same, exactly the same that we have with 70 other agencies in this community. The same words, same conditions. The numbers were a little different because of the services provided. Some of the service activities were a little bit different. But the same form contract, exactly the same as 70 other agencies.

"That board of directors rejected that contract. So that was the second contract that they rejected. They continued to come here and talk about information that they needed. This is the thing that disturbs me quite a bit because we keep hearing about the information the County didn't give them. They asked for the

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number of cases, we gave them.

"They asked for the dollars spent, we gave it to them. They asked for the federal grants, we gave it to them. They asked what services in those federal grants were provided, we gave it to them. We gave them anything that we could identify off the public record, we gave them in different forms at different times, we gave it to them.

"We did have our accountants start reviewing those numbers to make sure we were absolutely accurate. When they started to threaten to sue, we stopped giving them information. That's accurate. Once they said we are going to sue you, we stopped giving them information.

"In an effort to solve this issue, we've offered them a third contract. The third contract was pretty much like the second one. There was another clause in there about protecting some of our rights. They rejected that. So in the last 90 days, we've given them the information that they asked for. We have offered them contracts, exactly like Family Consultation, exactly like 70 other agencies, and a third contract that they have rejected. I think it is pretty clear that they've made some business decisions about how they want to conduct business with us in the future. That's pretty irrelevant. That's only about organizations fussing with each other.

"How are those children going to recover? What's going to happen to them? Our experts, Debbie Donaldson and her group, have been working in the last several weeks, working out a plan. We've been reluctant to talk about the plan because it seemed like we're trying to go to some other place instead of working with this agency. But as you know, good organizations, good managers, good elected officials have plans for success and plans for failure. So here is a plan for transition. This is going to transition those children who are being served, and there is about 20 of them, 20 of them who need real service, real hard service to keep them out of a hospital, that we're going to incorporate into our system and other folks system and we're going to provide a means to do that. To help explain that, because they are the experts, Debbie is here with some of her staff. Debbie Donaldson."

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson**, Director, Human Services Division, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The reason we're here today is we're talking about kids, which has always been a high priority for the Commissioners and something that I know you've always supported and been interested in and have monitored. The reason we're here today is we're talking about a special group of children. Those are children who have a mental illness, and the importance of continuing those services. I know that you are

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very supportive of making sure that it happens and I will assure you that is what we are interested in, is making sure those children are taken care of. We're looking at priorities. We know 20 of them are on the waiver, which makes them a very high priority. We will make sure that is taken care of.

"We have over 100 in our system who have that same priority and have those same needs. That's what we do. That's what we're familiar with. We also know that probably there is 100 and some in case management. Again, that's what we do, and we will probably be talking with them today and making some offers about contracting with those case managers to make that transition.

"They have made these choices with the contracts, knowing fully the ramifications of those decisions and we're standing here today saying we have actively worked with the plan. I'm going to have the assistant director come up and explain what has been put together for that plan. I will tell you that it does change regularly because we need to be flexible, but also we are working with an agency that is frequently changing its mind when we agree with one thing then we go at it a little different direction. That's unfortunate, and we are hoping that we can keep that interference to a minimum because if we can't, there will be more disruption. But at this point, we believe we have something that will be workable that will certainly help these children and their families continue to get the services that they need and want. That is our only interest and I know that is the Commissions interest too. I would like to turn it over to Marilyn Cook and give her a few minutes so you can see the detail that has actually been put into this."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, Debbie."

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Assistant Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have been putting a plan together for a long time. Again, as the County Manager said, we've been doing that with one foot going down a road hoping that this would be resolved, the other foot planted on provisions in case it did not. It is difficult to be on both roads at the same time. I guess that at this point it will be more clear to us and easier to move on, knowing that we're moving in a certain direction. I do appreciate the opportunity to share this with you and to reassure the community that we do have a plan and that we will follow that plan.

### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

"We basically, before walking you through the plan, have four levels of priority. The first level of priority of course is to the children and families in the community that are being served whose children have mental illnesses and they will remain our number one priority through all of this, no matter what that takes. Our second priority will be in communicating openly with the various staff involved and with the other mental

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health providers and affiliates who are going to be helping us in this transition. We had them go on record several weeks ago in terms of what services they could provide in this wide array of services that are provided by mental health centers. We feel that we have a good plan in place in terms of coverage.

“We also have a priority to communicate with the community at large, for them to understand that COMCARE takes this very seriously and that we are very committed to children and families and that we will do our very best no matter what it takes, to ensure that services are continued for children who need services. Our fourth priority would be to communicate with the other community health centers in this state and go from there.

"I want to walk you through basically the action plan that we have together. We basically had two major goals. Goal A was to work with children who have severe emotional disturbances, that is what S.E.D. stands for, and their families who need community based services and a transition plan that would help in the continuity of their care. We have already started this process. We met with Child Guidance Center yesterday, with their administrative staff, to work at actual numbers. When it was clear that they were not going to sign a provider agreement, which made them ineligible to get reimbursed from Medicaid, we started down a different road again with that. Because they also had an option of signing that up until yesterday at midnight. So we did look at the number of families that were there. As Debbie Donaldson said, there are 20 children who are on what we call the S.E.D. childrens waiver, which is a special program that started about a year and a half ago for children who have severe emotional disturbance who are at the highest risk of being placed in a state or local hospital.

"These children are currently being served by the Wichita Child Guidance Center. Some of them have already received services from us, so we will focus on those children first, because they would be at the most risk. So there are 20 of those children. Then when we looked at the numbers further, there are 110 children total, that includes the 20 children that we are talking about here. So a little under a 100 that we call Case Management Services. Those are community based services that are provided by case managers that go out into the community with these children and provide services. Some of the services include services such as summer camp, that is going on right now, something we call a Psycho-Social Group, which would be group activities that help children with emotional disturbance to socialize in more appropriate ways. There are also children on medication management. There are also children that are receiving a service that we call attendant care. We are looking at the services. We have the numbers at this point of those children and can start today with a better sense of how to put that in place.

"We have basically gone through a couple of these steps already. Also, put together a transition coordination team at our family and children service. This is a group of individuals who will be on call 24

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hours a day for parents and families who have questions about the transition, concerns about the transition. You need to understand that one of the things that makes this even more complex, as if it is not already, is that some of the providers, both the therapy staff and the Case Management staff at the Guidance Center are understandably looking for other jobs at this point.

“So, some of them will be leaving. Some of them, if the Guidance Center chooses to stay open, will be staying. So that also makes this a little bit more complex in terms of understanding which children, after those initial 20 are served, will be the next priority. But we will work with them. They did agree with us yesterday to meet on a regular basis to continue to look at these children to make sure that releases are signed because this is confidential information that we have. So we do need the parents to sign releases and then case by case we will look at these children and their needs and see what services they have and go on from there.

"After the meeting yesterday, it was clear to us . . . by the way, this sheet is really the form that we are filling out any time a parent calls. We are asking them what services their children are receiving now, where they're receiving the services and we will look then . . . have this be a tool to help us understand how to prioritize which children need services first. Probably by the end of this week, we will be meeting with the other providers in the community who have made verbal agreements to meet with us and now that we have the numbers, to see which of those children they will serve, which services they will provide, and which that COMCARE will continue with. And then, we have already alerted our crisis services to anticipate calls. We do have a mechanism at COMCARE called a potential emergency form. We use that, right now, with all of our consumers and clients where, if someone does have a potential emergency, the provider that is currently seeing that person can fill out a document so that our crisis team, who is there 24 hours a day, understands the dynamics of that family or child and we will be able to kind of pick up in a little bit more comprehensive way, because we'll have an understanding of what the family and child has been through to that point. So, our crisis team is on board with. So by the end of the week, the goal would be to meet with the providers and have a plan in terms of how we will divide the clients and children that we serve.

“We are also concerned about the families and questions that they might have. Goal B has to do with looking at that the community and providing them whatever understanding we have. We will probably be doing this by various forms of media. Again, they can call our children's number, which use 681-1185, if they have questions, and we will be happy to listen to their stories, do what we can do to ease that transition.

"The Guidance Center, I would also say as a professional person, also has ethical standards to not abandon patients. So I think we need their cooperation to ensure that if someone is in a treatment process

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there, has a medical emergency and is under, for instance, a medication kind of care they have an obligation to help us in this transition and help serve that child and family.

"So, we will communicate with the community. We will also provide a format, either in a town hall kind of forum or in a meeting kind of forum of some sort, to include parents, to hear their concerns and see what we need to be doing differently during the transition, and we will go from there. We will also, I want to reiterate, we will be on call 24 hours a day to answer any questions that people might have on this.

"I wanted to assure you that we will do our best in this transition. When the transition information and numbers change on a daily basis as clinicians leave the Guidance Center, there will be other complications and we will be working with that to see what we can do to ensure that it is as smooth a transition as possible.

"You do need to understand that the nature of our business is in the form of relationships. Consumers will perceive a disruption in this no matter how much time and energy we put into this or how smoothly this transition goes, because it is difficult to enter a relationship. But I will also remind you that clinical staff and other providers leave organizations all the time to have babies, to retire, to get married, or move out of the area. These transitions do occur. I would also say, having been a clinician for 15 years myself, that sometimes good can come out of a transition and I want to have you keep that in mind, that if someone enters a mental health system at one period of time for a particular concern and have worked through a majority of it, they are prepared at point to go on to the next clinician and say I came in with these problems and this and this and this are resolved but I still have this one to work on. They are much more articulate as consumers at that point and so I think we will try to get to the heart of what piece is left or what pieces are left for us to help them with. That will be services that are provided by COMCARE staff and by a number of affiliate staff who have overall also determined that these children and families are going to get care.

"I'm going to ask Susan Hendrich, who is the program manager for the childrens program to offer any other comments and then we'd be happy to answer any questions that you have."

**Ms. Susan Hendrich**, Director, Children's Program, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have two comments for you in regard to the transition plan that we are creating for the children in question at the Guidance Center. The first being that I feel very confident that the childrens program staff

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at COMCARE is going to do our best. We're going to put in an extra effort to make sure that these children are cared for. We are going to develop an individualized plan for each one of them. My goal is, our staff as we speak, are working on setting up extra offices to answer these questions in person if parents want to come in and ask those questions, we're also going to be available as Marilyn and Deborah mentioned on a 24 hour basis to answer any questions parents have.

"We recognize that this is going to be a very scary time and a very difficult time for the children and families involved and also for the staff at the Guidance Center who are going to be seeking new opportunities to provide services for children. I am hopeful, that although no transition process is every completely smooth, that we have the commitment on behalf of the childrens program to make sure that this happens for these kids.

"The second point being that for each child, as Marilyn showed you this sheet, we're collecting information from any parent or child that does call in. We're going to follow up on any call that comes in. If a parent calls in and even has a simple question such as who would be the new case manager for my child, myself and the other transition coordinators in the program will make sure to return each one of those calls and make contact with any person who expresses concern in the community about the transition plan. We may not have the exact answer as to what is going to happen right away for each of those children, but we will follow up with anyone who has concerns. Thank you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a couple of questions. First of all, if I understand it right, we're going to have a hot line. That number that I heard was 681-1185. It will be manned 24 hours a day if any parents have any questions or concerns about how their children might be treated during this transition period. Is that correct?"

**Ms. Hendrich** said, "Let me clarify it. The 681-1185 number, is the number of our Family and Children Community Program. That is answered, as long as the program is open. The moment the staff goes home at night, that is transferred to our 24 hour services as a crisis. So they will be giving a number after hours to call and they will call the on-call person."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "They can call and get a response."

**Ms. Hendrich** said, "Right."

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I cannot believe that the Child Guidance Center would not honor their ethical and I believe, morale obligation to ensure the fact that this is a seamless a transition as possible. At least it would be my hope that they would not. I want to direct a question to Debbie. The County Manager through out a number, 20 children that are in the high risk level. I've heard all kinds of numbers, a thousand people are being served and the newspaper says 180. Sure as heck, the Manager puts out 20 they're going to argue that it is 27 and I don't want to get into a numbers debate. Could you give us the assurance of whatever the number is, those children will be adequately taken care of and the transition will be completed?"

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Yes, they will. At this point, we are focusing on the highest priority because they are still talking about continuing to provide services. So at this point it doesn't appear we will need to look at the full population. We will just have to look at those in the highest priority."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioner, I just wanted to assure everybody that the number that I through out, 20, was a number that they put in writing to us. That that is the number that was used."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "My only concern and I think my colleagues share it, our primary concern is that the children, if this transtion has to take place, that will be as seamless as possible and services will continue. I think you've given at least this Commissioner those assurances. Thank you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Further questions? Debbie, anything else?"

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "No, if there are no further questions, I just want to provide some special recognition for Marilyn Cook and Dr. Susan Hendrich for all the time they have put into this. They truly have been dedicated. I mean seriously on call 24 hours to make sure this goes as smoothly as possible. Thank you."

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

### MOTION

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Chairman Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2000 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET.**

This is the second public hearing to be held allowing public input regarding the 2000 Sedgwick County Budget. The Board will take action on the 2000 Sedgwick County Budget following a final public hearing on August 4, 1999.

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "This is the part of the Agenda that you get to hear from citizens regarding the budget. The budget that was recommended to you calls for an expenditure of \$192,046,315. We have pieces that out and provided services to the community in various different ways. The point of this exercise this morning is for you to hear comments from the public so that you can make an informed decision about what needs to be in the budget or not. Then the next item I'll have a discussion about what occurs next. There will be another public hearing. This is the second in a series. We've had one already. This is a second and there will be one more public hearing and that will be the first Wednesday in August, August 4. So Mr. Chairman, I would recommend you open the public hearing."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, Mr. Buchanan. At this time, I'll open up for comments on items concerning the 2000 budget proposal. I have a speaker who has requested to be first because he had

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another appointment. Mohan, would you like to come forward?"

**Mr. Mohan Kambampati**, Director, Wichita Indochinese Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "At the Indochinese Center, we have about five programs. Basically, we educate, do some training of refugees, take them out of welfare and help get them jobs and other education programs. One of the programs is an Asian outreach since 1994, we have been receiving a small grant, a mill levy grant for the Sedgwick County Department on Aging, to provide services to the aged Asians. Many of them are also living alone.

"I have passed on something. I just want to read this out so you can also follow it. For the year 2000 we requested \$12,568. That was recommended by the Council and the Manager's recommendation is \$10,852. I am here to request you to keep that \$12,568 for the following reasons. The Wichita Indochinese Center is the only agency in the County that has case workers who are bi-lingual and also culturally compatible to help the low income Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian. These three nationalities are collectively called Indochinese. We have to help these seniors with translation and transportation and for some we have to teach and train to pass the citizenship test, which is pretty important. If they do not become U.S. citizens, they are at the constant threat of losing their social security and other benefits.

"So, 84% of our budget is for prorated salaries for case workers and teachers. It is hard to get appropriate case workers for a part time and low paying job. They can find jobs easily somewhere else when they can speak two languages. It makes it very hard for us to get these people. Our Cambodian case worker spends a lot more hours with the community than what he claims on his time sheet.

"We are not asking for any recreational activities. We are not asking for playing pool or anything like that. That we arrange from our own resources and community support. The owner of the Vietnamese super market gave a facility rent free for three years until he sold the place, to conduct our English classes there in addition to our own center. We are not depending just on this grant only. We are supplementing our program with volunteers and the community. The problem is, the seniors cannot go to any other organization and get help. To back up a little, even though I speak English, I sometimes have to make ten phone calls before I catch the right person for the right service. Just imagine, these people don't speak any English. So for every small thing they have to run to our center to provide the help.

"We started applying for a mill levy grant in 1994 and we accepted whatever was given. This is the first time I'm coming here. If you have to reduce from this budget, if you have to take out \$300 which we allocated for mailing the newsletter. That we can live with. We are trying to help ourselves, but please

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give a helping hand to help these seniors who cannot go any where.

"I think it was two years ago we were asked to voluntarily reduce our funding from our grant budget and I can tell you I was the first person to write the senior program that we would reduce that one. This is a small budget and the reasons are explained. I respectfully request that the budget be retained but if you have to reduce it, please reduce it by the \$300 and not more than that. Thank you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, Mohan. Appreciate you being here. Commissioners, questions? Thank you, very much, for being here. Next speaker, please. Good morning, Karl."

**Mr. Karl Peterjohn**, Executive Director, Kansas Taxpayers Network, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have some prepared testimony if I could hand this to the Clerk."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Give it to Carolyn and we'll pass it down."

**Mr. Peterjohn** said, "What I have presented to you is an outline and I'd like to begin first by expressing some appreciation of the fact that the Commissioners and budget staff and County Manager are aware of the fact that many taxpayers, property owners, particularly those on fixed incomes, are situated in a position where their appraisals keep going up even though they haven't made any changes or improvements on their property. It is good that the budget you have before you has an appraisal as a reduction that would reduce the amount of this windfall. Unfortunately, we're in a situation where you are looking at an offset to this for those folks and homeowners who happen to be in the Fire District, because the proposed property tax increase that is part of this budget would basically offset any reduction that occurs County wide in the general fund property tax millage.

"Looking at your budget document, there were several questions that came up and what I'd like to refer to, this is the 1998 Sedgwick County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. What I'd like to do is what you through some things in terms of numbers. I think there is a possibility that some steps could be taken that would be more beneficial for taxpayers. Beginning on page L-13 of the 1998 Financial Report, there is a measure of liquidity for the County and this is basically cash to current liability. For people in the private sector, this is a very common business ratio that is used regularly. In the last five years, between 1993 and 1997, this fluctuated between 15.8 and 17.1%. In 1998, this rose to 24.5, which is a substantial increase, it is about 33%. The liquidity increasing showed up, if you have a copy of the annual financial report, the operating fund balances have also increased. There are three categories there, reserved, designated and undesignated. I presume that the undesignated is the one that has the most

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flexibility and lease restrictive in terms of usage and that is the one that in 1998 was growing fastest. With these reserves in place, that brings the question in terms of what sort of cash numbers were coming into the County in terms of whether it was from extra revenue coming in that hadn't been anticipated or monies that were spent that were not as high as the amount budgeted. Of course, it could be a combination of both or one could off set the other. But basically, from looking at the annual financial report and going back to page P-5 of the 1998 financial report. Of course, this is important because it is a foundation on which this current budget is prepared even though we are a little more than half way through the financial year.

"The fund balances grew approximately \$17,000,000 during the 1998 calendar year. It appeared in both with extra revenue and spending that occurred under projections. In this you'll need to look at the current budget which you have before you and comparing that, very interesting thing in terms of interest income or what I believe they call investment income in the budget. On page 28, there is a line item in your 2000 budget where the County is earning in round numbers, almost 6.2 million is projected for the year 2000 in terms of investment income. I like to look at these numbers when I'm talking to any sort of budget hearing because it is hard for people to comprehend this. The way I put it is a challenge, interest rates are currently about 5%. If you went in and you can get 5%, that is a reasonable return on your money. If you're going to earn a little over \$6,000,000, by my calculations, you need to have, at 5%, you've got to have a fairly substantial amount of money that you have for investment purposes, which is a good deal more than the \$70,000,000 that is listed as the total for the reserves at the end of 1998. In fact, by my calculation, ball parked, it is about \$120,000,000, maybe a little bit more. Depends upon the exact interest rate that you're earning and the exact amount of money you have available. Revenue side and reserve sides are an important part of the budget process that you've got to work through.

"I'd like to talk about a couple of spending trends and these are just isolated, they're not comprehensive in the sense."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Karl, how much more time will you need?"

**Mr. Peterjohn** said, "A couple of minutes and I'll try to summarize it quickly."

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to give the speaker two more minutes.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Go ahead Karl."

**Mr. Peterjohn** said, "Thank you, Chairman Hancock and members of the Commission, appreciate it. In the comprehensive annual financial report, page D-6, the Court Trustee in 1998 spent 2.2 million, but they ended up with an unencumbered cash balance of 1.35 million, which seemed to me as a percentage, and that is over half, it seemed a bit excessive. The Fire Department, which we're looking at for this year with an increase in property taxes, they ended up with a cash balance that was slightly in the deficit at the end of '97, but that had increased three quarters of a million dollars out of a total spending of about 8.7 million. So with the growing year and cash balance, it raises the question in terms of the need for tax increase.

"The County Community College tuition account ended up with a 1998 cash balance of almost \$900,000 while total expenditures were 2.1 million. The reason I mention a couple of specifics here is because like the Court Trustee's budget which you're looking at and proposed before you on page 77 for next years budget, you're looking at a 38.4% projected increase this year, in 2000, over this current year. With an increase in the Fire Department spending 16% above two year ago levels, the budget document itself shows only a small rate and I think it is between 4 and 5%, but if you look at two years, we're looking at 16%. So this is not a line by line examination of every spending area, but in terms of my effort here today in terms of presenting some budget information, I think it will be helpful for the Commissioners if I can close with these recommendations. That we not proceed with a tax hike for the Fire Department at this time. The property taxes are too high in this community and should not be increased. I'd recommend that as larger portion of the windfall should be returned so instead of a 3% of property tax reduction that you have before you, I would recommend that you increase that to 5 to 6%. I appreciate the opportunity to testify this morning and would be happy to stand for any questions."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Karl, thank you, very much. Good comments. Tell you what I'd like to do

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because of the comments and these are relating to the comprehensive annual financial report. What I'd like to do is have the County Manager's staff respond to some of the questions that you raised and let them have the opportunity in writing if possible for us over the next few days and also respond to you about these items. I'd be very interested in understanding a little bit better about an explanation concerning some of the reserves and items that you've brought up. Then maybe on August 4 we could talk about it a little more and make some adjustments if that would be acceptable."

**Mr. Peterjohn** said, "Whatever is the Commission's preference."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Okay. I'd like to do that. I'd be interested in hearing. I know some of these items are reserved for example in the Fire Department, I think equipment reserves that we hold over the budgeted amount, whatever is not spent during the year for equipment. The rest of it, I'm not sure I get as far as without having the financial report in front of me. I'd have to go back and review it. I'd like to get that information from then and share it with you and we can discuss it more. You make some good points. Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I really support your idea on how we should respond to this. Karl, I want to thank you, also for coming out and presenting these to us. You present it in a very detailed manner. I'm very interested in finding out what our staff will say in response to that. I think what the Chairman has proposed is good as opposed to trying to give a response right now, that they take a little time and address all the issues you brought up so we can discuss it in depth next week. Thank you, very much, for coming."

**Mr. Peterjohn** said, "I thank the Commissioners and if anybody has any questions, I'd be happy to provide a phone number from whether it is staff or the Commissioners themselves, I'd be happy to answer any questions."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I feel we know exactly how to get hold of you. Thank you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, Karl. Next speaker, please."

**Ms. Rosa Malina** said, "I work for the Medical Service Bureau. I'm the Director there. This morning I came first of all to thank you for your continued support to the Medical Service Bureau, for our medical services for seniors. I put together some statistics, about three years, maybe you can look at it. This is just to give you a little information on how the need for the type of services that Medical Services provides

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keeps increasing. Most of the seniors that we serve, 77% of them are females, 23% are males. We are living longer. Age wise, 19% of the seniors we serve are less than 64 years old, between 60 and 64, 42% are 65 to 74 and 29% are 75 to 84 years old, 10% are 84 and older. Race wise, 68% are non-minority and the other 32% are minorities composed of 27% Black, 7% Hispanics, 1% American-Indian, and 1% Asian. Ninety seven percent live in Wichita and 3% in Sedgwick County.

"When we look at insurance, 88% of our clients do have Medicare, 12% have private insurance, 9% have no insurance at all. When I put this together, I just want to make the point that I know that Project Access approach you, but they will not, the other percent that will possibly be helped by Project Access will be this 9% that we're talking, because of the rest of them do have some type of insurance. We are and plan to work very closely with the Project Access because they will be housed in the same building we are, with the Medical Society. One percent have Medicaid.

"The next sheet that I put together for you was computing the number of seniors that we serve from '97, '98. What we have done already for the year. What struck me was that the unit of services that we have provided up to June 30 of this year is almost as many as we did for the whole year of '98. Now that is scary, because that means if the need keeps increasing and we keep spending more money every year on prescription medications, glasses. As you know, the price and inflation rate just keeps going up. Last year alone, I read it was 18% increase for prescription medications. Prices of glasses, they keep raising it. We cannot keep up with the demand. It is very hard.

"We have seniors who come to us that make maybe \$400 or a little less than that a month from social security, especially the women because they didn't work outside the home and when they retire they have such a little retirement check that they receive every month. A lot of them are on top of that paying for Medicare Part B, which then I inform them about resources available or state programs that they can apply, like UMB and other ones. So we not only provide assistance with prescription medications, medical supplies, glasses, or eye exam referrals. But we also provide a lot of community referrals to the seniors and try to help them out in whatever needs are out there.

"Due to the frustration that I was having with the lack of money, we started enrolling the clients that come into our office into indigent programs through pharmaceutical companies. We do not do this for clients

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who go to community clinics because we don't want to duplicate services. It has been working great. We have saved a lot of money, especially for our seniors, and they've been able to receive medications from the pharmaceutical companies. So I basically just want to tell you that and thank you again. If there are any questions, if I can answer anything."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. Malina, thank you for being here. I need some clarification because I'm finding different information in my budget books. How much was your Medical Service Bureau's total request?"

**Ms. Malina** said, "It was \$25,000 for next year. This year is \$21,000."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And you requested \$25,000? And if I'm reading correctly, did the Aging Council recommend \$23,000?:"

**Ms. Malina** said, "Yes, Ma'am."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And the Manager's recommendation is \$21,000, the same as last year."

**Ms. Malina** said, "Yes Ma'am."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay, I wanted to get the numbers straight. Thank you, very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, further questions? I don't see any Rosa. Thank you, for being here."

**Ms. Malina** said, "Thank you, very much. Have a good day."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Next speaker, please."

**Ms. Judy Fernell** said, "I'm from Senior Services in Wichita. I came to thank you for the support you've given to all of our programs that provide services for the most frail on Meals on Wheels to people that are very active in our retired and senior volunteer program who are out volunteering in 140 different non-profit

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agencies in town. I also want to assure you that we spend your money wisely. We combine the money we receive from you with money from other sources for all of our programs so that we can provide better services in the community. Our board also has to raise \$250,000 each year in support of our programs for operating expenses. So I want to assure you that your money is very important and I would ask you to please follow the recommendation of the Sedgwick County Advisory Council in deciding the funding for all of our programs.

"I think it is more important that you hear from one of the participants in one of our programs than from me, so I would like to introduce Mary Ellen Lewis from our northeast center."

**Ms. Mary Ellen Lewis** said, "Commissioners and to all your astute personalities, thank you. I just want to talk to you a little bit about the northeast senior center and what it means to me, not only to me, but to others like me and older than me. If you're wondering about me, I am 39 years old and holding the same. Listen to me, I'm 39 and holding the same plus one, so you figure out my age. But there are a number of us who are older than 39 and holding the same. We have some ladies who are 93, 94, and 95, who are very active at the Northeast Center.

"I just want to tell you a little bit about what we enjoy about the center. I go four days a week. The reason I don't go five is because I go to another center on Tuesday. I wish I could go Saturday. I go to church on Sunday. We have so much going on at the northeast center for us young folks like me and older. Some of the things we do, we have birthday parties and that's a joy when you have your lunch and then all of us get together and have a birthday party. The center furnishes that. I don't know where they get the cake and stuff from but they do it. We have all kinds of games going on at the center. They run us out of there in the afternoon around four or five. It is seven, eight, or nine when it is kind of lonesome. You wish you could go back up there. My dog won't talk to me. If I say go to your room or something like that. He barks when he wants to go out. But if I was at the center with all the other people like me, I could enjoy it, but they want us out around 4:30 or 5:00.

"We have various other programs. The Father's Day breakfast was a pleasure. The old men come up there and they enjoyed it. Most are women that we have at the center. But the old men came for the Father's Day breakfast. Let me tell you another thing that is interesting about the center. We have a lady

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up there who is over the activities at the center. We do all kinds of things. You ought to see some of us who have had strokes and some have heart conditions. I've had aquistic nuroma surgery, you know what that is, the equilibrium is off. We had Short's Day, I think that was around the 4th of July and one of our ladies who is 87 years old, her daughter was there and the granddaughter. The granddaughter went out and bought her some shorts that came below her knees. She had never worn shorts before in her life. That day she had shorts on. One of her daughters is a minister's wife who is about my age. She came with her camera to take her mother's picture. But she ended up taking pictures of people who are 90 years old who were wearing shorts, women. We had it below our knees, we didn't show our thighs. But these are the kind of things we do there.

"We have all kinds of exercise machines that have been donated to the center. They have a new step machine there that the people my age, 39 and holding and up can use. It really works you good. It works you thighs and legs and all. You hate to get off of it. I claim it. When I get there at 10:30 in the morning, somebody is always on it you know. I have to wait until they get off. So there is a line standing for the new step. I enjoy the exercise at the center. I know one day I went out, and I have to walk with a cane. If I don't have the cane, I can't stand up, my equilibrium is off from my surgery. I enjoy that day. One day last week, I went to my car and set the cane down to open my car door and got in my car and drove off and left my walking cane. I did fine. I went on home and when I got ready to get out of the car, here I was. I didn't have my walking cane. So I made it into the house and called back to the center. Someone saw it and went and got it. They knew it was mine. So I had to go right back and get it. They brought it to me in the car.

"I want to tell you, there is so much going on. She told me I couldn't talk but how many minutes. When you think about the exercise and the games they play. Some of the games they learn how to eat and talk. Some of the women didn't get to go to school. You know if you're 90 years old and 95, you didn't get much schooling way back when if you came from the country. Some are learning to figure and do things they didn't get to do when they were younger. So it is a blessing to be part of the northeast center. The only thing when I talk too much. Other programs that we have make us feel young and even act young. I just want to say to you that we do have older people and they get lonesome. They live by themselves. They have no companions and they are 80, 90, or so years old. Send them to the northeast senior center

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and try to encourage them to keep it open in the evening so we can come up there. Thank you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Thank you, very much, for being here. Next speaker, please."

**Mr. Dean Frankenberry** said, "I'm the Chair of the Sedgwick County Extension Council. First off, we would like to thank you, for your continued support over the years for our programs. We feel very good about our programs and we would like for you to feel good about them too, that we are serving the citizens of Sedgwick County. Later on today, we'll be discussing more of that with you. But today, I'm here before you to talk about our budget. You have some information in front of you on page 809B. We had asked for two supplemental requests. The County Manager has denied those requests but we're here today to ask you to reconsider those.

"The first one, priority one, is our increase for salaries. We've asked for a 3% in cost of living and a 2% increase in merit for a total of \$37,208. Our priority two is for health insurance for our staff. Our secretarial staff is not included in our health insurance programs. We originally requested \$93,000 to do that. We have reconsidered that request and have looked at some other options available and we have contacted the Wichita Independent Business Association and are requesting that you consider \$24,079 for individual coverage for the secretarial staff.

"As a matter of public record, I would like to comment about the \$200,000 that the County Manager has asked to be set aside in our budget for prevention programs. All the educational programs that the Extension Service provides from research based information is directed to the improvement of the quality of life of Sedgwick County families. I do not feel it is necessary to set this amount aside when the Extension Council by law is directed to plan and provide educational programs and economic development, family and consumer science, agriculture, horticulture and 4-H youth programs. These Extension Programs do provide prevention education. Currently, the Extension has four development program committees. We are suggesting, so you can have input to our program planning, I invite each of you to appoint a representative to each of these committees so you feel that there is a proper representation from this Commission to ensure that those programs are followed through and provide the best results for the citizens of Sedgwick County. We welcome your input and we plan that these prevention programs will be continued and will be successful. Do you have any questions?"

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**Chairman Hancock** said, "Commissioners, questions? I know the Commissioners will be visiting with you this afternoon on operations and budget. I'm sure the budget will come up. I won't be there. I've already turned down twice an appointment that I was supposed to have on a Wednesday and this time I've got to go to it. The other Commissioners will be there and listen very attentively and hopefully bring us back some good information that we can all use."

**Mr. Frankberry** said, "We look forward to that time together. Thank you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Next speaker, please."

**Mr. Scott Nicholson** said, "I'm the Director of Gerontology Services for Via-Christi Senior Services. I'm here today actually representing Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program as one of their advisory council members. Out of respect for your time, I'll keep my comments brief as we have other foster grandparents who are here in the audience as well as other advisory council members who may want to make comments. We do want to thank Commissioner Gwin for wearing a blue smock and helping us set the dress code for the audience today."

"On behalf of the Foster Grandparent Program, we're requesting, very bluntly, the Sedgwick County Advisory Council on Aging recommendation is for \$42,800 be approved for fiscal year 2000. This supports the funding of ten foster grandparents. I'd also like to take a few minutes to describe the program and give you a feeling of what a cut of \$7,800 below the advisory council recommendation would mean to Sedgwick County and the foster grandparents themselves."

"The Department of Aging recommendation is \$35,000, which is \$6,433 less than fiscal year 1999 from a levy funding of \$41,433. For those of you who are not familiar with the Foster Grandparent Program, the program offers low income seniors, which is defined as those 125% above the poverty guideline, age 60 and older, opportunities to serve as mentors, tutors, and care givers for children and youth with special needs in our community. After 40 hours of orientation, they provide 20 hours of weekly service to community organizations, such as schools, shelters, early childhood centers and correctional facilities. A number of those individuals are here in the audience as well, including Mark Evans, with USD 259, as well as Stephanie with Rainbows United. Foster grandparents receive a modest tax free stipend of approximately \$2.55 an hour, reimbursement for transportation, meals, and during their service and an annual physical examination and accident and liability insurance while on duty. Some of these, the annual physical in particular is of interest to me. Many seniors have a difficult time getting the services they need, either due to transportation or other means. Often times, the annual physical examination is one of the few things that they have to help support their health and help identify the health risks that they might have

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during the coming year.

"Nationally, the Foster Grandparent Program began in 1965 under the auspice of the Office of Economic Opportunity. Currently, the National Service Corp., a Division of the Corporation for National Service is the federal parent agency. In Sedgwick County, the program began in 1979 under the sponsorship of Cross Roads, Catholic Charities began its support in 1981 of the program and continues 18 years later faithfully supporting the program.

"In particular, what I'd like to note, is just recently this year the Foster Grandparent Program, the Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program, was recognized by the federal government as a program of national significance and is encouraging its expansion in Sedgwick County. How does Sedgwick County benefit from the program? In 1998, County residents received services through a program that does not have a parallel in the community. There are a number of services that do serve children, but there is only one program in this community that actually matches seniors with low income with children at risk and does this in a way that no other program can compare.

"Foster Grandparent provided 82,308 hours of service to special needs youth children in our community. They provide services at over 32 sites in Sedgwick County. Last year, a psychologist, I believe out of St. Louis was here working with the children of the Haysville tornado and requested that we send a Foster Grandparent down to work with him in counseling with the children and spend time with them. They found that a grandmothers touch and love and a hug was much more comforting often times than anything a professional could say. They also provide active and visible participation in their community, which is something that in many communities around the country is challenging. It is in our own community, to find a way to allow our seniors to permit them the opportunity to participate in what is their community.

"What does a funding cut mean for this program and for Sedgwick County? Less money translates into three fewer foster grandparents, 30,132 fewer hours of service to children with special needs in the community. Anywhere from 60 to 90 children left unserved. Typically, a foster grandparent is assigned to two children per classroom or per agency, but as I know myself from my own personal experience in the program of the last eleven years. I apologize, I'm out of time. Could I extend my time for one minute?"

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Sure, go ahead and finish."

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**Mr. Nicholson** said, "Thank you. Children in the classroom, there is typically one to two children identified, but it is not unusual for the entire class to benefit from the presence of that grandparent for one reason or another. That's where we come up with the 90 children. Less active involvement of seniors in the community and in the lives of children who really need it is also a detriment if program funding is cut.

"Specifically, and I'll make my comments brief here, how does the program effect the foster grandparent themselves? There will be \$2,662 less in annual income for these individuals, which goes a long way toward the cost of medication and transportation costs that are not covered by the program, meaningful employment, an annual physical, a daily meal which is provided typically through their sites, and not having the opportunity to have input in their community. Often times, this is the only input that they have. It provides them with a sense of self-worth and an opportunity to see themselves contribute to the good of society. Educational opportunities via monthly in service programs and socialization with their peers. Often, seniors are isolated and if it not for senior centers such as the downtown senior center which we've always had a long standing relationship with and which we appreciate, the aging programs, such as foster grandparents provide that socialization that these seniors need and deserve.

"In conclusion, over my last eleven years of involvement with the program, I've seen first hand the joy that Foster Grandparents can bring to a child, either a child who is struggling with their school work or a child who had been abandoned by their parents and is setting at one of the children's facilities here in town and the only person they have to confide in and talk to is a grandmother or a grandfather. As a parent of two young children myself, it is my hope that if the need for a helping hand or kind word be there for them, that the foster grandparent program be there to provide that helping hand. It is my goal as a gerontologist as I hope it is to you as Commissioners, that we can continue to increase our knowledge of what is right through the wisdom of those who have walked before us. That we continue to seek ways to promote active involvement of older adults in lives of our children and do it in such a way that we retain human dignity and mutual respect for others and for one another. By approving the Council's recommendation, it would demonstrate that I would consider to be in the right direction. I'm going to conclude my comments and I appreciate the extra time. I have one last comment to make. July 29, at the downtown senior center, we will be having the annual foster grandparent program picnic and we'd certainly like to see the Sedgwick County Commissioners attend that if their schedules permit. I'll leave it at that. Thank you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Commissioners, questions? I see you have hardly anyone here to support you."

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**Mr. Nicholson** said, "I think I'm the one left out, I didn't wear blue."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "I appreciate you being here. All of you who came today, thank you very much for being here concerning the foster grandparent. Great program."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "It just was an odd coincidence that I happened to chose this outfit today, but I'm glad I did. The promise I can make to you is that I am certainly supportive of reinstating at least the funding that we had last year and looking at an amount over that. I promise I will give you and the Foster Grandparents serious consideration. It is a program that obviously means a lot to a lot of people because we've received a lot of letters and calls from any number of organizations who benefit from the foster grandparents whose children are touched by those people. I'm very excited to see the support you have in the community and to understand the impact that you make on our kids. My commitment today will be to support and try to get my colleagues to do so at least to the funding level of last year and we'll certainly look at any more than that that may be available."

**Mr. Nicholson** said, "Commissioner Gwin, we certainly appreciate your support and the rest of the Commissioners. We certainly appreciate the long standing relationship that the foster grandparent program and Catholic Charities have had with Sedgwick County."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Nice to see you again too."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Sir, just a second. On the monies that we grant you, the majority of these funds going toward paying the salaries? They're not eaten up in a lot of administrative costs? It actually goes directly to the grandparents in the program?"

**Mr. Nicholson** said, "Yes, it goes directly to stipend amounts."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I like that. Thank you."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I have to agree with Commissioner Gwin as well that I'll be supporting this program. I want to thank all of you for sending your letters. It means a lot to us to hear from you. Personal experiences and that type of thing. But I also want to say thank you, for giving that time. We live in a society today that often times a parent is having to work and is busy with other things. Sometimes the kids are kind of left out. I think it is great that we have grandparents that share stories today and love unconditionally to these children. I guess I want to say that I agree with Commissioner Gwin that I'm going to be supportive of this program. Also, thank you, to you for taking the time to give to the children."

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**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Further questions or comments? Thank you, very much. Next speaker, please."

**Ms. Andree Sisco** said, "I'm Secretary of Oaklawn Improvement District. The Oaklawn Improvement District is one of the sponsors of the Oaklawn Sunview Senior Center. I want to thank all of you, Commissioners, for listening to what I have to say. First, the Oaklawn Sunview Senior Center has a budget from the County of \$11,838 for the last two years. The County Manager has recommended \$11,838 again for the year 2000. The Oaklawn Improvement District, the Senior Advisory Council, and the seniors in our area when we sat to put down the budget recommended \$13,000, which is a difference of \$1,162. I am here to ask for the \$13,000 for the center with what I hope is a small explanation to the County Commissioners.

"In 1998, the budget for the center was \$11,838 from Sedgwick County, \$9,500 from Oaklawn Improvement District, \$300 from Sunview Improvement District, which is a total of \$21,638. In 1999, for the Oaklawn Senior Center, the budget was \$11,838 from the County. The Oaklawn Improvement District was \$4,600 and Sunview was \$300, the total being \$16,088, which is a difference of \$4,750. The reasons for this large difference is the Oaklawn Improvement District had a large difference in what our general tax base has drawn from and that is a main reason why the decrease. So what I am asking is that the County consider the budget that was advised by the Council of \$13,000. Thank you. Any questions?"

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Andree, if I understand it right, you lost a large tax base because of losing the Boeing Company?"

**Ms. Sisco** said, "Boeing used to be in the Oaklawn Improvement District tax base, which is a large portion. Some people say it is 85% of Oaklawn's Improvement District's tax base. I'm truthfully not sure on that and I've never researched it. I do know that it is a large portion. Boeing deannexed from Oaklawn

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Improvement District and the first year it effected us was 1999. Then they are still not in our improvement district for the year 2000."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "As I understand it, you're asking us only to absorb a small portion of that loss. You must have figured out a way then to run the center more efficiently or cut back on some services to offset the substantial amount. You haven't come to us and asked us to replace all of it. You must be trying to . . ."

**Ms. Sisco** said, "The improvement district itself had to look at a lot of different things that they had when we lost Boeing out of our tax base. We had to look at changes we needed to make in the district. Some of the decrease comes in . . . I mean a lot of people are aware that we do have a new center and with a new center, the main reason for the new center was to stop paying for rent. So we no longer pay rent, but the district still does pay for insurance and all that other stuff that we used to pay for. That's a large reason. Plus we realize on some of our other funding. You are correct that we are not asking, there is no way I'd even consider asking for the complete amount. That would be ridiculous on my part."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you."

**Ms. Sisco** said, "It would also be ridiculous if I didn't come on behalf of the Oaklawn Improvement District and the people of my area to ask what has been advised by the Council and our Committee. Thank you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you. Further questions? If not, next speaker, please."

**Mr. Tim Cunningham** said, "I'm the Director of Catholic Charities Adult Day Services. In 1975, your predecessors on the County Commission agreed to fund a new concept, the idea of adult day care centers for adults. This center provided services to persons over the age of 55 with special needs and disabilities. The concept was simple but the benefits to families and clients was tremendous. Things have changed quite a bit in the 25 years since you first funded our program. One thing has remained constant. Sedgwick County is still a major contributor of funding for Catholic Charities adult day services and as you will see, this funding has given people with disabilities the opportunity to improve their lives and families a chance to keep their loved ones at home as long as possible without the need for institutionalization."

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"The benefits of Adult Day Care have been documented, increased independence, educational opportunities, socialization and community integration. A recent survey of our clients, found that 97% of them have benefited and remained independent. Another 97% have improved or maintained their daily living skills and 100% who have participated in our employment club had actually improved their vocational skills. All you have to do is ask one of the families who have a person attending our program and they will tell you about the benefits of the program. One family even recently told me that they didn't know what they would do without us because they work during the day and they have no place for their 84 year old mother to go to. So we were the only location in town that would provide those services to that person.

"Because of the positive impact your money has had on the lives of thousands of clients we have served in 1975, we come before you today to ask for your continued support for those persons in Sedgwick County who are unable to care for themselves but unwilling to go into a nursing home, assisted living centers, or use home health care services. In 1998, Catholic Charities Adult Day Care Services consolidated with Via-Christi's Adult Day Program bringing the total number of clients we serve over the age of 55 to 84 persons. Although we served a larger number of persons in 1998 and 1999, our funding decreased dramatically. For fiscal year 1998 to 1999, the amount of money the Department of Aging budgets for Adult Day Care dropped from \$19,730 to \$5,000, a 75% decrease. Adult day care took the hardest hit of all programs.

"We had hoped to be able to utilize other types of funding sources, such as home and community based services, Senior Care Act, and IE to cope with the reduction, but those funding sources have either been frozen or cut since then. In one month alone last year, we wrote off \$2,600 for persons who are eligible for mill levy funding. The advisory council has recommended \$15,000 for adult day care fiscal year 2000 and the Manager has recommended \$10,000. We are asking \$20,000 for fiscal year 2000 to make up for the decrease we've had since fiscal year 1998.

"Not only have we increased the number of clients we serve who do not possess funding, but we've also added several new programs which some of you are familiar with. We've added an active seniors program, we've also added restorative therapy. The number of persons over the age of 55 is increasing dramatically as baby boomers start to retire and the need for a service like ours will only increase as the numbers do.

"What are the alternatives for persons with special needs or disabilities over the age of 55? The options are few and for some they are not options at all. There are nursing homes, assisted living centers, or home

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health care. The cost per person can run anywhere between \$25,000 to \$50,000 a year for those services. Another option is for the family to remain home with the person with special needs or disabilities, leading to lost wages and work time. Adult day care is the best options for some families and we want to ensure that the option remains available to those persons as well as the next century. Thank you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions? Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I have a question and clarification. You said in 1998, your budget was around \$19,000?"

**Mr. Cunningham** said, "At that time, there was actually two adult day centers in town, there was Via-Christi and ours. When we consolidated in 1998, we took their clients, but the money did not follow them."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "So that is why the actual is \$9,865?"

**Mr. Cunningham** said, "Correct."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay, thank you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Further questions? Thank you for being here today. Next speaker please. Is there anyone else who would like speak about the 2000 budget? Is there anyone else who would like to address the Commission on the 2000 budget? If not, we'll close the public hearing. Commissioners, comments?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Just a thank you, to those people who came to talk to us today and remind us of what services are important to them. Also, to remind us in some cases of what our real tasks are and that is how we allocate the tax dollars that we collect. Thank you, to all of you for being here on all of your different issues. I know they are important to you or you wouldn't take your time to come and spend it with us. Thank you for being here today and thank you for the input. We have a couple of more weeks yet to get to the final decision making but your presence here met a lot to me and to the Board. Thank you, all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Commissioners, as you know, today is the last up day. It is the day that we

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set the maximum amount of budget that will be budgeting for the year 2000. It is my sense of it that while there may be changes in our budget as proposed by the Commissioners in the next two weeks, it is my sense that there are no requests for increased budgeting for the year 2000. Am I correct in that?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I think that's correct. I feel fairly confident that even based on their requests that we've not yet heard, but based on the ones we've heard today and those kinds of things, I'm pretty comfortable that we kind of rearrange the numbers within the existing amount that the Manager suggested to fund programs without having to use any more."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I'd like to hear from the Manager on that."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Unless he has some other ideas."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "I just have a procedural question at this point. Should you close the public hearing and the next item on the agenda is the action for the last up day."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I think he did close the public hearing he just didn't call the next item."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "I wanted to finish up the items in the normal budget before we go on to the next item. Then I thought we could discuss those separately. To me they're separate. Is that what you're suggesting Mr. Manager or am I totally confused?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "No, you're absolutely right. I was just moving faster than you were. Sorry."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "If there aren't any recommendation or changes that we want to propose for the regular budget then I'll move on. Next item, please."

### **B. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2000 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET.**

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioners, you have the budget information in front of you and this authorizes our staff to place the advertisements in the paper so that we can follow the state law. This sets the upper limit of your spending so that this is the total amount that the budget may be. It could be lower than that. Chairman, you talk about the issue of some issues you heard about we thought we could handle it and one thing Refeng Ma, the Budget Director, and I were doing, we have some preliminary numbers from the bond sale. The bond sale is occurring right as we speak. They opened bids. They are tabulating,

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calculating, verifying. We've looked at the high bid and the low bid on that bond sale and have come to the conclusion that there is a savings. We anticipated the interest rate higher than even what the high bid came in at. So in our rough calculations, and we'll wait for the expert, Ma is the expert, we'll wait for the people who are spending their time calculating to come in with the real number. I would suggest to you that there is money to take care of the things without having to cause anybody a great adjustment. That doesn't mean that we might not want to cut that money later or do something else. What I'm telling you at this point is it is my professional recommendation to you after looking, that you have the flexibility to do what you want. Therefore, I would recommend that you authorize the County Manager to publish a public notice of hearing and establish August 4 as the final hearing date on the 2000 budget."

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

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to authorize the County Manager to publish a notice of hearing and establish August 4, 1999 as the final hearing date on the 2000 Sedgwick County Budget.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Hancock** said, "This is my eleventh budget and it is the first time we've done this. We've also had items up for consideration over the next and sometimes three weeks prior to time of the approval of next year's budget. If this is an indication of the condition of our economy. We had tremendous growth and quite frankly local government is very comfortable right now in the growth and it is going to be our job to make our taxpayers as comfortable as possible along with us. We'll work very hard on that for the next two weeks to see if we can't make things look better for everyone. It has been an interesting budget year. As I say, it is the first time I have ever not added things to our budget understanding that we have some flexibility over the next two weeks. Further comments? If not, Clerk call the vote."

### **VOTE**

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

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Manager. At this time I'll recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Sewer District Meeting at 10:34 a.m. and returned at 10:36 a.m.**

**C. RECESS TO THE SEWER DISTRICT MEETING, THEN THE FIRE DISTRICT #1 MEETING.**

**Chairman Hancock** said, "At this time, I'll bring back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. We'll take a five minute break."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 10:36 a.m. and returned at 10:50 a.m.**

**Chairman Hancock** said, "I'll bring back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Next item, please."

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**D. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD).**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

- 1. CASE NUMBER PUD #9 - RESOLUTION REGARDING ZONE CHANGE FROM "RR" RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND "SF-20" SINGLE-FAMILYDISTRICT TO "PUD #9" PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DISTRICT, LOCATED NORTH OF 63RD STREET SOUTH AND WEST OF**

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### ROCK ROAD.

**Mr. Marvin Krout**, Director, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Just one zoning item this morning. If I can have the first slide. This is a 20 acre tract. It is on the north side of 63rd Street just across the street to the south of 63rd Street is the Derby city limits. So it is adjacent to Derby and also Derby, just off the map to the left, Derby extends north to 63rd base. So it is in Derby's growth path. It is a block west, 600 feet west of the intersection of 63rd Street and Rock Road. You can see that this 20 acre portion has been platted by the Calvary Baptist Church. I guess the church now has some more ambitious plans and wants to take this 20 acres and develop it. The ultimate plan is for a church, private school, day care facility, and some housing. What do they intend to do is to have up to 11 units that would be one to four units in a building, but a total of 11 buildings. I'll show you a site plan. I think you have it in your staff report that shows, and the western portion that this tract, adjacent to the church, there would be sort of a cul-de-sac and a little clusters of houses. These would be to temporarily house guests, visitors, that are church related.

"Because that is technically a multi-family zoning, but we're not talking about building for 400 to 500 housing units on this tract, we felt that the plan unit development concept was the best way to describe this sort of unusual mix if uses that is being proposed for this tract. That is the way this was submitted. That means that there is a site plan that was developed with this, that shows the arrangement of the uses. The site plan that shows both the residential and the church, and school uses.

"Because it is immediately across the street from Derby, I suppose it could have been annexed by Derby and dealt with through their zoning process. Because there is not water or sewer services immediately available, Derby's preference was to have the County to handle this case. It is in Derby's zoning area of influence and so the Derby Planning Commission reviewed it along with the MAPC. Because it is also in Derby's extra territorial subdivision jurisdiction, Derby is the one responsible for reviewing the plat instead of the MAPC. Then it comes to you for final action. That plat is already in progress.

"This is the aerial photographs and you can see the location of the site. To the west is some suburban residential development. Most of the rest of the area is undeveloped. There is a little commercial at the

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intersection of 63rd and Rock Road. Eventually, water and sewer will be provided by the City of Derby. Derby, as part of its platting, is going to require guarantees for the eventual extension of water and sewer services. But for the interim, there will be a lagoon system and there will be rural water that they are going to hook up to in order to provide services to this church. That is acceptable to Derby.

"Here it is the site plan. You can see in the bottom of the screen the church use with the school above it, the cluster of single family or multi family uses in the middle west portion of the tract. This is the lagoon and recreation area in the northeast part of the tract. That is the site plan. Potentially, a very large church although that is not their immediate plan, but that is their ultimate plan in terms of how they envision this project developing.

"This is looking from 63rd Street at the site to the north and we'll pan around counter clockwise to the northwest and you can see residential uses off to the west. This is looking down 63rd Street, 63rd is in the County Capital Improvement Program to be improved from two lanes to four lanes in the next few years, I think is 2003 construction. At that time as part of the PUD and Derby's platting requirement, the church will be required to do some lane improvements in conjunction with that future improvement, but not at this time because it is only a short period of time before the road is going to be improved. So there won't be any immediate improvement to the two lane road that are being required by Derby.

"This is looking now to the southwest and continuing to pan around to the south, looking back towards the more developed portion of Derby, one half mile and further to the south now we're looking to the southeast and this is looking east down 63rd. You can see the intersection about six hundred feet down the road with Rock Road. That is northeast, and back to the aerial photograph on the slides. So we talking about going from a combination of suburban and rural residential zoning that this on this tract today to the planned development district.

"In that site plan, we worked with Derby's planners and their Planning Commission on revising where landscaping would go. What we expect is that there will be some commercial development near the intersection, but residential development on the west side. So, there will be a landscape buffer created along this edge, but not along this edge in recognition of the probable future land uses. Derby's Planning Commission and the MAPC both were unanimous in recommending approval of this case. There was no opposition at either of the to the public hearings and no written protest have been filed in opposition to this case. So it will take just a simple majority of the Commission to approve this request. The applicant's agent is here. He said he does not have any additional comment for you, but he'd be glad to answer any questions that you might have. "

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

### MOTION

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

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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

## 2. MAPD MONTHLY REPORT.

**Mr. Krout** said, "I'll try to be brief. We've had in the current plans division, 50 more development applications in June. That is just short of 300 for the first six months of the year. This is just slightly behind the course that we had last year, which was the most development activity ever. County cases included not just only this PUD for the church at the Planning Commission level, but also conditional use for a church in the Cheney area. So institutional uses were popular last month. We also had the asphalt plant and the rock crushing case which you heard just a week ago.

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"The staff has worked in June on filings for conditional uses for two hours requested in the Colwich area. These are 1,100 foot tall towers that were requested by a TV station. This is in a area where there are tall towers already. One is requested for a TV station and another is a speculative tower for someone who believes he will be able to locate both radio and HDTV equipment on their tower if he has the permission to build one. The first case was approved by the County Commission just last week. There may be an appeal. There was an owner within 1,000 feet. They were negotiating, so you may or may not see that item on your agenda. But we do have those cases coming up.

"We also, last month, developed and send out requests for proposal to consultants to undertake a study of wireless communication and new towers and possible changes in our policies and regulations that may be appropriate. We sent that out so there would be a response to do a city county study as well as just a City of Wichita study. It was the Wichita City Council that initially asked for that. So we have information. We'll be interviewing consultants and I think Diane Gage is going to set on our interview panel next week to help us with the selection. Then we'll be back with you to talk about the scope and participation in a study like that.

"In the meantime, I'm sure you've heard that the City of Wichita just yesterday adopted a six month moratorium on not just the construction of new towers, but also on any building permits that would involve even the location of antennas on existing buildings or existing towers during the course of this study. They may modify those conditions if they are requested to, they may reconsider the scope of that moratorium, but right now they don't expect any activity during the course of this study. So everyone is anxious for us to get this study going. We'll try to do that as soon as we can.

"In the land use division, we made a dozen presentations in June on the Comprehensive Plan to various groups including the cities of Belaire and Park City and the Wichita Area Home Builders, Realtors, and the Chamber Board of Directors. We have a meeting at noon that you're all invited to and we hope to see you there, with the Planning Commission and the City Council, a noon meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan and get your ideas out on the table before the Planning Commission gets too far with your thinking on that issue after they've gone through all the public involvement process that they have now. We developed population and employment projections for the year 2010, a shorter term, and provided

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that information to consultants who are working for the City of Wichita on several studies which ought to be of interest to the County as well. One is a fire station study, you may have heard about. The second is a master water plan update and the second is a master sewer plan update that the City has hired consultants for. So projections of population and employment were things that were going to be helpful to the consultant and for all those for a shorter term than 30 years as well as the longer term.

"We also continue to run the transportation model and work with the consultant who provided the briefing to the City and County last week in the enbanc meeting of the big ditch crossings issue and the need for a 13th Street overpass. So there was a lot of preparation work that was done before that meeting occurred.

We also last month worked with several County Commissioners on developing this survey of farmers in Sedgwick County and I understand that survey has gone out now and we'll be reviewing the results hopefully and evaluating those shortly.

"In transportation, as I indicated, we worked with the consultant firm on running the model and preparing those results and the update of that major investment study that looked at 13th Street and resulted in last weeks meeting and apparent direction. I'll try to answer any questions that you have about the month of June. We have our detailed report as usual."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, Marvin. Commissioners, questions? Marvin, I only have one. You're not going to consider asking the County for a six month moratorium on antennas are you?"

**Mr. Krout** said, "No."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Okay. Relative to the City, are there that many applications in the incorporated area?"

**Mr. Krout** said, "There was actually only one application in the City that was pending, one application for a new tower. In that case, the applicant was willing to wait, it was Cellular One, and there is an opportunity for them to work with USD instead on rebuilding the tower at Cleveland School down south at Meridian and 235. But AT&T is trying to set up their new system. You may have read about them in the Business Journal coming to town. They had indicated to the City Council that they had developed their system working with the Planning staff and others and trying to maximize locating antennas on existing buildings and towers and minimize the need for new towers. What they aid was that in 37 of their 40 cell

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sites, they managed to find locations on existing buildings and existing towers. They were surprised that the moratorium was not just a moratorium on new towers, but also extending to include antennas on existing structures, which is where we have pushed people in terms of locating is to try to minimize the number of new towers by finding spaces on existing towers or rebuilding existing towers or building on top of a building. They were ready to go with supplying their system and now unless they can get the Council to reconsider the scope of that moratorium, they're going to be held back."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. That's all I have. Commissioners, further questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**E. RESOLUTIONS (TWO) REGARDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES.**

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE**

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**AND DELIVERY OF \$12,195,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A, 1999, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH.**

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have with me this morning a cast of thousands to support me and make sure that I don't go too far astray. I'm going to begin this presentation. This is a follow-up to an action that you took several weeks ago in which you authorized us to proceed with the sale of some bonds and some temporary notes for a variety of projects which I will explain.

"We are here today because we have conducted that sale this morning and it is now time for you to consider the results of the sale and adopt the Resolution which will authorize it and set the terms of the financing. I'm going to begin as I said, to talk a little bit about what projects we propose to finance and how we propose to finance them. Then, Joe Norton from Gilmore & Bell, our Bond Counsel, will speak to you regarding the bonds first, about the technical details and the resolution which set the terms under which we will operate this transaction and use funds. Then following him, Dick Layton from our Financial Advisor, A.E. Edwards & Sons will come up and speak to you about the results of the sales that were conducted this morning.

"We're going to talk first about the bond issue which provides long term financing for a variety of projects and then after we've concluded that action, we will come back and essentially repeat the process speaking about the temporary notes which we will use to finance some projects over the next year.

"The bonds that we're proposing to sale amount to a total of \$12,195,000 and with those proceeds we plan to finance two road projects located in east Sedgwick County, east of the City of Wichita, and a total of 17 bridge projects, which are primarily located in the southern and western parts of the County. You've seen these lists of projects before so I won't spend a lot of time going over them. As you can see, we're proposing to use 4.4 million dollars of bond proceeds for the two road projects and \$2,000,000 of bond

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proceeds for the bridge projects. Additionally, we are proposing to use a total of 4.5 million dollars for ten street assessment projects all of which you have previously approved, and 1.3 million dollars in round numbers of bond proceeds for 11 sewer projects. Again, which you have previously approved. Those four uses of funds arrive at a total of \$12,195,000.

"Specifically on these projects, in addition to the bond proceeds, we will be using a small amount of sales tax funds that have been set aside for bridge projects and we will be using a total of \$7,284, which represents pre-paid assessments on the assessments that you approved earlier this spring in which we sent out, as you know, the assessed property owners are given an opportunity to pay their assessment in full in advance of this financing and a few property owners have elected to do that. So we have those proceeds to apply towards the projects. We will use that total of \$12,750,000 as you see on this chart for the roads, bridges, and the Special Assessment Projects and a small amount for the underwriter's discount and the issuance expenses for the financing.

"Regarding the Special Assessment Project, a portion of the use of funds will be for the purpose of redeeming the temporary notes that were sold last year to provide interim financing for these same Special Assessment Projects. That in essence is what we are proposing to do with the bond proceeds. Now I would ask Joe Norton to come up and speak to you about the details of the transaction which are contained in the Resolution that you have before you."

**Mr. Joe L. Norton**, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., greeted the Commissioners and said, "As Chris indicated, we have a brief table here showing the basic structure of the transaction. What we are proposing to issue are general obligation bonds of the County payable at least the special assessment portion from those assessments that you have levied which will appear on the property tax roles of those people. The balance of the cost of the projects are from the County at large payable from unlimited ad valorem taxation within your bond and interest fund. The date of the bonds is August 1. The road and bridge portion, which is the County at large, will be spread over a 15 year period, excuse me, a ten year period with special assessments being spread over a 15 year period. We reserve the right with the owners of the bonds to redeem those bonds maturing in the year 2010 and thereafter in August 1, 2009 at par without penalty.

"We are able to pleasantly report that the rating agencies that we applied to, have confirmed the ratings we have had in previous years on our bonds, being Moody's AA-1, S & P AA, and Fitch AA+. I believe Dick Layton will talk a little bit more about the significance of those ratings when we talk about the receipt

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of bids. We're proposing to close this issue on or about August 20 of this year. The Resolution that you have before you, we'll talk about a little bit later, has been prepared by our firm, reviewed by the Legal Department, and will end soon. The information in that Resolution with respect to the winning bidder and the rates and so forth before you actually sign that Resolution.

"Dick, do you want to talk about the trends in the market and the bond sale?"

### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Dick Layton** said, "I'm not very high tech so I hope I push the right button here in a minute. Today, as we'll indicate in a minute, we had a very good reception for your G.O. bond issue as you have had in the past. We received a total of six bids, which I'll detail in just a minute. We thought it might be interesting just to take a look at how you've done relative to the general market on your G.O. bond and your note sales at least over the last five years. The sort of jagged blue line presents the weekly bond buyer index. This is an index of some 20 different general obligation bond issues that are outstanding in the market, in which the daily bond buyers sort of the Bible of the municipal bond business tracks and post once a week. So these are long term high rated general obligation bond yields that are extended in the market over that five year period. The square dots, if that makes any sense at all, represent the results that is the net interest cost yields that were made available to the County on its GO long term GO bond offerings over the period. As you can see, for your longer term obligations, you are anywhere from 50 to closer to 100 basis points below the index. So you are getting a better than market rate. That is due to both the very high ratings that rating agencies have accorded the general obligations of the County, as Joe mentioned. It is also due in part to the relatively rapid amortization of your debt, the terms of your bonds are generally a little bit shorter than the bonds listed in the index. But in all cases, you have done better than the market. The triangles represent the note rates you received over the same five year period. Also in comparison, as you would expect because of the shorter terms of those notes, the yields on those are even lower than the long term bonds. Today's results were not materially different.

"With respect to your bonds, we received, as I indicated earlier, a total of six bids, all from strong Midwestern and national firms. All of the six bidders, with the exception of the winning bid from Piper Jaffray, oddly enough, represented syndicates of several firms. Some of them with local branches, some

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of them without. But in the case of Dane Rousch, Dean Wittier, George K. Bauhm, Harris Trust out of Chicago, as well as Hutches & Shockey, had in each case more than one and in some cases as many as 15 other firms bidding in syndicates on them. So even though we only showed, generally speaking, the list of the managing underwriters, you can be sure that there was a good bit of interest underlying this bond sale.

"We also had extraordinarily high bidding. There was a total of only about 9 basis points separating the low bid by U.S. Bank Corp., Piper Jaffray, from the high bid, which as Dean Witter Reynolds, out of Chicago. For an issue this size, six bids, that is extraordinarily tight. What was also remarkable was the very low difference between the winning bid and what we called the cover bid, the second low bid, which was submitted by Dane Rousch Corporation out of Illinois, with Hutches & Shockey right on their heels, again less than a basis points difference between those. So a very active, competitive bid today. We got six good, strong bids, and a result at 4.73 rounded, that is considerably better than the index for today, which was a little bit over 5%. I'll be glad to answer any questions at the end. Let me stop now and answer any questions you might have about the marketing. I think Joe is going to talk about the actual Resolution before you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioners, questions on this item? I don't see any. You guys have done a good job so far."

**Mr. Norton** said, "Now it is time for you guys to do something. The Resolution before you today would authorize and direct the issuance of the bonds we've talked about, \$12,195,000, pursuant to the Resolution we have previously submitted to you again inserting U.S. Bank Corp., Piper Jaffray and the appropriate interest rates, purchase prices, and so forth in the Resolution. There are two actions for you to take today. One is to award the sale of the bonds to the lowest bidder, which is U.S. Bank Corp., Piper Jaffray, and to adopt the Resolution. You may do those in one Motion or two, depending on the will of the Commission. I'll be available to answer any questions that you have prior to you considering this action. We would recommend the action listed on the screen before you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, Joe. Commissioners, questions?"

### **MOTION**

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Commissioner Gwin moved to award the sale of Bonds to the lowest bidder, U.S. Bank Corp., Piper Jaffrey, the amount is 4.7298%, and 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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Item two."

- 2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$3,500,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TEMPORARY NOTES, SERIES 1999-1, OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS; FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CERTAIN INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE COUNTY; AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND DETAILS OF THE NOTES.**

**Mr. Chronis** said, "This item pertains to the temporary financing for special assessment projects. Again, you previously authorized us to proceed with the sale of temporary notes to finance a total of 21 special assessment projects, 11 street projects and 10 sewer projects. The amount of financing required for those projects is \$3,500,000. As you know, but for the benefit of anybody who might be watching, we use this form of temporary financing on special assessment projects to provide the funds to build the special assessment projects, which have been brought to us through petitions from developers in the community. Once we have completed those projects and know precisely the amount of the cost of the projects, we then adopt and impose special assessment and sale permanent financing which we use to redeem these temporary notes. That redemption will take place next year, approximately 13 months from now.

"Again, \$3,500,000 temporary notes is what we have put to market today. That money will be used for

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the construction and engineering costs on those 21 special assessment projects. It will be used also to retire some previously issued temporary notes on a few of these projects which continue to be uncompleted. It will pay the cost of issuance for the transaction. Once again, I will ask Joe Norton to come up and explain to you the legalities of the transaction that are contained in the Resolution that you have before you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, Chris."

**Mr. Norton** said, "Again, we are dating these temporary notes August 1 of this year, with a maturity and interest payment date of September 1, 2000. This will allow us sufficient time to go through the process with these special assessment projects like we've just done on the projects for this year's bond issue so they will be retired when we close the bond issue next summer. The security for these bonds, again we anticipate they will be taken out by your long term general obligation bonds and if for some reason they are not, they are secured by the full faith and credit of the County, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes. Because of this pledge and the nature of the County's credit, again we're pleased to report that the rating agencies have confirmed the ratings we've had in previous years on these notes, mid-one from Moody's, S & P is SP1+, Fitch is F1+, these are the highest ratings available on short term financing. Again, we anticipate closing on our about August 20 of this year. The Resolution that we have prepared and submitted to the Legal Department would have the pertinent information as a result of the sale, we'll talk about that in a moment, inserted. Dick, do you want to talk about the bids?"

**Mr. Layton** said, "Short and sweet, because the bidding on this was a little bit shorter and sweeter. We received two bids for your notes. One explanation for why you don't normally receive more bids. This year, as in some years in the past, these notes, because they've been sold in conjunction with bonds and the total has exceeded \$10,000,000, are not what the internal revenue code or what we actually call bank qualified. So a lot of the natural bidders for these, commercial banks bidding for their own portfolios, are sort of absent from the scene. We did, never the less, receive two good bids from banks who were not buying for their own portfolios, but for their dealer operations. One, the winning bid from United Missouri Bank out of Kansas City, including Commerce Bank and Country Club Bank as members of their syndicate, and one from CIBC, which is Canadian Imperial Bank Corporation, CIBC Oppenheimer. Again, notwithstanding the fact that you only received two bids, obviously the bidding was very tight, only 3.5 basis points difference between the high and the low. Again, we would recommend awarding to the lowest bid which Joe will talk about now."

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"One thing, I feel something like a fraud here. There were some folks who helped and actually did most of the heavy lifting on this project who should at least be acknowledged. My colleague, Diane McNabb with A.G. Edwards as well as Kelly Bowles and Robert Vesinich from Gilmore & Bell. I don't think any of us could have done it without those three as well as Phil and Darrel and all the good folks in the Finance Department staff. I want to acknowledge their help and actually the fact that they did most of the work here even though Chris and Joe and I are putting on the presentation."

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

**Mr. Norton** said, "Dick stole my thunder on recognizing my staff anyway. I echo the sentiment. For your consideration now is the actual award of the sale of the notes to the groups headed by United Missouri Bank, NA and adopt the Resolution, which authorizes the issuance of these notes in the principal amount of \$3,500,000 with the parameters we talked about earlier and entering the appropriate interest rates and information regarding that bid. Be available to try and answer any questions you might have. We would recommend you take this action."

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

### MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to award the sale of the notes to the lowest bidder, United Missouri Bank, NA, Kansas City, Missouri, interest rate 3.9517% and 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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Joe, thank you. Thanks, to everyone here who worked on this. Good bids once again. I'm always envious of how we are able to borrow money. Great! Thank you, very much. Next item, please."

**F. AGREEMENT WITH GABRIEL COMMUNICATIONS OF KANSAS, INC. PROVIDING DEFINITION OF THE LEVEL OF SERVICE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCESS THE 911 TELEPHONE SYSTEM.**

**Ms. Diane Gage**, Director, Emergency Communications Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Gabriel Communications is wanting to sale telephone service in the Sedgwick County/Wichita area as well as some of the counties surrounding our area. They will be providing primarily digital service to businesses and as they are providing telephone service, they are going to need access to our 911 system.

"The Agreement before you is the standard agreement that we have used for the three other companies that are doing something similar in our area. In fact, I'm looking now at two more entities who are going to be coming into the area doing something similar in the near future as well. Be happy to answer any questions."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Commissioners, questions? Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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**G. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH DCCA, INC. TO PROVIDE DAY REPORTING SERVICES TO JUVENILE OFFENDERS.**

Ms. Cecile Gough, Operations Administrator, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority has down loaded, to the County level, some of the responsibilities for the purchase of services fund management for juvenile offenders. One such service is the Juvenile Day Reporting Services provided by DCCCA. DCCCA provides community based supervision and intervention for juvenile offenders, which utilize a written contract to individualize goals. Participants are provided service for a one year period at a cost of about \$7,200 each. Approximately 110 juveniles are expected to be served during this fiscal year. The funds for these services are provided by JJA grants. Utilization of this contract is expected to remain constant with an annual historical usage of approximately \$800,000. We request the Commission approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

**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.

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF**

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**MEDICINE-WICHITA MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE  
MEDICAL SERVICES TO JUVENILES.**

**Ms. Gough** said, "Renewing this agreement allows a continuation of services of the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita School of Medicine, Wichita Medical Practice Association, which provides medical services to juveniles in residential placement with the division of Youth Services. This contract provides for basic health appraisals, medication management, and psychiatric medical management. The funds for this contract are contained in the County's operating budget for the juvenile detention facility, the Judge Riddel Boys Ranch, and the Juvenile Residential Facility. The annual cost of the contract will not exceed \$124,400. We request that the Commission approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

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**3. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.**

**Ms. Gough** said, "Our current agreement with WSU's School of Community Affairs has provided technical and administrative support to the Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. This amendment will extend the contract period for one year and provide additional compensation of not more than \$72,670 for ongoing services. The funding for this agreement is provided by the Juvenile Justice Authority grant funds. We request that the Commission approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions or comments?"

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "It says that the amendment extends the contract period and increases the compensation by \$72,000, what is the total compensation?"

**Ms. Gough** said, "I don't have that. The amendment is for the additional year. It is comparable to that amount for the first year, but I don't have the exact figure."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Are we increasing the base amount by \$72,000 or extending the contract and it is the same as it was last year."

**Ms. Gough** said, "Same, but an extension."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, thank you."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Amendment to Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**4. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER WICHITA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM, L.L.C. TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL SPACE AND TRANSITIONAL LIVING SKILLS FOR TEN FEMALE OFFENDERS.**

**Ms. Gough** said, "We're asking for this amendment to adjust the maximum amount of the contract to not exceed the amount of the Juvenile Justice Authority Grant that has been received for this purpose. The original contract was for a total of \$700,000 over a period of two years. This years grant funds were reduced by \$31,425. This amendment changes the agreement to adjust for the reduction in the grant fund. The funds of course are from the Juvenile Justice Authority grant and we request that the Commission approve this Amendment to Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Amendment to 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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

**5. FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2000 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET, TO BE SUBMITTED TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (KDOC).**

**Ms. Gough** said, "We've received notification from the Kansas Department of Corrections of this state grant award in the amount of \$3,118,859 for continued adult community corrections programs. In order to accept the award, the fiscal year 2000 category budget summary needs to be submitted as approved by the Community Corrections Advisory Board and the Board of County Commissioners. The Advisory Board approved these documents on July 8, 1999. We request that the Commission approve the submission of the FY 2000 category budget summary to the Kansas Department of Corrections."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the FY2000 Community Corrections Grant Program Budget and authorize submission to KDOC.

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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Cecile, thank you. It looks like you've been busy. Next item, please."

**H. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SUPPORT OF KANSAS FUNDING.**

**Dr. Corrie L. May**, Coroner-Medical Examiner, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today on a rather brief item and it has to do with continuing funding on our SIDS of Kansas Project which you know is a state wide organization. We are applying for a grant from KDHE in the amount of \$25,000, which will cover our salary costs only until February of the year 2000. Matching funding is provided by the Kansas Childrens Service League. I've brought with me today our newly hired SIDS Coordinator, Brenda Denton and we'd both be happy to answer any questions you might have."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "The state cut the funding for the SIDS program for the fiscal year 2000?"

**Dr. May** said, "Yes sir, for '99 to 2000, they did sir."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "That's not coming back."

**Dr. May** said, "No, unfortunately it is not."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "What was the amount, \$25,000?"

**Dr. May** said, "Last year it was right around \$45,000."

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**Chairman Hancock** said, "Is the program suffering state wide, is it like that across the board?"

**Dr. May** said, "Well, we have not really found a solution to make up that gap, but in August, we're going to have a state wide PSA campaign and hopefully this will give the program a boost and we'll come up with solutions for figure out that salary gap, Commissioner."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Dr. May is being a little modest. There is no program in the state. This is the program for the state. Sedgwick County runs the program. Before this program existed, the State of Kansas did not have a group or program to deal with this issue. So we have figured out a way, we thought, and a mean to address this issue using some of our staff and our expertise and Dr. May's knowledge of how it was done in other places using some of the state funds. They have chosen, the Legislature has chosen to adjust that budget downward. So we need to talk to them some more about that. There may be other ways in which to increase the funding for this program."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "So we went from zero to something to zero."

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Not quite zero. They reduced it by some \$20,000 or \$25,000. I'm not sure of the exact number. It is a tiny little program, not done in the state. We think we have the means by which we can put some coalitions together and give it a chance so that those parents and family members who suffer through this terrible thing can have programs that would assist them. Dr. May is going to continue along with the new director's assistance to make sure that occurs."

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess my question is then tell me Brenda about how you're doing so far and the referrals you're getting and have we given those messages to Legislature to show them the importance of this?"

**Ms. Brenda Denton** said, "I believe the Legislation knows the importance of it. We were required by Topeka to have at least 50% of the referrals throughout the state and we were beyond that figure. I'm getting referrals weekly. Got one the day before yesterday. I believe the importance of this program once the PSA's get out there, the Legislatures are going to realize that. I'm getting calls daily. I'm scheduled through September to do break-out sessions for public health administrators for social workers and a lot of organizations see the need for this program. I've really been busy and my calender is filling up with issues across the state on SIDS."

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I was confident that you would be when we first talked to Dr. May about this. I was sure that there was enough need here. So it kind of surprises me quite frankly that others have realized how important this is."

**Ms. Denton** said, "It is surprising that right here in Wichita, that we have families who have called because there was no where to turn and looking at those records and seeing that need and it was not being fulfilled. There is a great need for this program and I think it will be very successful."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "I do too. Thank you. Nice to meet you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, further questions?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Grant Application.

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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

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**I. CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR SALINA PLANNING MILL, INC. FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADDITION AND REMODEL OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY. CIP #1995 PB258.**

**Ms. Stephanie Knebel**, Project Manager, Capital Projects Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here to request approval of a scheduled completion for another contract that has been completed in connection with the detention facility expansion. This contract and this vendor required work of Salina Planning Mill to manufacture and install all the woodwork that is included in the detention facility, woodwork such as work surfaces and work stations and cabinetry and shelving. The Board of County Commissioners approved this contract in the fall of 1997 as we worked through it, we contract, so a modified contract sum and administering this came in just under \$195,000. I'm available have had to change orders to this for questions and I request your approval."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Good job Stephanie on that project. I know it is going well. Next item, please."

**J. KANSAS COLISEUM.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH MAJOR VIDEO OF KANSAS, INC., D/B/A BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO, TO PROVIDE SELECT-A-SEAT OUTLET SERVICES.**

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is our standard agreement for ticket outlet services for the Select-A-Seat system. What we are doing is changing from Dillons super stores to Blockbuster Video locations. What this has is a net effect of increasing our distribution pattern. We are picking up two additional outlets, one in El Dorado, where we formerly were not, and another one in Hutchinson. This will allow also to penetrate the markets of Salina and Ponca City, which we sell substantial tickets from eventually. We recommend approval."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Hancock** said, "John, how many outlets will that be, do you have any idea?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "We will eventually have I think 15."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "And this will be effective what date?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "The change over is happening right now. We're going to be going on sale Monday, July 26th, with the circus. That will be exclusively through Blockbuster. They will all be set up by Monday. We're having an advertising campaign, radio, television and newspaper that starts this Friday."

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Further questions? If not, Clerk call the vote please."

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.**

**Mr. Nath** said, "For the month of June, we had eight events, 24 performances, and our net revenues were \$64,500. Now in the summer time, we traditionally get very slow. The events stop. So it is a real good time to change your ticket outlet should you have to. Also, replace your ice floor should you have to do that. We are currently in the middle of that process. We have ten miles of stainless steel tubing, refrigeration tubing already installed. We're actually a couple of days ahead of time. We're pouring concrete tomorrow morning. So the floor will have time to cure in time for the circus in August."

"Highlights for the month of June. We had over 14,000 people attend the four high school graduations we had out there with USD259. And 8,100 people attended the Kansas Junior Quarter Horse Show. The floor of an arena was torn out and we will be ready by the 13th, which is the floor surface is backstage for the Oz Fest even though the show is outside, we do store some equipment inside for that. The back stage area will be cured and ready for business on August 13. Again, we have changed over to Blockbuster Video for ticket distribution service. It is really going to allow us to do some important purchase marketing we really couldn't do in the grocery stores. So I think it is a really good partnership. We went on sale last week with Lord of the Dance, one of the premier touring shows in the country. Right now, 51% of all tickets sold for that event have been sold either on the telephone or through the Internet. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you, John. Commissioners, questions. John, I don't see anything. Good luck on the change over, I'm sure it will be successful."

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**Mr. Nath** said, "It has been real smooth so far."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "We have good partners in Dillons, but I understand their position. They can't do thing and not make money on them if that's their business. I don't blame them a bit. I want to thank them for their participation in the past and I'm sure we'll have a good relationship with Blockbuster."

**Mr. Nath** said, "We're looking forward to it."

**MOTION**

Chairman Hancock moved to receive and file.

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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

**K. CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES (DESIGN) WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 618-36; WIDENING OF CENTRAL BETWEEN 143RD AND 159TH STREETS EAST. CIP #R-252. DISTRICT #1.**

**Mr. David C. Spears**, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item K is an agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants to provide engineering design services to Sedgwick County for the widening of Central to four lanes between 143rd and 159th Streets East, designated as R-252 in the Capital Improvement Program. Construction is schedules for the year 2002.

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The total cost of this engineering service will not exceed \$279,365. Recommend that you approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JULY 15, 1999 REGULAR MEETING.**

**Mr. Darren Muci**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the July 15th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are just three items for consideration.

**(1) THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA - FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

"Item one is a thermal imaging camera for the Fire Department. It was recommended to accept the bid meeting the requirements of Conrad Fire Equipment. That amount for the quantity of one, and we know there will be multiple purchases over the next several months, is \$19,400. There are two pages of tabulation and recommendation which follow.

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**(2) FOUR DOOR POLICE SEDAN - FLEET MANAGEMENT**  
**FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

"Item two is an additional four door police sedan for Fleet Management and the Sheriff's Department. It was recommended to accept the bid of Mel Hambelton Ford. That amount for one vehicle is \$21,875. This item was previously presented to you on July 7. There were seven vehicles purchased at that time.

**(3) MICROVOTE ABSENTEE VOTING SYSTEM - ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**FUNDING: ELECTION OFFICE**

"Item three is a MicroVote absentee voting system. This is an upgrade for the Election Commission. It was recommended to accept the sole source bid of MicroVote General Corporation. That amount is \$34,000. 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. Commissioners, questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, at this time, I would like to take an Off Agenda Item, please."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

**OFF AGENDA ITEM**

**Mr. Muci** said, "There was a Special Meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts this past Monday, July 19. There was one item that was presented for consideration. It was to accept the sole source bid of Information Builders Incorporated. That amount is \$32,096. This is a software upgrade and a master license for an annual agreement with IBI for Information Services. I'll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of this recommendation."

**Chairman Hancock** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, discussion?"

**MOTION**

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

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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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**M. CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

<u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Rent</u> <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
C99041	\$455.00	Jerry Blount

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

<u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Old</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Amount</u>
C62027	\$332.00	\$332.00
V95111	\$335.00	\$335.00

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V97049	\$207.00	\$000.00
V96079	\$207.00	\$205.00
V95117	\$270.00	\$168.00
C98044	\$322.00	\$319.00

3. **Appointment of Lisa Conrad as Executive Secretary, Board of County Commissioners.**
4. **Agreement with Advanced Appraisal Services to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
5. **Payroll Check Register of July 15, 1999.**
6. **General Bills Check Register of July 16, 1999.**
7. **Order dated July 14, 1999 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
8. **Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Aye

**Chairman Hancock** said, "At this time, I would like to recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners along with the Fire District until 2:00 p.m.

**N. OTHER**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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

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**BILL HANCOCK**, Chairman  
Second District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Chair Pro Tem,  
First District

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

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Commissioner,  
Fourth District

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

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ATTEST:

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**James Alford**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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