

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 4, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 4, 1999 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Bill Hancock; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Thomas G. Winters; Commissioner Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zuchovich, Director, Public Relations; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Jan Kennedy, County Treasurer; Mr. Bill Meek, Register of Deeds; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Interim Director, Information Services; and Ms. Heather J. Knoblock, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Dr. Donald L. Beggs, President, Wichita State University

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Salim Sattar.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATIONS OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, July 7, 1999**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of July 7, 1999.

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioners, you received copies of those Minutes and had an opportunity to review them. What's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 7, 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	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

CITIZEN INQUIRY

A. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY (WSU) MILL LEVY BUDGET.

Dr. Donald L. Beggs, President, WSU, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is my privilege to address you for the first time. The courtesies that the five of you and your staff have shown to our university and to me as a person relatively new, I'm not sure when you stop being new, but at least Fred Suderman has suggested to go through a hearing with the County Board might be a way to finish being new. For me, this is very important. We have a very important responsibility to the County in terms of your commitment to the 1.5 mill levy and our obligation to maintain the principles that are background to our mill levy. We work very hard to accomplish that. As I believe you are well aware, we have a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor, nine individuals who before we bring anything to you, we have the responsibility of working with them to bring the proposal forward to you.

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"Today, with me, is the Chairman of that Board, Mike Oatman. I've asked him to come with us to provide some information for you. As you are aware, we basically break down our mill levy into three components. We deal with our capital improvements. We deal with student grants and scholarships, and faculty and research development activities as they are relevant to the County and to the City. This year's proposal very much follows the guidelines of the recent proposals that we have dealt with in terms of meeting our commitments. We've had the opportunity to present the materials to you and in our opinion, we are very much following the documentation included in act of faith in terms of how we are presenting this to you.

"This is something that is truly unique for universities. As an individual coming to Wichita State University, Gene Hughes said to me, this gives you a way to work with the City and the County that you don't find in most university settings. I have found that to be true, but as I shared with our Board of Trustees, there are other developments here within the State of Kansas in terms of the community colleges and the universities all now reporting to one Board of Regent. Where there is a discussion going on between another regional university and community college, where they are talking about the model in Sedgwick County in terms of the mill levy and having something similar to our Board of Trustees. When I first heard the discussion, it didn't make much sense until I was able to talk to the two presidents involved. I think we are talking about a model that others may very well consider in terms of responsibility and with respect to responsibilities as it relates to the mill levy.

"From our perspective, not only do we have something unique, but we may very well have something that can be a model for others. To maintain that accountability, it is absolutely critical that we work with you and through the Board of Trustees bring forward to you proposals to show how we work together. You have the specifics in front of you. We'd be prepared to answer questions, but before we do that, I would like to ask Michael Oatman to come forward and share with you some information about the Board of Trustees and how they have monitored this on behalf of the taxpayers for the area."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Doctor."

Mr. Michael Oatman said, "I really just wanted to take a very brief moment on behalf of the Board of Trustees to tell you all in very simple terms, thank you for the partnership that we think we have with you. You've been very helpful to us over the years, particular the County Manager, all of the Commissioners individually have understood this partnership and worked with us in a way that's been very unique. As a volunteer, I can tell you that when you have a partnership like this that doesn't work, it is very frustrating for the volunteer. It uses peoples strength up and turns them rather cynical.

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"I have the privilege of serving on a very distinguished Board. I thought I'd share who they were in case you didn't know. Max Beetson, who is a former Chairman out at Bombardier, Joan Baron, Mike Burress from Multi-Media, who I know you all know, Dale Diggs from Diggs Construction, Bill Moore from Western Resources, myself, Mary Lynn Oliver, Marilyn Pauley from I think Bank of American today, and Jeffrey Turner, who is the Chairman, the CEO at Boeing. That is our Board. I wanted to assure you that a lot of time is spent in collaboration with the University finding ways to make the most of the mill levy funds.

"We see ourselves as a facilitator of the University's needs. So we have different budgets every year, different ways of allocating those monies. We found that we've been able to be quite helpful to the University. It is a very very unique arrangement. You should be proud, as Commissioners, of your role in this. I just want to tell you again how much all of us on the Board appreciate our very comfortable relationship with you and your advice and counsel that you've given us over the last several years. That's all I have to say. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions or comments? Dr. Beggs, anything more? I just want to say on my behalf and I'm sure on behalf of my colleagues, that it's been a good experience for us as well. I think we have an obligation to the University as well as to any organization, any company, in our community that guarantees our community a higher quality of life. We have done a number of projects over the years in terms of economic development. While I am reluctant to classify this as economic development, I think it serves the public in many of the same ways. It's been very beneficial not only to this unit of government and the City of Wichita, it has served the public as well. It doesn't matter whether you are a student there or you use the resources of the University, our investment has come back to this community many times over. We're very pleased and very proud to be a part of that. Thank you, for being here today, we appreciate it."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to receive and file report.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

B. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2000 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET.

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "Today is the last day for the public comment on the budget as we are about to adopt it today. It's not the last day they can comment. They can comment at any point in time regarding it, but this is the time the public hearing is scheduled for them to come and to adjust your thinking and give them the opportunity to participate in the process. I would remind you that the general budget for Sedgwick County as proposed included a lot of service enhancements, including some for public safety. It included some District Attorney officers, some court officers. Some adjustments to how we are doing EMS and 911. That continues to be a high priority for us. I would remind you that this budget for the public's sake is recommended at \$192,046,315, which would mean a reduction in the mill levy of 1.03 mills. I think this is the appropriate time for you to now allow the public to tell you what they think."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, thank you, Mr. Buchanan. Commissioners, questions before we begin? If not, at this time I will open the Meeting for comments related to the 2000 Sedgwick County Budget. Is there anyone here who would like to comment on this item, the budget for year 2000? Is there anyone here who would like to comment on the year 2000 Sedgwick County Budget? If not, we'll close the public hearing and limit comments to Commissioners and staff. Commissioners, comments, questions? I think everyone is just a little bashful this morning."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Mr. Chairman, I would recommend that rather than have comments now, since the public hearing is over, we would recess this meeting and go to the Fire District meeting, conduct that public hearing, and then conduct the Sewer District public hearing and then come back and go through the process of adoption."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, thank you. If there are changes in the Sewer or Fire District, do those changes all at once along with the regular budget?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "I think the first order of business would be for us to conduct the public hearings in each of those. Conduct the public hearing of the Fire District and go through their Agenda, which would be fine."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, very good. 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 9:20 a.m. and returned at 9:29 a.m.

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

D. ADOPTION OF THE 2000 SEDGWICK COUNTY BUDGET.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, we have talked about the budget over the past several months. As the budget was developed in the winter and spring of this year, it is a working document, it is fluid. It changes from time to time. There are some changes that we would like to point out to you now."

SLIDE PRESENTATION

"We have what we commonly referred to as the budget line. This allows you to figure out where we are at any given time during this discussion. Since this budget was adopted or since it was presented to you a month ago or so, we have a total recommended mill levy at the top of the page of 28.42 mills. We have a total recommendation of expenditures of \$190,046,315. We have since then discovered some additional revenues, which could be shifted around. We can't increase the total of \$192,000,000. We passed the last update. We could shift the dollars around and reduce the mill levy by, as the red line would indicate, by .19 mills more than the current reduction. We could add programs or enhance the activities that we are currently doing."

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"Please note that there are several things that have come to our attention right off from the beginning. One of those that I would like you to consider is the adjustment to two programs that are joint programs with the City. One is the issue of MAPD. The number is \$34,090. Another program that is of some concern to us is the Health Department. The Health Department we have discovered that some of the grants have gone away or haven't been accounted for in a fashion that would make sense. So to maintain the health stations, Evergreen Health Station in particular, positions, about five positions, need to be maintained. The agreement with the City and the County is that it is a 40/60 split. The inter-local government agreement about the Health Department is that the City would pay for 60% of the cost and the County would pay for 40%. So our cost will be showing up here. Those are the adjustments that we think we need to make internally.

"I'm sorry, I didn't do this before. You need to know where the savings came from and I didn't explain that to you. The first item is the savings from the bond sale of \$144,428. We estimate in January, February, March, how much, what the interest rate would be. We know how much we're going to borrow. We have a handle on that. We estimate what the interest rate will be in the first year. So our estimates are pretty conservative, although we try to get that a little closer. We are the beneficiaries of a very good financial system and excellent interest rates. So the estimates of the borrowing that we did for that year are \$144,428. Those of you who have been here before, know this occurs to some extent or another every year. There is usually some savings, sometimes more than that and sometimes less than that. The juvenile diversion program, we had budgeted in that for \$100,000. We have found another source of revenue rather than tax dollars, and that would come from a fund and some cash carry over from another fund that won't effect tax dollars and therefore that is an appropriate place to put that program.

"Finally, we had the benefits adjustment. Every year we look at the number of employees we have, whether it is families, health insurance, whether it is a two family health insurance system or single, and we process that information, run the numbers and as people come and leave, and with 2,400 employees, that is a fluid system. So this is the best guess that we have, the best estimate that we have as of a couple of days ago of what the benefit costs would be for next year, because of the change of personnel, we think there is a potential savings there of \$223,859. So those are the adjustments that we thought we would make for the budget for 2000.

Chairman Hancock said, "Those are the changes that we began with in the red originally?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "If you approve the two other recommendations that I made, the MAPD and the Health Department, that would reduce it to \$360,000."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, very good. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just a question I guess Mr. Chairman, on procedure. As each of us adds an item or requests an item be added for consideration, shall we kind of take an informal head count or consensus as to whether or not that item has support before we move on to another? What I'm saying is the Manager is suggesting MAPD and Health Department and I don't know if we need a formal Motion, but I could certainly support adding those. It is a procedural question."

Commissioner Winters said, "I think the last couple of years we've not taken a formal vote on each item. We've just drawn a consensus on the board. If someone is in disagreement, they may express that. In the past we haven't voted on each one of these individually."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Mr. Chairman, I just have one question of the County Manager. You didn't mention or at least I didn't hear it, did the MAPD request for staff also?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, this was for some aerial photography. There was part of a staff person. So yes, it is for two functions that we've since discovered that are needed adjustments to their budget and we're recommending that sir."

Commissioner Gwin said, "On those two items, just informally, I could support both of those."

Commissioner Winters said, "I could too."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Can I proceed?"

Chairman Hancock said, "Well certainly."

Commissioner Gwin said, "As you all know, we were presented with several suggestions for consideration. There are a couple that I would like to ask you all to support. By virtue of the support I saw from senior citizens in Bellaire and Park City and Maize, I would request that for the roving rural director for those senior centers, we add an additional \$8,750. Do I have support to go to the next one? Hearing no opposition, I'm going to ask another one. Although they did give me credit for wearing the same color of uniforms as a show of support, it just happened. But I would also like to add, on behalf of I think a very viable and important program for Foster Grandparents, the amount of \$7,800. Those are the first two that I would like to add. I'll defer to the next Commissioner."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to have added into the budget the request from the Oaklawn Senior Center increasing their budget amount another \$1,182. I took to heart the fact that they have lost a lot of money from their program. They have done, I think, a marvelous job in trying to make due with what they have lost and this is just a small way of trying to help them. That amount was \$1,182. I would also like to add the request from the Asian Outreach in an amount of \$1,716. I think these people are doing a tremendous job and I would like to have some support and help continue. Those are the only two that I would like to discuss right now."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "I have one, the Northeast Senior Center budget was cut in '98. I'd like to see them put back to the '98 level. They have some good programs and great participation. I'd hate to see these programs suffer because of a lack of funds. That amount is \$1,665."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Support."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Support."

Commissioner Winters said, "Yes."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "There are a couple of others I'd like to visit about. I'd like to start by talking about just briefly an automated rain gage system out in the Cowskin Creek Basin. The City has done some research with their staff and the community that Councilman Bob Martz and I are working on, the City is going to contribute \$60,000 to this effort for these automated rain gages and have requested that we participate in a like amount of \$60,000. With the Commissioners consent, I would ask that we add \$60,000 in for these automated rain gages."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Support."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Support."

Chairman Hancock said, "Tom, that will give the citizens out there to hear earlier what is happening."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Right. Getting the rain gage is only part of it. We've got to figure out exactly what you do with the information and how you get it. But right now, what was experienced in early April, it rained 4 ½ inches south and west of Andale. The folks out west of Andale new that, but nobody else did. So by late afternoon, we had a situation here in Wichita that wasn't damaging, but it could have been. So this automated rain gage system, which no one has really been planning on, we thought maybe we were going to be able to get some assistance from the weather bureau in a free kind of deal, but like a lot of things, that didn't pan out. So now we really do I think we need to have this automated system."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Anyone else right now?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I'd be glad to start the discussion on the requests that we had to consider the Art Museum. As you know, the Wichita Art Museum is considering, I guess it is your definition of major. I don't know that it is really a major renovation, but they are going to redesign and create a new front entrance for people to come and go from the museum. If you are there now, you realize that kind of finding the front door is kind of difficult. So people go in the back door. They really have a very innovative plan about how to create a new entrance for the public. I think of the renditions that I've seen, I think it is going to be a big addition to that facility.

"I know we traditionally do not make financial commitments to the Art Museum, but this has really turned into a real partnership with the City of Wichita and the private citizens raising the significant amount of this renovation project. They're at the point where the City has gone about as far as they can go. The fund raisers on the private side think they've gone about as far as they can go. They have really made a request from us for a couple of million. I would like for us to think and I know you all had some discussion. Some have been in the paper about our willingness to support it. I don't really think, I'm not saying this is my proposal. I think others have talked about this of making a contribution of \$1,000,000 to this project and spreading it out over five years and making it \$200,000 a year so it really would have as much an impact over one year. Commissioners, I would be supportive of adding that but I'll ask Mary not to type in the numbers until we hear if others are in agreement with that. I would consider this a one time investment in this project. I think the amount of private and public support it is receiving, I really think it would enhance that museum a lot. I'm going to be supportive."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "I'm going to be supportive too Tom. I concur that this needs to be a one time contribution for capital costs only. I don't think I'm interested in any future requests for operating funds or those kinds of things. There are certain things I think we do well, certain things that the City does well. Our partnerships with the Zoo and Sedgwick County Park and our ongoing partnership with Exploration Place, I think are things we do well in this arena. The City has always been successful in having a very nice and very viable art museum. So, for a one time cost only, or one time expense only, I can support this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "I've spent a great deal of time trying to figure out if supporting this large endeavor is the thing to do given all the factors that come into play. Changing the layout of the art museum to accommodate those that use and benefit from it seems to be a very good idea. What I'm not comfortable with is that it takes \$10,000,000 to do this. I have some real concerns about how this great expenditure of money with our limited resources will effect other museums in the County as well as other programs in need of money. A reporter called me last week and asked if I was going to support this since it was in my district. At the time, I had not made up my mind. Yes, this museum is in my district. So is the Cowtown Museum, which we support with County tax dollars. So is the Kansas African American Museum, which we support with County tax dollars. So is Science Exploration Place, which we've committed \$20,000,000 to over the next 20 years. We also have other museums in our outer communities. With this large investment and limited resources, I'm concerned that we might cripple some of our other museums.

"I've also thought that one of the best kept secrets in the Central United States is the Cowtown Museum. Partially a secret because we don't have the funds to tell anybody coming through town along our highways about themselves. We see billboards that invite people to go to Boot Hill in Dodge City. But we don't have the funds to invite them to stop here in Wichita, Kansas. The Kansas African American Museum is trying to get some of its programs off the ground and they have a good director with good ideas. But his funds are limited. I know they asked the City to help them with some of the funding. But now I am concerned that that will not occur because of the commitment they have made. If we make this investment, what do I tell other museums that have come to us and want to do some brick and mortar projects? I have to share that what extra funds we now have are tied up for the next several years.

"One concern I have is perhaps how this whole project has been sold. It is my understanding that the City of Wichita was asked to provide \$6,000,000, and the private sector was going to provide \$4,000,000. The proposed \$1,000,000 from the County is being credited to the private sector. To me, County tax

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dollars should not be counted as private contribution.

"Given all of my concerns, does this mean I'm not supportive of art? Absolutely not. I support the arts. Do I think the concept of changing the layout of the museum makes sense to better accommodate those that use the facility is a good idea? Absolutely. But I have to question that it takes \$10,000,000 to accomplish this. I was only presented with one plan. Because of these concerns, I cannot support this project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, further items for discussion?"

Commissioner Winters said, "I think we need to decide about this one, if it is on or off. I certainly appreciate Commissioner McGinn's comments. I think most of them were very good. I think I am going to continue to support this project. I think as we look at future requests, I think we need to just look at each one of them on an individual basis and try to determine the merits and make our decisions based on those individual requests. I don't see this as a request that goes to either limiting or precluding anyone else from making a request. I think I am going to continue to be supportive."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have to compliment Commissioner McGinn. This has not been an easy decision, at least for me it hasn't. Some of the concerns she has, I also have problems with. I labored over this. I guess you have to make a decision, does the good outweigh the bad? In my opinion, I think the Wichita Art Museum does have more draw than just within the City limits of Wichita. I would have like to have seen some alternative plans. We were only presented with one plan. Weighing the pros and cons to making this commitment, the only way I would have supported it was the way it was presented, that this would be a one time only capital investment. In no way, shape, or form, would we be involved in the ongoing operating expense of the museum. I will be supportive of this request."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner, as I will be. I think we're okay on that one. Commissioner Gwin."

"I have a couple more I'd like to ask for your consideration. Earlier this year, I was approached by a group from the committee building the Korean War Memorial over in Veterans Memorial Park. I'm not quite sure why, my war was the Viet Nam War. I was supportive of that project. I remember reading about the Korean war. But since I was supportive of that project to build the Viet Nam Memorial, I think they thought maybe I would be the contact to work on this and I guess I have been.

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“They're building a pretty elaborate memorial, which continues to surprise me because it is very aggressive fund raising that they're going to have to go through. I looked back at what we had done with County tax dollars on the Viet Nam Memorial, and thought that their request was very similar in amount and scope that those folks had made. On behalf of the Koran War Memorial fund, I would like to add \$13,000. I don't know really, where this needs to go, but I'm just suggesting that that amount come out of the Board of County Commissioners contingency fund. I don't know whether you need to say it out loud, put it in or take it out or what. Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manager.”

Mr. Buchanan said, "Just put it in here and we can make note of that and make the appropriate adjustment in the final budget."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, if I have the support of my colleagues on that."

Commissioner Winters said, "I support that."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Support."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Support."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "I'm still questioning your era. I thought it was World War II."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. This is going down hill."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioner Gwin must have learned to read at a very young age."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "She lied about her age to get into the service."

Commissioner Gwin said, "See, here I go. I have more senior programs to talk about. This is not a good day for me. One of the items I think you all noticed in the budget presentation was a program called Senior Companion. The Aging Council suggested a \$26,000 budget amount of only \$16,000. There was some confusion about state money coming back for that program or that it was going to be augmented somehow. We have come to find out that is not going to occur. The monies for this program are going to come from our community. Last year, their amount was \$25,894. The recommended amount is \$16,000 this year. So I am suggesting we make that fund whole again by adding \$10,000 for Senior

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Companion."

Commissioner Winters said, "I would support that just based on the fact that you get so much bang for your buck. You take a little bit of money and you get a lot of response from people for very little money. I'll be supportive of that."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Support."

Chairman Hancock said, "Very good."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you. The only other item that I have in front of me was also a presentation that we heard regarding Medical Services. This is the program that helps seniors pay for prescription eye glasses, medication, those kinds of things that in a lot of cases they have to make a choice between food or utility bills and sometimes don't have the money to get to these kinds of things. So this is through the Aging Department, a fund that I think is going to be important addition to the quality of life for seniors in this area. It is not a big addition, but in order to sustain them and to assist the growing population of seniors and growing needs, I would like to add for Aging Medical Services \$4,000. Thank you. I'm going to quite talking about eras, ages, or decades."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, thank you. Commissioners, further comments? Mr. Manager, I don't have anything but I do have some things that I will mention. I think Commissioner Winters has some more discussion of other items, but I'm going to jump in here at this time. The only the thing I have, I did have some concerns originally and maybe still yet, we'll see how it goes. That's the program in Risk Management. We'll have to review that as it comes on line. Unfortunately, in order to review it, we have to install the program and see how it works.

"One other item and I'm going to search for it and will readjust. I'm not going to ask to increase the budget to do this, but I'm going to search for the money otherwise. That is in Code Enforcement. That is the 24 hour capability for inspections. It is a pretty small investment for an important service. Right now, Code Enforcement has undergone tremendous growth in their responsibilities. It is one of those departments that pretty much funds itself. So as far as their capital important are concerned, I'm going to look for that upcoming, so please be aware and make a note that I'm going to be searching for \$25,000 to increase this budget.

"The other thing I would like to do is the same too and that it is another review and discussion of the salary involving the Director of Environmental Resources. I'm not going to change it in this budget, but I would

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like the attention of the staff and the Manager and my colleagues on this item.

"I think the salary there, although we did adjust it somewhat as that individual took on the responsibilities of the Executive Director of the Conservation District. I still think that it needs further review and put everyone on notice as far as this budget is concerned, the 2000 budget, but I may come back and ask for a readjustment there and that we move money from one department to the other, but no increase.

"One other item is I've debated in my mind a number of months now concerning our ability to bring on board here in Sedgwick County, individuals with highly specialized professional skills as far as Information Services are concerned and Public Works, the engineering staff there. We have made, in this budget, a recommendation by the Manager. I'm still not convinced that it's enough, but the difference we are talking about between now and 2000 and I think it is going to warrant full discussion, is something that we can probably maintain within this budget. Again, along with the other items, put my colleagues on notice and the Manager and staff, that the discussion probably isn't over. I want to continue that discussion very much and see what we can do about those positions.

I had in mind today of going ahead with the Engineer's recommendation, but I think I'll hold off on that and see where that takes us.

"The other item as far as this budget is concerned has been the Extension Council. There has been a lot of discussion concerning that over the last few months and what that looks like for us in the future. The Extension Council has been both a resource for us and a responsibility as far as the County is concerned. I think that the consensus today is to leave the budget alone if I'm hearing everyone right, and maintain the current budget for 2000. Is that what I'm hearing Mr. Manager? Is that where we're going with that?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "That's what I support."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Leave it at that level, but I don't know if this is the time. I'd like to take the \$200,000 for prevention and put it back in and let them use it however they feel fit."

Chairman Hancock said, "That's what I'm suggesting. This is the 1999 level, maintain that through the year 2000."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "With no dedication as to how some of the money should be spent."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Correct."

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Commissioner Winters said, "But that number is not exactly the same. It still has an increase in it." **Chairman Hancock** said, "With the \$200,000 going back in. Let me finish what I'm saying first and then we'll talk about the numbers. The suggestion was that we use the \$200,000 and dole it out to extension as far as prevention projects are concerned. I'm going to have to be convinced that prevention is the role of the Sedgwick County Extension Council and its agents. I'm not so sure that is the role they are going to have to play and the Council believes it is something they would need to look at in the future. Then I'll certainly listen. But I'm at this point not convinced that is the role. To me, the Extension has been bringing information from the University to the people of Sedgwick County and in fact all counties in the State of Kansas. It is a good program. This usually involves latest techniques, latest data, latest information regarding how we live day to day and how we improve our lives. We have dedicated, over the years, a lot of resources and will continue through programs for the disadvantaged and we now have just over \$1,000,000 dedicated exclusively for prevention funding, which I might incidently add the Extension Council made application for.

"We sat here and we just now gave, or agreed to give \$13,000 to the Korean War Memorial and \$200,000 a year to the Art Museum for a while. Those really don't relate directly to the disadvantaged or even to prevention funding. I think it is a legitimate function of the local government to make sure that quality of life issues are addressed and I think that is a legitimate function for the Extension. They improve the quality of life but they don't necessarily have a role or a necessary role in prevention. Because they don't, it seemed to me that we got a recommendation this year to cut their funding by \$200,000 and to put that category into prevention. I just didn't agree with that assessment of their role. So my suggestion is, as it was last year at this same time, that we need to reevaluate our relationship with the Extension Council and determine what role and what function they have in the County as far as we are concerned as a policy making Board. They may view it differently than we do. But once again, I would suggest that we reexamine our relationship, our desire to fund extension, and the reasons why we fund extension. I'm not so sure it is clear in our mind why we do that, but it's always been done. I'm not going to change that, but I am suggesting that we put the \$200,000 back in and not put any stipulations on that. Last of all, and that doesn't change the overall budget as far as I now. It may change the line item, but not the budget itself. You were about to say?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "You'll see that the \$200,000 is here as a special program. From what I'm hearing from the County Commission is that the \$200,000 would just be added to this County appropriation. I want to make sure that everybody understands that in 1999, the appropriation was \$906,000. It is not \$1,060,000. So that it is not the same budget it was in 1999. It is an increase."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "I concur with you. I think community crime prevention may not be my picture of what the Extension Council exists to do, particular as it relates to those at risk families and children that we've identified through many of our task forces and groups. I concur that the designation of community crime prevention funds needs to be eliminated and just \$200,000 moved down to the 5900 line under general purpose administration under County appropriation. I concur."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay. I guess the question is, is this our intention to change the budget from the 1999 levels."

Commissioner Winters said, "No. It would be my intention to leave it as it is in the Manager's recommended budget."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yes, \$1,060,000."

Commissioner Winters said, "Just scratch the crime prevention \$200,000, but leave it. That is what I would support."

Mr. Buchanan said, "What we're suggesting is that this \$200,000 be added to the \$712,000 County appropriation. So it makes it \$912,345. That's what you are suggesting Commissioner Winters?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "If I understand it, all we're doing is switching it from prevention appropriation, but the bottom line of \$1,060,556 stays the same. Mr. Chairman, I agree with you. I'm hard pressed to see that the Extension Council's mission should be in developing any type of prevention programing. I just don't see that as their mission and I would support taking that out of prevention so there is no illusion that we're in any way, shape, or form, encouraging or supporting the Extension Service to get into prevention programming. I think we have adequate resources for prevention programing. I would support your idea."

Chairman Hancock said, "I think there is a by-product though of what the Extension does. I'm not expert on what Extension does. I've been around Extension most of my life since I was a kid. Beverly is the expert here today. But it just seems the by-product is prevention. I just don't see our role as directly funding prevention programs. That's kind of what I feel about it. We really need to expend some energy over the next 12 months in trying to redefine our relationship and what our responsibility should be to the

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Extension in this County and what their role is and what we're willing to fund per our policy. The Extension may be different, but maybe we can get together in partnership and arrive at some kind of an agreement. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I was just agreeing with what you all had said already about the crime prevention. I think it is a different type, it is an indirect prevention. I'd had for it to get confused with the crime prevention programs that we are doing. I would agree also that we need to build our relationship with the Extension Council. It is a source of information and maybe we need to take advantage of that information for us as a County. That's all I have. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "I'd just make one comment about the Extension again. I agree, it is kind of a different type of prevention because I could probably make a pretty good case that they are probably spending more than \$200,000 on kids in some way, shape, or form. I tell you, it is just a rewarding experience every time I go to the Sedgwick County Fair and you get in those exhibit halls and you see these young kids setting down explaining to one of their leaders or some other Extension Agent why they've built this thing the way they did or why they made it the way they did. I tell you, it is a great sight to see these kids do that. They may not be the most at risk kids, but they certainly are kids that are benefiting from those youth programs that Extension is clearly involved in now. Again, I'm comfortable with Xing this community crime prevention, but I got to believe they are still involved in that whether we call it that or not."

Chairman Hancock said, "Absolutely."

Commissioner Winters said, "I guess we're all in agreement on the Extension. I do have another question if we're ready for another question."

Chairman Hancock said, "Sure, go ahead."

Commissioner Winters said, "Extension is staying as it is in the recommendation, just eliminating that one category. Mr. Manage, I have a question and I'm going to relate it to the County Commission budget but I see that you've done it in most other areas. We have some new items that have not previously been assigned to our Commission budget. You've done this in other areas. The retirement is now in there, FICA, health insurance, workers comp, computer systems haven't been there before and there are some other things that are now showing up in our particular budget and then I see you rolled hearing panel pay into the regular budget. Can you tell us why you've combined all of these in our department as well as

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others?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "This has been an issue and as it continues to be an issue with local governments about how to account for salaries and benefits. There were some specific reasons why this was the right year to do it. We've talked about it in the past, but to combine all those and let me just show you and the public in case they are wondering. You'll see that in previous years, zero for retirement, and this happens to be a budget out of which our office is paid. There is nothing for FICA in '99, and there is nothing for health insurance, and they're all accounted for over here, which is a significant amount of dollars. We've done that for every department. Chris Chronis, the Chief Financial Officer, will tell you the reason why it was important this year."

Mr. Chris Chronis said, "I guess when they get to the technical stuff. What we're trying to do with this year's budget is more accurately depict the true cost of our services in those individual program budgets, especially with regard to benefits. In prior years, we recorded all the expenditures associated with employee benefits off to the side in a separate fund so that what was recorded for the Board of County Commissioners budget, for example, did not include the full cost of the employee benefits that we pay for you and your staff. Similarly, what we reported for the finance division, my division, did not include the employee benefits, the retirement, the FICA, Social Security taxes and so forth, that are paid by the County for the employees who work in my division. So in effect, we were understating, anybody who looked at our budget would see an understatement of true cost of delivering those various services. What we've done with this budget is move those employee benefit costs into the individual programs.

"Now why did we do that this year? Well, the real question is why did we not do it this way previously. That goes back to the old tax lid that we were working under until this past legislative session. The tax lid, as you know, provided for exemption of a variety of expenditures of the County from that lid. Employee benefits was one of those exempt expenditures. So by segregating those expenditure off to the side in a separate fund, we were able to keep them outside of that tax lid calculation that the State required us to make. By eliminating the tax lid and replacing it with the truth and taxation provision that we will be discussing again in just a minute, by replacing it with the truth and taxation provision, the State has made it possible now for us to eliminate that segregation of expenditures for employee benefits that we had to do in the past years and now we can more accurately show the true cost of those services.

"With regard to your own salaries, in years past, for many years, the Board of County Commissioners has

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as allowed under state law, been paid separately for your activities as hearing panel officers, concerning the Board of Tax Appeals. We recorded those expenditures, even though you received those monies on your pay check, we recorded them as a separate salary line on the budget.

“When we got to looking at the budget, it appeared to us that it could be interpreted as some sort of a mis-statement of what Commissioners really are paid. That is, somebody who didn't know what was going on would look at the salary line for Board of County Commissioners and think that was their pay and if they subsequently found out you were getting hearing officer pay in addition, they would wonder why we didn't accurately report that in the budget. So all we've done in the budget is combine those two lines in your budget so that now, everything the Board of County Commissioners receive in pay, it is reported as salaries, single line. That causes the budget to show what appears to be an increase in Board of County Commissioners salaries from last year, or actually the current budget year to the year 2000 budget. But if you look down at the bottom of the personnel section of the budget which I think the Manager just put up on the screen, you'll see that there is a \$25,000 line item in the 1999 budget for hearing officer pay that is zero in the year 2000. That's the money that you have been paid all along and we are now reporting in next year's budget as salaries for the Commissioners. I think those were the questions that Commissioner Winters asked. I would be glad to address any others.”

Commissioner Winters said, "I think that addresses it. What I believe and what you're saying is that this more clearly reflects and easily what the total package is for us for both salary and wages as an entire department. Because when it is reported on the paper what our salaries are, you never know if they have added in hearing pay if they haven't added it, so this will clarify that. Then even as we go down here, if somebody else used to supply the computers to our office, now we've got an \$18,000 item on here. It is very clear that if the Commissioners are updating the system, it is clear to note that it is not just I.S. over there doing that, but it is clearly in our budget. I was just trying to think how I was going to justify that, well I'm not going to have to justify, explain, as we look at comparisons and that's what budgets do is compare over periods of time. As we compare this 2000 budget with previous budgets, it is going to look a little different."

Mr. Chronis said, "There are some fairly dramatic changes but it is because in the year 2000 we are trying to more accurately record what the real costs of the various programs have been all along."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you."

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

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Chris, I applaud what you're doing here. I think keeping it simple so that citizens can know exactly, and this is being done in all departments, they can easily find out exactly what the departments costs are. I like that type of report. I think it is more open. I think it is a way that citizens can really understand in a simple form exactly what it costs for each department. Even though it does reflect a substantial increase in our department, I think it was wrong, I understand why it was done, not to include the retirement, FICA, the computers and what have you as the cost of doing business for our particular department. I applaud your efforts on that."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioners, further comments? Other questions, suggestions, deletions? I have just one more."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just when we thought it was safe."

Chairman Hancock said, "I haven't been able to understand, and I'm not asking for an explanation now, but maybe as we begin in three hours our 2001 budget, we can get an explanation. The only thing I have is the Haysville Senior Center. I would like to put it back to the 1999 level of \$31,530. That's a \$5,500 increase over the recommended. That's the only thing I have."

"Folks out there watching or here today, it has been my experience that when the budget staff and Manager make a recommendation, to make a change like that, an explanation goes with it. I've been amazed sometimes that I would have spent hours contemplating the meaning of a certain change and every time there will be an explanation to go with it. I know there is \$5,500 someplace going to Haysville that I don't know about. If that's the case, I need to know about that."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Annette Graham has an answer."

Chairman Hancock said, "All right Annette."

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "There was that amount of money that was left over from transportation. That's why that cut was there. It would carry over."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Just delete that item then. Boy, they are really going to like me this evening in Haysville."

Commissioner Gwin said, "As long as it is the way it is supposed to be."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay. Further suggestions? At this time, the Chair would entertain a motion regarding the budget."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, may I make a suggestion at this point. There is \$52,000 of revenue up in the top that we have not dealt with. I would recommend that you put that in the BOCC contingency."

Commissioner Winters said, "So if we would do that then if we would make that change for that \$52,053 then we would end up at the recommended budget and that would be 1.03 decrease in the mill levy."

Chairman Hancock said, "That would be the minimum subject to technical adjustment."

Commissioner Winters said, "But this would mean that with the give and takes we've done today, we're right on target with the recommended budget that came from the Manager and Finance?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes sir."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, I'm comfortable with that."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So the recommended action on our agenda is appropriate numbers and everything else."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Do we have to make a motion on the Manager's recommendation of putting that \$52,000 into the BOCC?"

Commissioner Gwin said, "I would concur with that."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the 2000 Sedgwick County Budget of \$192,046,315 with

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\$71,008,980 in budgeted ad valorem taxes, which is approximately equivalent to 28.61 mills, or a reduction from previous year's by 1.03 mills, subject to review and technical adjustments.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Buchanan said, "I would like to thank the Board of County Commissioners for its assistance and help and patience through this process, certainly the Finance and Budget staff has gone above and beyond the call of duty to make this happen, and the staff that works with me and the additional information we require from time to time. It just made this process a lot easier. Chairman Hancock is not wrong, the process really doesn't begin for 2001 for about a week and a half. Thank you, Commissioners."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "I do have a comment. Chris Chronis mentioned the truth in taxation issue. I think it would be appropriate. I know we've all talked about that before, but I think it would be appropriate for the citizens again to hear why we are not needing to vote on the truth in taxation law. Maybe I don't need the long technical explanation, maybe I need the version that I and others can understand."

Mr. Chronis said, "Truth in taxation very simply is legislation that was approved this spring which requires local government to take an affirmative vote if in the subsequent year's budget they intend to levy more taxes than were levied in the current year, plus additional taxes that are permitted under legislation for new construction, for increases in personal property value, for changes in the use of property. By our calculations, Sedgwick County is well under the threshold that is permitted in the truth in taxation legislation. That is, the budget that you just adopted for the County, does not require an additional affirmative vote because the amount of taxes that you are levying to fund this budget are less than those taxes that are permitted under the truth in taxation legislation. The same thing is true of the Sewer District

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budget that you previously adopted. Now regarding the Fire District budget, there is an affirmative vote that is required and that is the reason that the Manager asked you to suspend that meeting and we'll come back and talk about that in just a minute."

Commissioner Winters said, "Very good. I appreciate that. I think we continue to hear about valuations and we know what happens to valuations in good economies. We have been a benefit of living in a community that is experiencing a good economic growth. I think it is significant that we've been able to reduce our mill levy by 1.03 mills. I think I certainly supported the truth in taxation legislation as it was presented. I think we've been able to do our budget this year with good intentions and good results. I appreciate the explanation. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The County Manager was nice enough to congratulate us as a Board and for our participation. I think, at least for my part, I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate the Manager, Chris Chronis, and their entire staff. This is my first budgeting process that I've gone through. They've taken pains to bring me up to speed on items. They've answered all of my ignorant questions, to educate me on the differences between a governmental budget and the private sector. I, for one, want to congratulate both of you and your staff on a job well done."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Further discussion? At this time, should we go back to the Fire District? Our intent is to take a five minute break to set up for a presentation, but do you want to do the Fire District first? All right. At this time, I'll recess the Regular Meeting."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Fire District Meeting at 10:25 a.m. and returned at 10:50 a.m.

Chairman Hancock said, "I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Clerk, item E."

E. ADOPTION OF THE 2000-2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) AND

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THE 2000 CAPITAL BUDGET.

Mr. Buchanan said, "The next piece of the budget process is to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan which covers the next five years. That program is budgeted in the year 2000 budget, but the Capital Improvement Program has also budgets for other years. It runs from 2000 to 2004. As you know, it includes many road and bridge projects and some building additions and remodeling in this facility and in other places. We have reviewed that with you and it has been part of the budget process and I would recommend you adopt it."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the 2000-2004 CIP and the 2000 Capital Budget with changes (if any) from adoption of the 2000 operating budget, subject to review and technical adjustments.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Chairman Hancock said, "Just for the public clarification. We've had a number of presentations regarding the 2000 Capital Improvement Program Budget early on. They come on significantly earlier before we really begin to work on our general government budget. Something that has always been a little bit confusing to me and it took me a long time to catch on to, while we try to chisel into granite our Capital Improvement Program and we really don't like to change it from year to year, that isn't to say that we don't. Items do come up and we do plan for those items that we do not anticipate. Fortunately, a lot of the stuff falls into departments where we have some ability to make adjustments. Sometimes it costs us a little bit more money, sometimes it doesn't. Sometimes our changes can actually save some money. It is one of the most important things we do and one of the things that we go over very quickly sometimes. To me, it has always been the most visible aspect of what we do as a county government. Anyway, I would like to tell everyone who worked on that, the Capital Important Committee, David Spears and his staff, Ken Arnold is here and his folks, thank you very much. We've had really great returns on our investments over the years as far as the Capital Improvement Budget is concerned. Doing a good job. Thank you, very much. Commissioners, anything else? If not, Clerk call the vote."

VOTE

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

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you, Commissioners. There is one person I forgot to mention the last time is Renfeng Ma. Really the guy is the glue who held the whole process together. He's back in the corner hiding where he likes to be. But he is really the operational brains behind this whole deal. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. I don't believe we need to do Item F, we've already done that. Okay, Item G."

F. RECESS TO ITEM C OF THE SEWER DISTRICT MEETING, THEN TO ITEM C OF THE FIRE DISTRICT # 1 MEETING.

G. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. AGREEMENT WITH HORIZONS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC. FOR COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE) TO PROVIDE TELEPSYCHIATRY SERVICES.

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item involves our child psychiatrist. As you may be aware, in other areas of the state, particularly the more rural areas, to get any kind of specialty psychiatry services which can be crucial there, are very difficult. So they in fact pay us for some of our child psychiatric time so that can be available. We use a teleconferencing system so she can actually see the child she is working with and make an assessment and prescribe medication and provide any therapy that is necessary. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. AGREEMENT WITH SUMNER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER FOR COMCARE TO PROVIDE AFTER HOURS MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY SERVICES.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, again for some of the smaller centers, it is very burdensome to have to provide 24 hour crisis coverage. Since Sumner County is relatively close to us and we have a very good working relationship with them, we have entered into an agreement where they will pay us to cover their crisis services. I would recommend your approval."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Debbie. Commissioners, questions on this item?"

MOTION

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

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

3. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE GROUP HOME RESPITE BEDS.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, this last item is an additional \$9,000 out of state funds to help the Mental Health Association group home where they are needing a sprinkler system within their facility and some other maintenance kinds of things. We've had a long term relationship with them and they provide a very excellent service for us. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

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

H. AGREEMENT WITH DUNN SIGNS, INC. FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT THE KANSAS COLISEUM.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is our standard agreement for advertising rights at the Coliseum. In this case, it is a trade agreement. Dunn Signs will receive advertising on the signs for one year in return for the manufacture of the product. This way, combining this with our pre-sold advertising to other vendors, we will be able to install an entry marquis along 85th Street and another one along Hydraulic. We recommend approval."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, John. Commissioners, questions on this item?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

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

I. TREASURER'S OFFICE.

1. PRESENTATION REGARDING STATUS OF THE TAX SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE.

Chairman Hancock said, "Good morning Jan."

Ms. Jan Kennedy, County Treasurer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have a little technological training here. It is my pleasure to give you an update on where we are in our procedure."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Is this a report that has been compiled by the Tax Committee? They are in support of a vote you're going to be presenting to us?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "Yes, this has been done by committee. I just got the short straw."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It was my understanding that this morning they just received a copy of this report, that they weren't . . ."

Ms. Kennedy said, "They received a copy of the presentation, but they had all previewed the report."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Ms. Kennedy said, "All right, we're done with this and ready to move on."

SLIDE PRESENTATION

"First of all, who we are. The steering committee is made up of the Treasurer, the Clerk, the Register of Deeds, the Appraiser, Information Services, Geographic Information Services, Finance and the City of Wichita. So that's who we are. We're here today because our three sub-committees, which were sharing resources, improving services at the point of contact, and creating new access methods. Every time we

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got into something, we found the technology deficiencies created bottle necks for us. Because of that, we have identified our system needs. We have made plans to enhance the system to meet our needs, which will be in house developed over a three to four year time line, when we'll be dependent upon Information Services having appropriate resources to met our needs.

"In order to build our future, we need to go back to see how we can share resources and to improve services at the point of contact. In other words, we started on this, we changed the focus to look at the technology, the system technology, and now we're back to developing implementation for those things that we can do. The no cost strategies that we can implement, that are not dependent upon technology. Then to be able to look at savings and the cost of technology.

"We are communicating. That may not seem like a big deal to you, but with our committee meetings, believe me, it has been a big deal. Both the Clerk and the Treasurer have worked with the Department of Revenue and had joint meetings on training for the Homestead. Plat maps from the Register of Deeds are now part of the GIS System. The Appraiser and the Clerk worked on fluctuations in appraised value for bond company reports and tax district requests. The Appraiser and the Treasurer are developing software to connect the hearing and tracking system to meet the needs of both offices.

"What we would like you to do is to enable us to continue looking at systems that are designed for counties and citizens so we can search and see what is out there. We'd like to be the best we can be. You may applaud at any time. Are there any questions?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Jan, last fall when I got elected, I came in early and was given a lot of reports and things to try to get me up to speed. As I understand it, back in March of 1998, the tax committee recommended some ideas we could go forward on and one was I believe cross training between the offices, sharing staff between offices to handle the ebbs and flows, creating one combined calendar with all the key dates and the tax system. Is any of that being done? Could you kind of give us an update of what you're doing in that area?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "We call it a tax calendar. We have all the dates for all the offices on the calendar, so cut offs that have to occur in part of the system are coordinated. We're doing that. We're not moving people. We haven't done in much in cross training because that is not a no cost alternative. That requires money because we have to have the training component in place. That can be done through our Human Resources Department, but it currently isn't. Some of my people are taking outside the County training

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as well as other department people. Our anticipation is we will be able to move them around within our department."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I guess what I'm trying to find out is what action have we done in over a year that this committee has been in place that is positive?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "We've developed, with the help of the consultant, a fairly complete itemization of what the system needs to do for us. That has not been a small undertaking."

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

Ms. Kennedy said, "I believe you have the report in your back-up materials where we have itemized the needs of what we have now, what we need, those kinds of things?"

Chairman Hancock said, "Yes, we have those, the action lines. I believe there are nine of them. Very good."

Ms. Kennedy said, "This is action item number two."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Winters."

Commissioner Winters said, "Jan, yesterday at our staff meeting we had a report from Management Partners, Inc. on the court system. There is still a long ways to go there too. I was pretty much impressed by the report that they gave that they are outlining for the court system and how it has taken a big cooperative effort between the judicial system, the D.A., the Sheriff, and other law enforcement to get their system. It sounded good. That Management Partners, Inc., they're the same consultants that are working with this group, is that right?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "So in this back-up, the action plan for implementation, that is what was prepared by Management Partners?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "Yes, that is correct."

Commissioner Winters said, "Where are you on this action plan?"

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Ms. Kennedy said, "This presentation is action plan number two."

Commissioner Winters said, "Have we done action plan number one?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "Yes."

Commissioner Winters said, "Do we have that? Maybe I haven't seen that. So if there is something that is in writing about that, I might like to take a look at that. I'm going to admit to you that I got a pretty thick report that I haven't really delved into, but it was my understanding that we hadn't done that number one yet. So if you could clarify that."

Ms. Kennedy said, "I didn't include that in the back-up, but I'll be happy to send that information. Action item one was after we came up with our design or basically our needs would be better, than each person who was on the committee was asked to identify five principle bottle necks in their area. We have done that and we did find some commonalities. I'd be happy to send you those reports."

Commissioner Winters said, "It is just kind of exciting listening to this report yesterday talking about in one of the court offices they had three full time people that were doing nothing but taking care of the filing system, either finding files or putting stuff in files or taking stuff out of files. By the system that Management Partners, Inc., came up with, that was reduced to one person doing it less than half a day. I think those are the kinds of things that would get the Board of County Commissioners excited, is if we could really figure out electronically how we can do really much more efficient work."

Ms. Kennedy said, "One of the things we hope to accomplish is to have less trees being destroyed simply because documents go from one department to another, usually in paper form. That is a technological solution. That doesn't have to happen. There are many things like that. Unfortunately, our departments are not, well I've been called a technologically deficient department and because of that, most of us are on phase three of the outlook project. It wasn't until maybe two or three weeks ago that I found out what the outlook project was going to be doing. At the end of next March, when that's completed, or at least that's the schedule that Information Services currently has, then the networks will be in place and we'll be connected to the backbone and that would give us the hardware component that we need to do the kind of talking to one another that we can without running around and without doing it with paper. The software component, that is one of the reasons we want to continue to look at what is out there to get the best or to see the best. We've looked at a couple of systems. Because there is both the imaging component as well as we all want to have the ability to search the database and to ask the what if questions. How many property tax accounts do I have right now today, personal properties that are delinquent? How many do I have that are real estate? How many of them are over \$10,000? Right now, I don't have the ability to

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ask those questions. But that's a software component as opposed to the hardware, so we're thinking since we know what we need and we've identified how to put it together, then when the hardware is in place, we'll be able to talk to you specifically about perhaps specialized software to enhance the system. Did I answer your questions?"

Commissioner Winters said, "Well, a little bit. I've got one other question and a comment. I guess the other question is, we've got a lot of committees out here and even I get confused sometimes. But you're reporting from the tax administration committee and we have a technical advisory committee who are the folks who are on the technical end of computers."

Ms. Kennedy said, "The technology committee."

Commissioner Winters said, "Is this committee closely connected to the technology committee?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "Actually no, because the technology committee has requested that we each turn in individual technology and since this is across departmental system, we're working with I.S. and they've been a strong supportive member of the committee and on the steering committee to provide us with information. I don't think that is the way we want to end up, with five or six different departments going five or six different directions. That's how we got in the mess we're in now."

Commissioner Winters said, "So your answer is yes. You answered no, didn't you? Are you closely connected to the technology committee?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "We're closely connected with Information Services in trying to come up with some plans as opposed to having individual departmental plans that are on file with the technology department."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I thought that is what the technology committee was designed to do, was to combine technologies of the three departments?"

Ms. Kennedy said, "That would be great if they did it, but that hasn't been the case in the past. We've all been asked to provide individual technology plans, which we've done. It hasn't been looked at as a system except in our group."

Commissioner Winters said, "I see our Director of Information Services back there, maybe she'll have a comment."

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Ms. Kennedy said, "Ah, she's going to argue with me I'm sure."

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Interim Director, Information Services, said, "Not at all, I never argue. I do Chair the Technology Review Committee for the whole County. You're right in that group, the charge of that group is to review all technology and approve those items and those directions before authorized for purchase. So as this tax administration committee is developing systems and new requests for funding in the future and that type of thing and working closely with Information Services to do that, those proposals will still have to go to the technology review committee for approval before they can be purchased. At this point in time, we're working to develop proposals for the future for you. So we will work with them. But thus far to date, the TRC, the Technology Review Committee hasn't reviewed what's been done so far. We don't really have a technology plan yet for this."

Commissioner Winters said, "Okay, thank you, Kathy. Mr. Chairman, I see Bill Meek, Register of Deeds is here and maybe Bill would like to make a comment."

Mr. Bill Meek said, "Jerry is on our committee also, which is on the technology committee too. Wayne is a great guy. He's the one who has helped us work this program up. In reality, here's the bottom line facts. The Appraiser, the Clerk, the Treasurer, the Register of Deeds, Wayne Chapman, are all pretty much, 99.9% in agreement of the direction that we're heading. Bottom line is, to make a long story short, I've been a lot of different places that there is not one person in this room who should not be able to pull up deeds, a tax record, whatever, strictly without a whole bunch of technical knowledge of how to do it. That's how we are putting this program together. Scott McBride is on there too. But this program is going to be a good program. It is a strong program.

"I just came back from Mericopa County and the way they do theirs is a way we may want to consider. Everything they have is on the Internet. It goes on with a bar code, like we're trying to set up that system. You can pull it off the Internet, but it is going to be minus a bar code. That indicates that is not an official document, it is just a copy of it. If they want official, then they've got to come down to the courthouse to get that. They charge fees for people, home owners are no charge at all to get on to the Internet, mortgage companies charge a fee for how much time they use in the organization. Finance companies, title companies, are all charged on a mortgage fee. They even went through their state legislature, which we have some ideas and we even have a bill written that helps us get technology money back into the County to help pay for this project. Literally did bring the money into the County to pay for the project. I've been working on this one for an awful long time. I think we can bring a lot of this money, of course we're going to have operating expenses up front, but depending upon what we can get our state legislatures to do, we can come up with this money. But the program has been agreed by three elected, which in itself is impressive, plus Wayne has really helped direct us in the proper procedure. Yes, will it save time? You bet it will. It is going to save tax dollars, time, and it is going to be a darn good program. It is going to be

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the best one I think you are ever going to see."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. That is my only question. I think the next time Wayne Chapman with Management Partners, Inc., is in town, I think it would be worthy to have a presentation by him either in a staff meeting or regular meeting. I think he did an excellent job in the discussion of the court system."

Ms. Kennedy said, "I'm sure we could coordinate that."

Chairman Hancock said, "While I have both Bill and Jan there. Bill mentioned visiting Mericopa County, is that the County that has the treasurer's fee technology implementation?"

Mr. Meek said, "It is for Register of Deeds. I don't know if it is tied with the Treasurer. They're all three tied together for some reason."

Chairman Hancock said, "It has done real well. As a matter of fact, it's been beyond what they expected as I understand it."

Mr. Meek said, "Yes, \$2,500,000 a year. It is a pretty good program."

Chairman Hancock said, "They've updated and instituted a pretty good system for the folks."

Mr. Meek said, "They have a system that will allow them, if they would get into the position Missouri is, way way behind, that they can still stay ahead of the game. The system is that well designed."

Chairman Hancock said, "Bill, you were talking about when you were speaking at the legislature, you were talking about going to them to institute kind of a fee here to help finance this."

Mr. Meek said, "Absolutely. I've even gone to our local authority here, our own regional office, and also our state office and explained to them how we are going to do this. Without question, no one has disagreed that we need to go and try to get this money, especially for some of the smaller counties who have no resources whatsoever."

Chairman Hancock said, "I always wondered how it is that they could be so far on this kind of thing and so far behind in law enforcement there. Commissioner Winters."

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Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Mr. Chairman, we did hear from the Register of Deeds and Treasurer. The County Clerk, James Alford, needs to be recognized as being in the audience. If he disagrees with anything the two others said, it may be a good time to say it. I did want to recognize you James as being in the audience today and part of this discussion."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioners, further questions or comments? Jan, anything else? As far as this item is concerned, keep going. We all thought about making radical drastic changes a couple of years ago and I think this is a result of it. We congratulate you on the work you've done and encourage you to move forward. I think it is a very good plan. Good idea."

Ms. Kennedy said, "It is pretty exciting. I will say that the discussions from time to time got very heated and it is from that process I think what we are going to end up with is going to in the long run avoid some of the courthouse shuffle and problems and frustrations that occur to tax payers because our system is convoluted and complicated. We may not be able to, because we don't have legislative authority to address some or all of the complications more than one at a time. If we on our part are working to make it easier for the tax payer, I think we will be able to develop ways to deliver those services that are more inexpensive and not of any cost to the complexity of the system. Those are kind of our goals."

Chairman Hancock said, "If there is legislative needs, you need to quickly identify those for the upcoming session and them to us and we'll put them on our list and begin some work on those."

Ms. Kennedy said, "For example, the technology fund and several of those things could be addressed at the legislative level now."

Chairman Hancock said, "Very good. Commissioners, further questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, "Jan, you want us to take an Off Agenda Item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Ms. Kennedy said, "We have been contacted by the Kansas Department of Revenue. I say we, I mean

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the Clerk and I, from their Information Services Department. They are working on a project where they can instantly communicate with all the Clerks and Treasurers across the state. What this will involve is they're placing a PC in our offices to hook us up through KanWin in their offices. They want to do this. They want to actually provide this equipment and the means to communicate for us. They have requested that we return to them our agreement or disagreement with this project and this is to allow us area wide connectivity through the state, which would help us with all kinds of things we deal with them on. However, their deadline for us to report back is August 13, and if we put this on the agenda next Monday, we wouldn't be on the meeting until after this deadline. So we would beg your permission to allow us to go ahead and affirmatively respond to them. This does require a Commissioner to sign the document. If you would consider that, we would appreciate it."

Mr. Buchanan said, "This seems to make sense and you certainly don't want to look a gift horse in the mouth but sometimes you need to. What I would propose is that you approve this contingent upon the Director of Operations and the Chairman, give him the authorization to sign. Kathy Sexton needs to examine if there are any difficulties about having the computer, what that means. Contingent upon a review and we can have that done in a day or two."

Chairman Hancock said, "So what happens if I get a report from them that says this is really a bad deal?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "Then you can sign it or not sign it."

Chairman Hancock said, "My choice? You got a deal."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Kansas Department of Revenue wide area connectivity project document after recommendation conferring with the Director of Operations.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin

Aye

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

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

2. WAIVER OF POLICY TO HIRE A CHIEF DEPUTY AT RANGE 24, STEP 13 AND A DEPUTY AT RANGE 23, STEP 8.

Ms. Kennedy said, "I've been trying to hire a Chief Deputy and a Deputy and I have found very qualified people that would be able to fulfill and meet the expectations of those positions, but unfortunately our salaries are not market level. I only have the authority to bring someone in at a step 3 so I'm asking that you consider waiving that policy so that qualified people can actually assume these positions. I feel that it is legitimate to fund these positions from the auto tag, which is a non-tax fund, because I have oversight and daily responsibilities in the tag office and these people are going to be quite involved in systematic work that needs to be done over there. So I am suggesting that rather than seeking additional general fund money, that I provide the money for these positions from the auto tag office if you would permit me to do so."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the policy waiver.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

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

J. PRESENTATION REGARDING RESTRUCTURING THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FUNCTION, INCLUDING DELETIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE STAFFING TABLE.

Mr. Buchanan said, "We have been discussing this issue for a number of weeks. The proposal is that we have a number of positions that we want to add and delete. What we would be doing, although we don't necessarily like to use people's names, sometimes it is easier to identify them in that manner. The action today is requesting that you would delete not these people, but the position. It is not our intent to delete people. Sorry, it was a bad joke. Delete these two positions on those dates and then add these positions, the Director of Communications, the Communications Coordinator, the part time graphics artist and the part time writer. That will then provide us the staff necessary to carry out this function. The clerical staff will stay in place and be, as you know, some of those folks will be transferred to other functions if and when you approve this action and activate it first. It would be my recommendation Commissioners that you approve this deletion and addition of the staffing tables and approve the restructuring of the public relations function in the fashion presented."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the proposed restructuring.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Chairman Hancock said, "I know we've had some difficulty with this and I want to wish you good luck on restructuring and hope the mission that we've always intended for them can be carried out. Appreciate your efforts."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Thank you."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Call the vote, please."

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, "Next item."

K. PUBLIC WORKS.

1. AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, P.A. FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STAKING SERVICES FOR THE HUNTINGTON POINTE ADDITION STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DISTRICT #2.

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Mr. Weber wouldn't be here this morning. He had to meet with some citizens at Brookhaven on a sewer project. In Item K-1, we're requesting your approval of an agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants for design and constructing staking services for the Huntington Pointe Addition Street Improvements Project. The cost of this work will not exceed \$15,200. All costs of the project are to be paid by the benefited properties through special assessments. We request your approval of the recommended action."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, David. Commissioners, questions on this item? If not, 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	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

2. AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, P.A. FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE SAVANNA 9TH ADDITION, PHASE #1, STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, DISTRICT #1.

Mr. Spears said, "In Item K-2, we are requesting your approval of an agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants for inspection services on Phase 1 of the Savanna 9th Addition street improvement project. The cost of this work will not exceed \$51,544.70. All costs of the project are to be paid by the benefited properties through special assessments. We request your approval of recommended action."

MOTION

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

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

VOTE

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

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

**3. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR INSPECTION OF BRIDGE PIN AND HANGER SUPPORT SYSTEMS.
DISTRICTS #3 AND #4.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item K-3 is an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to due in depth ultrasonic inspection of bin and hanger assemblies on six bridges in Sedgwick County. This inspection program began in 1988 and will continue into the future as we monitor these bridges. The cost will be shared by both parties at an 80/20 split. Sedgwick County's share or 20% will be \$3,604.80. I recommend that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

- 4. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE, WITH WILDCAT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 814-N-3110; BRIDGE ON ZOO BOULEVARD OVER THE WICHITA/VALLEY CENTER FLOODWAY CIP#B-408. DISTRICT #3.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item K-4 is a modification of plans and construction for the bridge on Zoo Boulevard over the Wichita/Valley Center floodway, designated as B-408 in the Capital Improvement Program. This modification is for the milling and overlay of the existing bridge deck. The extent of this deterioration was not identified during plan preparations because the City of Wichita was utilizing this portion of the bridge for construction activities including equipment storage and material stockpiles. The immediate reconstruction of the bridge deck will allow us to save cost and eliminate traffic detours in the near future. There will be a net increase of \$123,827.30. We recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions or comments on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

Chairman Hancock said, "David, just one question. When will the total project be done on that 13th modification?"

Mr. Spears said, "We estimate at the end of December."

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Chairman Hancock said, "There is hope there yet."

Mr. Spears said, "There is hope there. They have 110 working days. The main gas line that serves the west side, anything west of the floodway was removed from the bridge. It is going to be put on the railroad bridge. That was accomplished this past week. So we are getting ready to get under way full speed."

Chairman Hancock said, "Merry Christmas to the west siders. You can get home now before Christmas. Clerk, call the vote, please."

VOTE

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

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

5. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN STREETS TO THE MINNEHA TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #1.

Mr. Spears said, "It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision in accordance with County standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case, Ridgehurst, Stratford and Sharon, located in Brookhaven Estates 2nd Addition, will become the responsibility of Minneha Township. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

6. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING A CERTAIN STREET TO THE GARDEN PLAIN TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Spears said, "It is standard procedures that after a road is constructed within an unplatted residential subdivision in accordance with County standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. In this particular case, 227th Street West located just north of 21st Street North will become the responsibility of Garden Plain Township. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Spears said, "Thank you."

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

L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JULY 29, 1999 REGULAR MEETING AND JULY 30 SPECIAL MEETING.

Mr. David Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "First you have minutes from the July 29 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are five items for consideration.

(1) STREET IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

"Item one, street improvement for Public Works, Springdale East, 2nd Addition. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Central Paving. That amount is \$139,634.25.

(2) SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

"Item two, various sanitary sewer improvement for Public Works and for the Garden Meadow Addition. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Nowak Construction. That amount is \$19,899.

(3) PRECAST RCB - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

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"Item three, precast RCB or reinforced concrete boxes for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of McPherson Concrete Products. That amount is \$22,309.37.

**(4) SIMS II UPGRADE - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
FUNDING: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES**

"Item four, SIMS upgrade or computer memory upgrade for Emergency Communications. It was recommended to accept the sole source bid of Motorola, that would allow compliance with the County's current radio system. That amount is \$51,252.

**(5) CAMA SOFTWARE SUPPORT - INFORMATION SERVICES
FUNDING: INFORMATION SERVICES**

"Item five, the CAMA software support for Information Services and the Appraiser's Department. It was recommended to accept the sold source bid of Cole-Layer-Trumble Company. That amount is \$20,650. I'll be happy to take questions of the Minutes provided by the Board of Bids and Contracts for July 29."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommendation of the Board of Bids and Contracts for the July 29 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Hancock said, "Next item."

Mr. Muci said, "On July 30, a Special Meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts was held. There are three items for consideration from that meeting.

(1) DEMOLITION OF VACATED PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING - FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

"Item one is modification to the contract for the demolition of the vacated Public Works building. It was recommended to accept the modification in the amount of \$1,206. The total amount to Bradburn Wrecking was \$24,806.

(2) SNAPSHOT COPY SOFTWARE - INFORMATION SERVICES
FUNDING: EQUIPMENT RESERVE

"Item two, snapshot copy software for Information Services. It was recommended to accept the alternate bid of Storage Technology Corporation. That amount is \$206,200. If I can turn your attention to the two following pages, one is a memo analyzing the bids and the second one is a rather lengthy spread sheet identifying the costs. The Storage Tech, option 2, allows for the purchase and trade in for an existing piece of equipment and as you will see in the bottom right hand corner, there is a tremendous savings to Sedgwick County over the life cycle cost of the acquisition cost of this project. So the initial cash outlay is \$206,200, but we anticipate a \$95,000 plus of savings over the course of these five years.

(3) ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR TAG OFFICE - 200 W. MURDOCK - AUTO LICENSE
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

"Item three, roof replacement for the tag office at 200 W. Murdock. It was recommended to accept the negotiated bid of Larry Booze Roofing. That amount is \$35,650. Commissioners, I'll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes from the July 30 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you Darren. Commissioners, questions on any of these items?"

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts from their July 30 Special Meeting.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

M. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 809-J, K, L; Tyler Road between 29th and 53rd Streets North. CIP #R-217. District #4.

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- b. Three Real Estate Purchase Contracts for land acquisition in connection with the Railroad Grade Separation at Seneca and Grand Avenue in Haysville. CIP #I-78. District #2.
- c. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 644-15-3725, Bridge on 103rd Street South between 167th and 183rd Streets West. KDOT Project No. 87-C-3043-01. CIP #B-218. District #3.

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
V98036	\$128.00	\$325.00
V872020	\$61.00	\$208.00
C99038	\$424.00	\$000.00
V99034	\$421.00	\$94.00
V98029	\$000.00	\$113.00

3. Agreement with RISE, Inc. to provide vendor with Developmental Disability Community Service Provider status.

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4. Application for License to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages.

Applicant Name d/b/a

Merlyn D. Oblander Big Events LLC

5. Plat.

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

Winter Farm Addition

6. General Bills Check Register of July 30, 1999.

7. Payroll Check Registers for July 30, 1999.

8. Budget Adjustment Requests.

Mr. Buchanan said, "Commissioners, you have the consent agenda before you. We failed to put in an order dated July 28, 1999, to correct a tax role or change of assessment. I would recommend that you approve the Consent Agenda as presented with that addition."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Is there further business? If not, we're adjourned."

P. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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