

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 22, 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 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. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Office, Division of Community Development; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Marsha Gasper, Interim Administrator, Regional Forensic Science Center; Ms. Shawne Morgan, Management Intern, County Manager's Office; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Director, Operations; Ms. Jane Moralez, Compensation Specialist, Division of Human Services; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Jim Weber, P.E., Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance; Mr. Marv Duncan, Fleet Management; and Ms. Heather J. Knoblock, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Caroline Hosford, Solid Waste Committee
Mr. Jeremy Artis, Vice-President, General Manger, NMF America

INVOCATION

The Commissioners stood for a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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AWARD PRESENTATION

A. **SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA PUBLIC EDUCATION EXCELLENCE SILVER AWARD FOR 1999.**

Ms. Susan Erlenwein, Director, Environmental Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Once a year, the Solid Waste Association of North American, known as SWANA, awards organizations for excellence in various areas of solid waste management. This year, Sedgwick County Environmental Resources has been selected to receive the 1999 Public Education Excellence Silver Award. This award is for outstanding public education including creativity, design, and use of resources. We will actually receive the award October 21 at the International SWANA Meeting in Reno, Nevada.

"I talked to various members who have been with SWANA a long time. They say this is a highly coveted award, and hard to achieve this award. I think it just goes to show what we've known all along, that Caroline Hosford and Joe Renfro of my department do excellent work. They are very creative. They've created inserts that have been in the newspaper, such as these, billboards, TV and radio ads, and many other environmental programs. So it is due to their hard work that we are receiving this national award. I think it speaks well of Sedgwick County and of Caroline and Joe's work. I'd like to congratulate them and see if one of them would like to come up and say something."

Ms. Caroline Hosford said, "Thank you, very much. I would like to recognize the input that the Education Subcommittee of the Solid Waste Management Committee has given to us. We know we've got a long ways to go in this whole educational process. It is gratifying to be recognized for the work that we've done so far and we appreciate it. Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Caroline, good work."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Once you go for your plaque, you'll bring it back and we can celebrate that too?"

Ms. Hosford said, "Oh you bet."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Congratulations, to all of you."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Susan, first of all, congratulations, this is tremendous. It just brought me to rethink something. Could there be a possibility of maybe in a couple of weeks that you could come back to us and kind of give us an update on our solid waste plan. I've had a couple of questions from my constituents of where we're going with it and I'm kind of foggy too. Maybe an update to let us know if we're on track, on time table, and what have you."

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Yes, I will."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Great, thanks."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Susan. Congratulations! Have a good time. Are all of you going to Reno?"

Ms. Erlenwein said, "Yes, because it is not just a good time, there are also technical sessions and field trips to look at transfer stations, landfills, and that. Hope we'll learn a lot at that convention."

Chairman Hancock said, "I know it has been a long haul and a difficult one. It's been a learning process for all of you as well as for us, more so you that's on your back more sometimes to perform. We're very proud of you. Thank you, very much. At this time, the Chair would entertain a Motion."

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Bill Hancock

Aye

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

PUBLIC HEARING

B. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY FIVE-YEAR AND ANNUAL PLANS.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director of Housing Office, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to talk about the changes at the 1998 Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act will bring to the Sedgwick County Housing Authority. This act was designed to give tenants on a very limited income greater choice in housing, allow housing authorities to address the needs in their jurisdictions, and increase accountability and reward effective managers of housing authorities.

"In 2000, Housing Authorities will submit a five-year plan that will consist of a mission of their agency, goals and objectives, and an annual plan that accesses housing needs in their areas and develops strategies on how they are going to meet those needs and then also the regular agency policies. Sedgwick County Housing Authority covers all of Sedgwick County except the City of Wichita, Butler and Harvey counties. We have 273 certificates and vouchers that we can use for rental assistance. This program, the Housing Act, is merging these certificates and vouchers to an all voucher program. Our mission is to promote healthy communities by increasing safe, fair, and affordable housing and developing economic opportunities for individuals living on very low annual incomes.

"Our goals and objectives briefly. Our first goal is to provide rental assistance to eligible tenants. One of the changes in this program is to offer rental assistance to extremely low income people. Seventy-five percent of all the assistance we give has to be directed to those people. So a family of four would have a maximum income of \$15,000 a year. The remaining quarter of the program participants can have an annual income of \$25,000 a year for a family of four. The second objective is to facilitate a home ownership program. We're kind of going outside the guidelines of the strict act. The act hasn't finalized the regulations but people can buy . . . it is for public housing agency, actually the tenants can buy the homes they live in. There are a variety of home ownership programs available and we think that probably, this is a low goal, but we're going to try to exceed this, at least one person a year buying a house of their own. So a person on 50% of the area's median income doesn't have a lot to work with, but there are

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programs available for down payment and closing cost assistance.

"The second goal is to educate landlords and tenants. We have a lot of questions, a lot of calls into our office. We're going to address those questions quickly, keep current information, and have a web page by the end of the month, mail a news letter out two times a year to our stakeholders, and alert people of program changes and housing issues. I feel like if we can keep everybody informed they'll be a lot happier.

"A third objective is to recruit more property owners. That will give tenants more housing choices, give tenants a place to start if we can hand them a list and say we've got all these places to pick from. People can live any where they want, this is just kind of a start for them. We'll do recruitment three times a year and encourage diversity.

"Our third goal is to establish Sedgwick County Housing Authority as a housing resource. I can't believe this. There are people in this County who don't know that Sedgwick County offers housing. We're going to change that. I switched these. I'm going to be objective two as the first one. I'm an advocate of what I'm going to call destination phone referrals. When you call for information it shouldn't be a journey. Our goal is to have information so we can direct people to the right number and not keep them in the loop, in that journey for information. If we don't know the answer, we'll look it up or refer them to someone who does. The second thing is to collaborate with other agencies. We'll facilitate four meetings a year, strengthen projects through collaboration rather than duplicating services.

"Our fourth goal is to effectively implement the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, and establish a landlord tenant focus group to help us assess how the program goes. That way, if we need to make changes in 2001, we can do that. We can have accurate information. We can meet the needs that are there rather than what we think might be the needs.

"Some of the changes, again the income targeting has changed. Currently, we're to address people at or people 50% of the area median income. Actually, most of the clients we serve are at or below 30% of the areas median income. We will adopt some local preferences, the Federal Housing preferences have been abolished, but they've made allowance if there is a need in a community, you can address those. We're going to have a preference for victims of domestic violence and persons with disabilities. We're going to screen applicants with background checks. It is the landlord's responsibility to screen a tenant if they choose for back rent, their rental history. We're going to screen people for criminal activity. Anybody who has a conviction within the last three years will not be admitted for housing. This is to keep

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people who have a history of drug abuse or violent behavior out of the housing program. We can also disapprove owners who have refused or have a history of refusing to evict tenants for drug related or violent crimes that threatens the health, safety, and right of peaceful enjoyment for people who live around them.

"We have had our agency plan on display in our office for the last 45 days. We are here to hold a public hearing and if there are no comments from the public hearing, to ask you to adopt the plan."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I can wait until after the public hearing."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay, thank you. At this time, I'll open the meeting for public comment regarding the Housing Authority five-year plan and annual plans to be submitted. Is there anyone who would like to comment on those plans? Is there anyone here who would like to comment on Item B? If not, we'll close the public hearing and limit comments to staff and Commissioners. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Brad, just as a suggestion as far as being able to promote and get the information out to the public of the services that we have, I want to suggest you talk to Kristi Zuchovich. We recently have gotten a block of cable television spots for use through Multi-Media cable television, and I'm sure you can come up with some other ideas of how we can effectively get some of this information out. I think what we're doing here is fantastic and now it is incumbent upon us to make sure that people who are in need gets the message. I would encourage you to visit with her. Thank you. That's all I have."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a couple of clarification questions. For the public's edification, Sedgwick County doesn't own any of this housing, is that correct?"

Mr. Snapp said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Gwin said, "We identify landlord who want to participate in this program, is that correct?"

Mr. Snapp said, "That's true."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "Do we currently have waiting lists for people waiting for this type of housing?"

Mr. Snapp said, "We've just exhausted our waiting list. We are going to begin taking applications the second Tuesday of every month from eight in the morning until eleven."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Where do you do that?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Our office is at 604 N. Main, Suite E. People could park in the parking garage."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, I just wanted to clarify those two things and get some information. Do you know how many of these matches that we make in a given year? Is there any way of tracking that?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Well, they open and close, probably I would guess around 300."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Around 300."

Mr. Snapp said, "Yes, we have 273 vouchers as people come on and go off."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Does that include all three of the counties?"

Mr. Snapp said, "Yes."

Commissioner Gwin said, "All right, thanks Brad. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Plans.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Brad for being here. Commissioners, with your indulgence, I would like to take Item H, the forgivable loan for \$149,000 to NMF America."

H. FORGIVABLE LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,000 TO NMF AMERICA.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today, for your consideration, we have an agreement with NMF America for a five year forgivable loan in the amount of \$149,000. The purpose of this loan is to assist them in establishing a manufacturing facility here in Sedgwick County with an anticipated minimum of 70 jobs in place at the end of five years. The funds that we're providing will assist with land purchase and site development. This agreement is an example of our local partnership for economic development. The team members that helped put this package together include the State, the County, the City, and it was coordinated through the Chamber of Commerce. If you have questions of me, I'd be happy to answer them. I'd like to introduce Jeremy Artis, who is Vice-President and General Manager of NMF America, who can tell you a little bit more about the operation and what NMF America is bringing to Sedgwick County."

Chairman Hancock said, "Very good, thank you, Irene. Welcome Jeremy. I heard a lot about your company. I guess you can tell us a little bit more."

Mr. Jeremy Artis, Vice-President, General Manger, NMF America, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I surely can. NMF Canada, our sister company, was formed in 1991 by our founder, David Cook, who is the owner and President. NMF primarily transforms a flat mechine linked skin into a finished formed assembly ready to drape on the structural skeleton of a wing. This process starts by bombarding the flat skin with thousands of tiny steel balls referred to as shot. This processed used to get curvature is commonly known as shot ping forming. Once the component has been formed, it is then cleaned and submerged into an electro chemical bath of chromic acid to enhance its corrosion resistance. This is referred to as chromic acid anodized. After the component is rinsed and sealed to further enhance its corrosion protection, it is coated on the inside with an integral fuel tank coating to protect the wing skin when in contact with jet fuel. It is a little known fact that the wing acts as an aircraft fuel tank. Subsequently, on the exterior surface of the wing skin can be coated with pathorithic aerospace paints.

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Finally the wings are ready to be sub-assembled to create a ready to use wing skin assembly. As an added benefit, some of our customers may also choose to use our fluorescent finishing crack detection method prior to forming as an added quality benefit.

"NMF Canada has some accomplishments we'd like to share with you. Awarded supplier of the year by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. Awarded supplier of excellence by Israel Aircraft Industry. Voted one of Canada's 50 best privately owned and managed companies, which the ceremony happened on the 20th of this month, Monday. Entrepreneur of the Year, and many other letters of merit from our customers. The manufacturing process which will be available in NMF America facility will be penetrate inspection, saturation shot pinning, shot ping forming, our formax process and our core technology, chromic acid anodized, ken film aerospace painting. Our prime area of focus will be wing skin forming and finishing. Because of our potential for subcontracting, our processes such as machining are high and could potentially represent 25% of our annual sales. The Greenfield facility will be locating on 39th and Webb, just off Jabara Airport at K-96. The 40,000 square foot building will sit on 6.27 acres of land.

"Ground breaking is scheduled for October. We plan operations to commence April 1, 2000. We will start to hire people at NMF America January 1. I'd like to thank the State, the County, and the City. We very much enjoyed working with you and we're very happy to be here. We think we made the right choice."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had the occasion to meet your father and his lovely wife here a few weeks ago and have dinner with them. I think Sedgwick County is extremely fortunate to have your company choose us. We would like to welcome you as a new corporate citizen into our County. I assume you are the one, when it says year one, one employee, is that correct? So we've already got 20% of the obligation taken care of. Do you have any problems whatsoever in reading the agreement that we executed with you as far as the employment levels. Do you feel comfortable that those are very attainable?"

Mr. Artis said, "Yes, we do feel comfortable with that."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, that's all I have."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Very good. Again, welcome, we're very glad you're here. It is an opportunity for us as well as you. I know that any investment we make in the aircraft industry and other industries in our community, it has always come back to us multiplied many times over. These decisions are relatively easy for us to make. We're proud to have you here."

Mr. Artis said, "Thank you, very much. We're proud to be here too."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioners, further questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the loan subject to NMF America meeting specific employment goals.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Nice meeting you. At this time, we'll return to Item C."

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

C. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD).

- 1. CASE NUMBER SCZ-0792 - ZONE CHANGE REQUEST FROM "SF-20" SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO "GO" GENERAL OFFICE AND "LI" LIMITED INDUSTRIAL, LOCATED ½ MILE EAST OF HOOVER ON THE**

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SOUTH SIDE OF 47TH STREET SOUTH.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Planning, greeted the Commissioners and said, "There are three planning items for you this morning. This first case is a zone change request. This is six very well buffered acres in the southwest part of the County. This is the big ditch. These are railroad tracks coming out of central city.

"This is 47th Street South unpaved and there is an access road across the railroad to this tract. There is also a power line in this area. The nearest home is ½ mile away to the west of 47th and Hoover Road. So whatever you'd like to hide, this is probably a very good place for it.

"This request is to change the zoning from SF-20, a residential category, to general office on the north point of this site, where there is an existing residence. That would be an office and residence for this proposed business. The office category would allow residential to be a permitted use. The remainder of the tract will be zoned limited industrial, to be used for a tree service with limited employment, and also accessory tree cutting and storage and sales of wood on site as an accessory business. The staff recommends approval of this request. There are no public services in this area, 47th Street is very remote. It is unpaved. This is a very limited business both in terms of employment and sewage generation. This is not a major industry that we are locating in this area, otherwise we might have some problems with it.

"We recommended approval subject to a projected overlay that limits the use to this specific use that is being proposed here, plus other uses that would be similar in nature, both in terms of the level of traffic generation and level of sewage generation, which is basically we think will be about the same as domestic sewage. The applicant concurred with this suggestion for the protective overlay. The Planning Commission has recommended unanimously that you approve this zoning request subject to the overlay, subject to platting within one year. There were no protestors who spoke, joining property owners. In fact, the same owner owns this property to the south. He is buffering himself and the only area that has any exposure at all. No protest petitions were filed. So it just takes a majority to approve this.

"I'll go through the slides very quickly for you. Aerial photograph, again you can see the big ditch. This is the County's maintenance facility across the big ditch. Very remote. The railroad is bermed. The levee is here. This is the same owner's property. This is looking from the north at the railroad tracks. Looking south. This is the area that would be zoned general industrial where the residence is among the trees and behind the limited industrial area. We're just panning around the site. You won't see very much. This is

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the levee in the background of the big ditch looking to the south and east. The railroad tracks that are over on the northwest side. Again the railroad tracks. Looking to the north and west and looking to the south and west. Back to the aerial photograph and zoning map. I'll try to answer any questions you have. The applicant's agent is here also if you have any questions about the proposal or nature of the business."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Marvin. Commissioners, questions for Mr. Krout? If not, is there anyone here who would like to comment on this item? Calm down out there, pretty rowdy bunch. Thank you, Marvin.

"Commissioners, I see no one to comment on the item. There seems to be no protests or comments. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

- 2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FUNDS.**

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Mr. Krout said, "Commissioners, the Transportation Enhancement Program is a federal program. It was established as part of the last two major federal bills that established transportation funds. The first was called ICE-T and the second, T-21, in 1991 and '97. There is a set aside in that program of a small portion of the federal budget for projects that are supposed to enhance the quality of life in some way for communities that is transportation related. There are three basic categories for these kinds of projects. One is pedestrian and bike facilities, another are scenic and landscape enhancements, and the third are historic preservation projects. They all have to have some sort of relationship with transportation.

"The Kansas Department of Transportation receives this money and operates an annual competitive grant program. We applied last year for money for the years 1999 and 2000. Both on behalf of the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Sedgwick County did receive a couple of grants. One of the grants was the joint City/County project to build a pedestrian bike bridge south of the Zoo Boulevard bridge across the big ditch and then to extend the bike path along Windmill and 13th Street to the west and over to connect to the County's existing bike path system at Sedgwick County Park.

"One of the other requests that we submitted that didn't get funded was in the southeast part of the City was Pawnee Street. This is the north part of the City and some of the projects that the City is interested in. This is North Riverside Neighborhood Association interested in a new bike path up the Little Arkansas River connecting three parks. This is the south part of the City. Another of the City proposals will be to connect three existing bike paths, this is a proposed one that is funded, the Gypsum Creek, this is canal route bike path and this is the Arkansas bike path. That's where they end today at this point, this point, and this point. This is a somewhat complicated way, but a feasible way, of connecting, including this is that pedestrian bridge over the canal route, you are probably familiar with that. This is a way of connecting all of those routes together so that you can make a cycle from one route to another. That is part of the City's application. But we're asking for the County to agree to submit the application from last year, which was the connection between the Gypsum Creek Trail which would begin at Pawnee at the Kansas Turnpike and Pawnee and go under the bridge at Woodlawn and then along Pawnee. Cessna worked with us and last year agreed they would dedicate an easement along the north side of Pawnee for this bike path and it would run along Pawnee and then east of Rock Road to where the City is planning to build a bike path along the street on Pawnee as Pawnee is widened from two lanes to four lanes east of Rock to Webb Road. Then the potential for that path system to carry on further to the east and to the north. So this is another link in a potential system. We have estimated the potential cost for that, it requires a 20% local match, that is indicated in your staff report. It is not in the Capital Improvement Program, but if KDOT were to award this grant in the spring of next year, then you'd be asked to submit the local match to build that project. I'll try to answer any questions that you have but would ask you to authorize us to submit this grant application."

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Marvin. I'm puffing real hard just looking at the plan. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Marvin, did you tell me that we made application for the three connect but it wasn't approved, are you still working on that?"

Mr. Krout said, "This is so complicated, we hired an engineer to do an engineering study because there are freeways and rivers, and there needs to be shelving. It is like threading a needle in some areas. It will be interesting and I think an exciting ride for people. We did an engineering study to figure out exactly the best way and to estimate the cost and the preliminary decide to make this happen. That was funded with federal money, that little engineering study. That was the first time we made the submission. It is fairly expensive and we broke it up into several projects. So it wouldn't get all done in one even if it was awarded."

Commissioner Gwin said, "But the project you want us to consider is the Pawnee project."

Mr. Krout said, "The County project is the Pawnee project. That is the only one we're asking for you to authorize."

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

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Winters 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

3. MAPD MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Krout said, "Commissioners, current plans was active again with 47 new cases filed and just under 400 cases for the first two thirds of the year. A couple of County cases of note. One was you may recall the airstrip at Lake Waltanna where the property owner wanted to build hangers and then the homeowners association wanted to make the airstrip a conforming use. You sent that back because it appeared there needed to be more discussion between the neighbors. There was considerable discussion through the home owner association board. In the end, the applicant who wanted to build the hangers withdrew his application. But since we had an application on file, the homeowners association wanted to go ahead and make their airstrip a conforming use. We had advertised and it was in the process. We processed through the Planning Commission an amended request to just make the airstrip a conforming use without adding any hangers to the property. That was at the request of the home owners association. The Planning Commission with no opposition approved that request. Because there was no opposition, conditional uses don't have to come forward, so that case, well yes, it will have to come back to you. It will be scheduled on your agenda because you did request to send it back. You did hear it because of the proposals so it will have to come to you I guess. Anyway, that seems to have been settled at least for the time being, although there won't be any new hangers out at that area.

"Another County case was a kennel that was just west of Colwich. Kennels have been some of the most controversial cases in the County. As far as this particular one, the property owner had worked carefully with his neighbors before he filed and he already had a number of his own dogs on the site and wanted to extend that operation. There was no opposition so that case also does not come to you.

"Want to mention that we are making good progress now on computerizing the zoning map, which we think is really an important improvement. Our goal is to have the map finished by the end of the year and have it available to the public by March. We meet with City and County GIS to make sure that they did

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their part of the job while we were doing our part of the job. If you looked at our monthly report, we had 265 square miles or something like that which we had completed of 1,000 square miles of the County as of last month. We completed 300 square miles. What we did, we stopped, forever hopefully, inking maps and just are going to rely on the fact that we are going to finish this by the end of the year and we'll kind of skate by in terms of the currency of our maps until that time. That allows us to put a full time person on computerized mapping. We did 300 square miles more of the County, mostly rural areas, which goes very fast. It looks like we will be able to complete that work by the end of the year. When it is finished, we'll have a celebration and we'll show you some of the results. I think it will be a great improvement.

"One other thing in current plans I wanted to mention, you may not be aware. Jim Weber is here and I know he is aware that they may have some comments for you about it too. We were made aware that a bill sort of slipped through the legislature last year sponsored by the Kansas Association of Land Surveyors requiring the County Engineer to sign every plat that is approved and recorded in the counties. That means not just plats in the unincorporated areas your County Engineer reviews anyway, but plats in the City of Wichita, plats in the City of Derby, plats in all parts of the County, that the County Engineer may have had nothing to do with. It seems like a very redundant process and we have to have an engineer signing and sealing these plats. It is legislation that we suggest needs to be looked at in the next years session. It is extra work and it may mean a little bit of extra time in getting these plats recorded once they are approved by either of the elected bodies or the County Commission. But it is something that the County Counselor agrees we need to do to stay legal and to have these plats be legal and binding. In fact, County Engineering is going back to July 1 when this bill was passed to file some affidavits to make sure the plats have been recorded legally. I wanted to make you aware of that. If you hear any more about it, you'll know what has happened and maybe we can remedy that in the next legislative session.

"In land use research, we reviewed with the Planning Commission new population totals and distributions and basically got a sign off from the Planning Commission. We're now running our transportation model with the new distributions to estimate transportation needs. We also in land use research prepared several grant applications for some new neighborhood plans. That includes the neighborhood planning effort that you signed off on involving the south Wichita area to and including Haysville. The grant application to Commerce and Housing for next year.

"In transportation, in addition to inputting the model, we also recalibrated the model. One of the things we discovered in looking at the data was that the model seemed to be under estimating how many people took the freeways in this community and over estimating how many were on arterials. It kind of didn't quite reflect the fact that you have stop and go situations on arterials and slower speeds. We've recalibrated that and we think we have a more realistic balance now between traffic that is expected to be using

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freeways versus using arterial streets and probably puts more emphasis on freeways and the need for freeways. Hopefully it doesn't mean we have buckle problems ahead of us looking at the freeways in the year 2030, but we'll see that in the next few weeks.

"We also completed this very technical work with the engineers who are working on the bicycle connection study, both the south area and also a north connection of K-96 system that is an extension of the County's K-96 system parallel to Grove Park, connecting that along the east side of the canal route down to McAdams Park where the canal route starts on its north end. That was another submission that the City has made for funding.

"We also drafted changes to the transportation improvement program and had a meeting of the transportation coordinating committee. That is a requirement based on the updated City CIP and the County CIP. I participated in a couple of meetings of two city task forces that are set up to further review this issue about revitalization of central city, what can the city do to improve its package of incentives. We prepared the contract and agenda reports for the new wireless master plan. We have a consultant who is underway and at the end of this month he is going to be in for several workshop sessions, his first trip to Wichita. Made presentations on long range planning to the Hispanic Leadership Council and also USD259 officials. Last, I want to mention that we have been involved in the discussions you have probably read or heard about with both the City Council and the County Commission about the district advisory boards issue. I think that some of this is probably going to come to you. In fact, I imagine the City Council committee, Joe Pisado and Joan Cole who are working on this transition of CPOs to district advisory boards probably do want to come to you and talk to you about the role of the Planning Commission and the whole process of citizen involvement. I'll stand for any questions that you have."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Marvin, I got the notice of the meeting with the wireless consultants. I know I had a conflict on one of those days. It looked like it was a very interesting kind of lay-out of agenda discussions. I guess my question was, have you got a plan . . . it is a very interesting subject to me and I'm trying to think about if I want to know as much as I can for other Commissioners and Council people. After you go through these workshops will there then be some point of educating us or do we really need to make an attempt to be at those workshop meetings?"

Mr. Krout said, "There will be future meetings. The consultant is planning to use the Planning Commission because it is a City/County issue and because there are zoning code changes that are probably involved. As the focus of future workshops, he has a total of four trips that he'll be making. If you miss this, you

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won't miss it all. He's also preparing written reports on a periodic basis and I think those written reports will probably summarize what happened at the meetings. We hadn't talked about it with him, but it might be a good idea to either video tape or to audio tape one or both of those workshops that are coming up."

Commissioner Winters said, "I don't know that it would be necessary. I think it is going to be a very interesting discussion and I would certainly think for you and your staff to think about some kind of recap or after MAPC comments or however you are going to brief Commissioners and City Council if they were involved through the working process. Just think about that, that's all I need."

Mr. Krout said, "Okay."

Chairman Hancock said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Marvin, you had mentioned a little bit about what the City of Wichita is doing about their proposal of revamping the CPO organizations. Am I right that the Board of County Commissioners does not get involved or doesn't have any ability to sign off yes or no. That is solely up to the discretion of the City of Wichita?"

Mr. Krout said, "Well, that's true as far as this concept from transitioning from CPO to a new citizen involvement structure. There have been discussions about at least two issues involving the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. One is the evening meetings. Second is the question of the composition of the Planning Commission and whether or not there ought to be more broad based representation on the Planning Commission. Those are areas that the City Council does not have complete jurisdiction on."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I understand that part because we're a joint venture. But as far as CPO itself is concerned, any revamping or changing of the type of organization presently in place, it is the sole obligation or responsibility or authority of the City of Wichita?"

Mr. Krout said, "Correct."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Marvin, a couple of questions. One concerning the mapping that you're completing now. Are you talking about zoning maps?"

Mr. Krout said, "Yes, zoning layers that have both . . . we've had for a long time although they've needed

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to be edited, but the colors, just the color pattern that shows the different zoning classifications. But also another layer that goes with that, which is very important as reference, which are what we call the annotations, which show where we have CUPs and PUDs and Board of Zoning Appeals cases that were approved and vacations that were approved and everything else. There is a lot of information data that is being attached to those map files. It has been a long process, but now that we can devote a full time person to it, I think it is going much faster."

Chairman Hancock said, "Are you doing it in conjunction with GIS."

Mr. Krout said, "Yes, absolutely. We're depending completely on County GIS to provide us with an accurate lot and block base. We had a parcel base for a long time, but they have been working on creating a lot and block base that would also show addition names, lot numbers, block numbers, street names, in a carefully done way so that we can say that we can use this as the base for our official zoning map. Unless they do their part when we do our part, we won't have that official zoning map. But we met with them and they are being very cooperative. I think we'll get it done."

Chairman Hancock said, "Fantastic. One other question regarding the legislation that you are interested in reversing the sign-off by the County Engineer on all the plats. On an ongoing basis, it never occurred to me, we always seemed to handle our own legislative package as well as the City and others. But does the Planning Commission and Department arrive at a legislative package and consider that aspect on their work and going to legislature, seeking legislation or in this case defending themselves against. . . ."

Mr. Krout said, "The only time that we try to develop legislation was the streamlining. After we've gone through this streamlining process the City has sponsored, we had identified three or four areas where we wanted to streamline the state legislation. We put together the package of amendments a couple of years ago in that case. Otherwise, I've already communicated with Marcy about this issue and I think that we will continue to do that as she gets ready for the next legislative session."

Chairman Hancock said, "In this case, is this all County applicable or could we charter out?"

Mr. Krout said, "That was our first question of the County Counselor and he said no, we can't charter out. Do you have anything to add Jim to this?"

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Mr. Jim Weber said, "I think part of the problem with this is that a lot of their more rural counties is that they're doing this anyway because where you don't have or haven't had an operating Planning Commission this was already a requirement."

Mr. Krout said, "That's right. Until now, where you had Planning Commissions and other approvals, they were exempt. Then the exemption was taken out of the bill. It doesn't make any sense."

Mr. Weber said, "My theory is that some parts of the state may not get as excited about this as we are."

Chairman Hancock said, "Sure. But most parts of the state, outside of the five more urban counties, don't do what we have to do here. It is just one more step that really isn't necessary. I suspect there were some problems associated with those plats in the counties and without thinking, it went through. Or, the surveyors just wanted more work. Okay, thank you. Commissioners, further questions? Marvin, thank you, very much."

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

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D. AGREEMENT WITH ATHLETICS WICHITA (KAKE-TV/WICHITA MARATHON) FOR CONTROLLED ACCESS TO COUNTY ROADS OCTOBER 17, 1999 TO HOLD A MARATHON.

Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This request is from Athletics Wichita, which is the promoter and developer of the KAKE-TV, Wichita Marathon. The reason for the request is this. The marathon actually begins in the City of Derby. It goes through Derby out into the County, through McConnell Air Force Base, into the City of Wichita and actually concludes at Lawrence Dumont Stadium."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Man, I can't drive that far."

Mr. Harrison said, "I thought I might participate if they let me drive."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Do you have to run back to your car when you're done?"

Mr. Harrison said, "Yes, but you can take a short-cut. They need controlled access to 63rd Street and Oliver and just a little bit of 47th Street there going to the McConnell gate to make the connection between Derby and Wichita. We've done this in the past with this group. We require them to provide us with a certificate of insurance. We require them to use Sheriff Reserve Officers for traffic control. I talked to Clark Enns the other day. There was some concern about the road construction in that section of the County down there, that there was some road construction going on. He said if the cars can't get on it but we can, that just makes it even better for us. But he's also battling road construction in the City of Wichita. They get to use McConnell unless there is a crisis going on, in which case they're going to have to reroute around McConnell also. But all things working, Sunday, October 17, this thing will come off and we'll have the Wichita Marathon. Recommend you approve the Contract."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

E. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

- 1. AGREEMENT WITH UNITED METHODIST URBAN MINISTRY OF WICHITA FOR LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 300 NORTH BROADWAY, WICHITA, KANSAS, TO HOUSE THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE) CENTER CITY HOMELESS PROGRAM.**

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item is the ongoing lease that we have had for our Center City Homeless Program. I would recommend your approval. For your information, that is \$53,000. The first three months will be paid through the Federal Access Grant and the remainder of the year will be paid through the state funds that we received the last legislative session for this program. 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 Winters moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

2. AGREEMENT WITH VIA CHRISTI REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. AND SUPERIOR SERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN VIA CHRISTI, STATE MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALS AND COURT HEARINGS.

Ms. Donaldson said, "Commissioners, this is the agreement that allows for transportation to the state hospitals, where the other option would be for the Sheriff to transport and a police car, often with people handcuffed or restrained even when that is not indicated. This has been a very good agreement between the three of us and I would recommend your approval. This is funded through Mental Health Reform funds, but there isn't a set amount because this is paid on an as needed basis."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Debbie."

MOTION

Chairman Hancock moved to take an Off Agenda Item regarding a Resolution of Appointment.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you."

OFF AGENDA ITEM

Ms. Marsha Gasper, Interim Administrator, Regional Forensic Science Center, said, "We do apologize for this Off Agenda Item. However, it is necessary for us to complete this item before we can present Item F. This item is a Resolution appointing Deborah G. Johnson, M.D., as a Deputy District Coroner. We do request that you adopt this Resolution."

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Now Item F."

F. AGREEMENT WITH DEBORAH JOHNSON, M.D. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

Ms. Gasper said, "This item is a Professional Services Agreement with Deborah Johnson, M.D., to provide all related professional services of the Deputy Sedgwick County Coroner and Medical Examiner. We request that you approve this agreement and the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

G. PROPOSAL BY SUMMIT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE PUMP TEST FOR FEASIBILITY OF DEWATERING.

Ms. Shawne Morgan, Management Intern, County Manager's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have a contract proposal from Summit Environmental Services, Inc., for \$21,722.63 to install a well and conduct the pump tests in Peach Valley Estates. The purpose of the pump test is to determine the feasibility of implementing a pilot dewatering program to lower the water table below basement elevation. The pump test will be conducted on October 6, 7, and 8, and the report detailing the findings of the test will be provided to us by October 24. I recommend that you approve the contract proposal and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Shawne. Commissioners, for further information, this is in regard to the area around 87th and Hydraulic that we're looking at a feasibility of dewatering the area. This report will give us what our next step shall be. Dependent upon what this report shows, we'll know what we need to do through the next few months. In my visits with the constituents in the area, I have stated to them that hopefully we'll have a solid yes or no answer and a solution by the spring of 2001. So there is some time, but we do need to get some answers and begin to understand what is possible for us to do. Once we understand that, we'll know how to proceed. Hopefully this will give us the answers. I do appreciate this being on the agenda and all of you helping me with the project. It is very important. Thank you. Further questions or comments?"

MOTION

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

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Item I, please."

I. DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

1. SECOND QUARTER RECLASSIFICATIONS.

- ! OFFICE SPECIALIST, RANGE 15, COUNTY COUNSELOR'S OFFICE, TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, RANGE 18**
- ! DIVERSION DISCHARGE SPECIALIST, RANGE 18, COMCARE, TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, RANGE 21**
- ! OFFICE ASSISTANT (FIVE POSITIONS), RANGE 12, COMCARE, TO OFFICE SPECIALIST, RANGE 15**
- ! CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, RANGE 22, COMCARE, TO SENIOR CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, RANGE 26**

Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The items before you, some time ago the County made a decision to do quarterly analysis of the jobs and make sure we're looking at all jobs in the County on a three year basis. The items before you are the second quarter reclassification recommendations. Jane Morales, our compensation manager, looked at these. There were 21 positions studied. Nine positions were deferred until a later date, four positions did not meet reclassification requirements and eight positions met the reclassification requirements and are recommended before you. A Diversion Discharge Specialist, which is a grant funded position in Deb Donaldson's area is recommended for reclass from Range 18 to 21. An Office Assistant, there are five positions that were dropped in as a grant funding deal. They've run for some time. They are operating at a Range 15 not Range 12, and they are recommended for reclassification. A Clinical Psychologist,

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Range 22, is recommended for a Range 26 position. The person is now operating with a PhD and fully utilizing that degree, supervising and doing counseling. An Administrative Assistant is recommended for the County Court Office Specialist, that it be reclassified an Administrative Assistant. The budget, which has been worked through the budget department is \$6,755 in 1999 and for 2000, \$26,627, which is within their budgets. I can answer any questions."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Are there any questions on this item? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the reclassifications.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

2. SALARY STUDY RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERS, SECURITY OFFICERS, ZOO AND INFORMATION SERVICES.

Mr. Russell said, "The item before you is a study that we are going to present of engineering, security,

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Zoo and Information Services salaries. Basically, we have looked at these over a period of nine months to a year, depending on the area, especially Information Services. Under the Zoo, we began by looking at some positions and did some market surveys and found out that frankly it surprised us. We were seriously out of market in terms of being competitive with like kind of zoos around the region. Security, we have simply lost a lot of security guards and are trying to compete with public and private areas, not leading the market but meeting the market to value and retain that. In Engineering, we have had trouble recruiting engineers because quite frankly we pay too little.

"The process that we utilized in all four of these areas was we surveyed . . . routinely we used to survey only the public sector. What we're finding on things, especially technical things, that they are irrelevant private areas that we're really competing with, especially in engineers and Information Services and security guards. The Zoo, for example, doesn't tend to lose that many to the private sector, but even there we're finding ourselves competing with people like Disney for qualified folks. Because this has been in work since before I came to the Human Resources Department, the budget impact has been built into the 2000 budget and in '99, it has also been anticipated.

"I wanted to indicate that this is a landmark effort among departments. The good news and the bad news about working in partnerships is you get more information and you have more propensity to make a mistake when you're agreeing on a chart. We're very comfortable with what we've come up with and are very very pleased with the amount of work that was done.

"We literally spent hours and days rolling up our sleeves, writing on white boards, then putting it into spread sheet format, analyzing it, looking at the market, and agreeing to agree on things. There are areas where we did not agree on some of these things and had to have some knock down drag outs to make sure we were talking about the same jobs. Especially as you look at the I.S. piece. We'll see that.

"We had problems with market place inequity. People have perceived a lack of career growth, especially in the technical field. There is a tendency to get people and then suddenly the entire technological field changes on you and you find out that you've got people in jobs that you may want them in other jobs. While we were doing these things, we looked at the system as well as the individuals. We have had problems keeping folks. There is a negative impact on customer service when you don't have technical people or any of these people really. We frankly had trouble retaining employees.

"In Engineering, we looked at four classifications, ten public sector surveys, additionally, David Spears and

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his organization found private sector comparisons that they know are relevant because we are having trouble recruiting and they are the ones who are getting the good candidates. We basically found that we are 9 to 11% below market rate to get and keep engineers. The recommendation that was made was that we allocate ranges upward. The budget impact, and it is not really Commissioner Sciortino pointed out is it a budget impact or is it a budget fact. The fact is it is in the budget for 1999 and 2000, \$6,891 is the impact of what we are doing FY99 and for 2000 is \$29,648. This basically brings the County Engineer up two ranges but the actual impact is about 2 or 3% for the employees themselves. It allows us to raise the ranges themselves by 7.5% to recruit. We agreed on engineers and training we spread that over five ranges so as they develop competencies we are able to move them up a range without having to go through all this bureaucratic stuff.

"Security followed a similar model. We benchmarked 23 folks in two departments. We again are losing folks to private sector as often as public sector. We have the advantage of being stable and there are some day jobs and we've got pretty good benefits, but none the less, we found that we were 9 to 12% below the market average for these positions. Therefore, the recommendation after we looked at all this was that we move the range from a Grade 14 to a Grade 15. What this practically means is the people themselves would get a 3% raise, which is a little under \$600 a piece average, but the recruiting ability goes up 7.5%. So there is more room to grow and more room to get folks in the market place.

"The Zoo was again really surprised us. We set out to look at a couple of key positions at the Zoo based upon the Assistant County Manager's request. Then as we looked at these positions, we found out that there were 21 classifications substantially out of sync with the market place. Salaries we found were running 17 to 20% below the market average and we were comparing with comparable zoos in the region so that we're pretty sure, although even at that region people tend to go, but the truth is we have one of the top probably ten zoos in the entire country. The recommendation after looking at this was that we reallocate 11 classifications upward after working at 21 of them. The nine would remain the same. One classification was reclassified because in fact the person was operating in a supervisory grounds keeper position. We met with the Zoological Society Executive Board last week and went over this with them. They've asked us to also look at another 18 positions that they have on their side of the ledger and Jane Moralez will be doing that. The budget impact of our recommendation is about \$10,000 for 1999 and for FY2000, it is \$33,738, to get competitive with the market place.

"This was the most complicated one by far. We got to the part where you are seeing more data than you can probably stand and I realize that it was extremely complicated to present and I appreciate everybody's

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patients in allowing us to work on this over the last nine months. We're pretty sure of our data now. What we found is that we are losing people primarily to the private sector. We know that at least 70% of our people have gone to the private sector, which means we're no longer just in the market place working with the private sector. So what we did is we looked at 11 public sector areas, some of whom said we're also losing lots of people and we can't wait to see your survey when it is done. That's kind of a soft benchmark when you get that response. On the other side of the coin, we looked at where people are going and examined 15 nationally publicized surveys. Where this got really complicated was making sure we know what skills and competency were within each of these jobs. We worked on this for nine months since I've been here and before they were looking at it. I think it was a matter of getting to where you were sure you were comparing apples and apples and of that we're certain now.

"We had the good fortune of acquiring several people from private sector in a couple of key jobs and they therefore have the ability to go in and ask that. The truth of the matter is, in this world people watch their data pretty carefully, because it is highly competitive. It is not openly shared. The bottom line is we have figured out that we are substantially below the market average. We're running about 31.5% below as an average.

"The recommendation that we have is that we reallocate ranges upward effecting 66 people in Information Services. Six positions would be reclassified. The purpose of this was, again we didn't just look at the jobs and say okay are they doing this job that other people are going to hire them away from, but we also said . . . and it was Kathy and her team really, how can we work smarter, make sure we align our system and its leadership and its management in a way that allows a career path but also allows us to be addressing things that are not 20 year old systems but are systems that are going into the 21st century. That involved reclassifying six positions while we were at it and realigning some jobs and some job duties.

"The budget impact of that is substantial and as I indicated, it is not really and again Commissioner Sciortino pointed this out, it is a misnomer to call it budget impact. In fact, it is a budget dollar value that was placed in the budget over the last year. It is in the 2000 budget. It was placed in the '99 budget but Kathy almost as soon as she took her job. She worked with the budget department and reserved some funds. The impact of what we are doing was estimated at \$100,000 for '99, in fact it is \$89,500. For FY 2000, it is \$382,114.

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"Basically, nine months of research in those four areas. We looked at 54 classifications. Looked at 59 different survey points to make sure we had good credible data and it will effect 122 people in the organization. We're pretty sure that by making these changes you will have the benefit of our being able to stay in the market, recruit and retain candidates, create career paths, and it will have a positive impact on customer service, especially in the technical fields. We're not having turnover, which causes another person to be training a new person instead of people out doing their jobs in the County. That is something we want to get solved and solved now.

"The bottom line on all four categories is \$111,098 in 1999, for FY 2000, the total cost is \$468,860 and again those are in the budget. I can answer any quesitons I hope."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Doug. Commissioners, questions on this item? Doug, with your staff and in conjunction with Kathy and some of the folks that you received some of your information regarding the bench marks. Is it generally felt among those folks regarding the proposed increases that this will stop the out migration of some of the more professional employees?"

Mr. Russell said, "The answer is yes. We believe it will. We've had people, especially in the I.S. Department who have literally been hanging on believing that the County is going to do something about this because we've assured them that we are looking at it."

Chairman Hancock said, "Okay. I know it has been a problem. I haven't been as familiar with it in the Information Services Department as I have been others. We've been focusing on the Information Services because it is such a large item. I've been focusing on Engineering because I'm more familiar with that. Sometimes we overlook Security and it is my belief that anytime anyone works for Sedgwick County, that we should pay them a living wage. We did an item just a few moments ago regarding housing in this County, \$25,000 was considered below the poverty level. When we get in those salary ranges, I think we should hang our head and be ashamed. We shouldn't have employees working for us, as far as I'm concerned, full-time employees, adult individuals, doing an adult job who are qualified for public housing assistance. We tend to overlook those things and I think it is important we raise our salaries above the poverty level if we can."

Mr. Russell said, "Well, this is heading that way for sure. I also would be fibbing to say that is the issue. The issue is one, frankly there are some salaries in that line of work that are going to get above some of your department head type managers even in the County. The truth of the matter is, that's called the

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market place. It is a set of skills, if we can't get it and keep it, we're not going to be able to keep moving forward in information services."

Chairman Hancock said, "I agree. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "There are a couple of things I wish, and maybe you have them with you and maybe you could put them on elmo, because I know you're using a different form. You remember the bar graphs that you gave me that were salary comparisons versus the public sector. The one I turned to was the Zoo Vet. Do you happen to have that one?"

Mr. Russell said, "I hope so."

Commissioner Gwin said, "If you don't, I do. Besides I.S. and besides Engineers, this person particularly is a veterinarian, years of schooling, years of training, I want people to understand the sacrifice he's been making to work for this County for these years. Even at that, where we're proposing to go particularly with his salary. Can you explain that for the public Doug so they can understand what we're doing there?"

Mr. Russell said, "If I can get it readable. The bottom line on how we did all of these things was if you look at the dark blue, that is the County's current range of wages in terms of that. If there are multiple incumbents and in this case there's not, there's one. So this is the minimum and maximum that we would pay that position. This is what our other comperable zoos are paying for a minimum and a maximum in that.

"What we're trying to do and again you see this and I've got dozens of them, is we're trying to meet the market but not make the market. So what we're recommending in this case for example is a two range increase so that this range would go from a range 25 to a range 27 and would fall within what our competitors pay, recognizing the value of our employees."

Commissioner Gwin said, "That's true on the other cases that you've presented to us too. I think it was important that you share that visual in that where we are now on some of these salaries and where the competition is or where like jobs are and then where we're proposing to go. From my recollection, we're not proposing to exceed any of those but to get where the market seems to be, correct?"

Mr. Russell said, "We did this process on trying to look at the entire market and it is a deal of meeting the market but not making the market. We don't want to be known as the highest paid organization in the public and private sector and I don't think we want to be known as the highest paying government. But

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what we do want to do is to get and retain qualified staff and not compromise on that as well. We want good people coming in the door."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Right and the challenge for our organization, as well as those in the private sector, is once you get them there is to retain the good quality people too. I appreciate you showing this one because I think those bar graphs are a real good demonstration of what you're attempting to do here. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you. Just perhaps a comment and perhaps Kathy Sexton would want to respond. A couple of things that kind of stuck out in my mind in viewing part of this material is one and I.S., Information Services in some categories or job slots where we couldn't hire people in that amount, we hired people with lesser qualifications, put them through the training process, and then we had somebody trained and now a lot more viable product back out in the open public market once we had trained this person. The second part of that is we look at how dynamics change as many as probably three or four years ago no one knew what a web master was but now it is a highly sought after position and job. I thought those two are interesting. Kathy, do you have any comments about those two issues?"

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Director, Operations, said, "Commissioner, you are absolutely right. When people come here, when we hire people in who aren't qualified for the jobs yet attempt to train them using some of our experienced people and then within a few months sometimes they leave. Certainly, within a year or so. We've had that and that effects not only the level of support that our customers, you and other departments receive, but also effects the morale within the department because a person has trained that person. They put all that time and effort into training that person and forgone their other duties or extra hours or whatever, and then for that person to leave and all that work to fall back on those people. It's been a tremendous problem over the last several years Commissioner."

Commissioner Winters said, "Thank you."

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

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Mr. Chairman, I don't have any more comments except that I'm going to ask that we defer this item for a couple of weeks. I was gone last week, as you all know, and staff has been very nice to me trying to accommodate a crash course on this entire survey. In fact, I was late coming onto the bench this morning because Doug and Kathy were still trying to cram me with information. I feel that I just need a little bit more time to get my hands around this just to get myself totally comfortable with this. I would ask that we defer this item for two weeks."

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to defer the item for two weeks.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

Chairman Hancock said, "I will say we were thinking about one week, but we understand some staff members won't be here next week in case there are questions to be answer and so forth. We want to do that in two weeks."

Commissioner Gwin said, "In discussing the motion too, I will support the request because I think it is important that we try to get our answers that we need to make the estimated decision. I'd be prepared to approve it today but certainly understand that we all need to be comfortable and know where we're going and why we're going there. The process I think is fine and if there are some questions then I suppose we need to get those answered too."

Chairman Hancock said, "Absolutely. It's been a long process. I know the staff has been working on this. You reported nine months, but I know the truth of the matter is the subject came up well over a year ago. We've been working on it for a long time. Will you be patient with us for a couple more weeks while we find out some more information. I'm certain that in the end our employees will be very happy and we'll institute some of these changes before the year is out, probably two weeks from now. Commissioner Sciortino, in my discussion with him, has asked a number of questions. It amazes me that these new guys on the Commission, after the first year he won't be the new guy anymore. It amazes me some of the questions the new people have who come on and it just goes to show you that we need good new folks. I'm very pleased with what he is doing with this also."

Mr. William Buchanan, County Manager, said, "This issue about people leaving and high turnover rates is one that we have a problem with and we've addressed. We think there is a solution here. As a matter

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of fact, in the last Business Journal, last week was an article about this issue and there continues to be people writing about how we can fix it. The good news is that we have brought to you what we think is a pretty good study and based on that study, some recommendations. But the way this government works is that you need to be absolutely comfortable, absolutely solid or we don't want to proceed. If we can't defend it to you, it is not a good product. So this is just fine with us and we're glad to have the opportunity to answer any and all questions. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate those comments from the County Manager. One of the things that I am going to be asking Doug and the department heads who are involved in this is to let us know what other things that we're going to be implementing to slow down turnover. I know you can't just continue to throw money at a project. For example, in Security, I don't believe we could probably afford to raise the salaries to the level that it would take to significantly reduce the churn that we're having in that area. I would hope that you could share with us some of the other items that you're thinking of implementing above and beyond adjusting the salaries, which I believe are needed to reduce turnover. That is one of the questions that I'd like to have answered also. Thank you."

Mr. Russell said, "Thank you, Commissioner."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Commissioner. We have a Motion and second. Is there further discussion? If not, Clerk call the vote please."

VOTE

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

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

3. TEMPORARY RANGE REASSIGNMENT OF MAINTENANCE WORKER,

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ZOO, RANGE 14, TO RANGE 16.

Ms. Jane Moralez, Compensation Specialist, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today to present to you a temporary range reassignment for a Zoo maintenance worker. This employee was assigned to the Pride of the Plains rock work project in April of this year. Immediately, he began supervising a crew of other employees, including the Zoo Society contracted rock workers, inmates, parolees, and volunteers. This reassignment will end with the completion of this project on December 31, 1999. We are recommending your approval of this item. The budget impact for the rest of this year including benefits will be \$2,398."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, Jane. Commissioners, questions on this item? Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Just for clarification. This rock project is a phenomenal project and if you haven't been out there to see it lately, it is amazing what people are doing to create these huge rocks. I'm aware that the project is even more complex than they originally thought it would be and it is keeping them hopping, not just five days a week but into the weekends too. I'm also aware that with this reassignment, this maintenance worker did in fact take on a lot more responsibility again more than they thought would happen. I'm going to be very supportive of the temporary range reassignment based upon the complexity of the project and the number of people that he's having to oversee at this time. Just for clarification."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I, too, am going to be supportive of this item. I need to make sure that since it is going from April, that he will be reimbursed retroactively for the work, is that correct?"

Ms. Moralez said, "Yes, he will, hour for hour."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "No further questions."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. Further discussion? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the temporary range reassignment

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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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

J. KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My report is for the month of August. It just seems like the 90 and 100 degree days of August were an eternity ago and in reality it was only just a few short weeks. It is just incredible how time has been flying. August was a slow month in terms of events. However, it was a nice month in terms of attendance and revenues. We had five events. Some of the highlights of course were the Oz Fest with over 19,000 people in attendance. This is a view from the Coliseum roof looking southwest over the grass bowl where we hold the Oz Fest in. Again, this is the third year we've had that event and it really worked out very well for us. Again, we had 21,000 people for the Ringling Brothers Circus, another annual event that really brings on a lot of people. Folks really look forward to coming.

"Beside the events, we're continuing with the ADA modifications. As you know, we're doing some accessible seating for wheelchairs down closer to the action for sporting events. That is 99% finished at this point in time as well as the new dashers are installed, the new glass is in, and we are certainly going along on our ways toward getting ready for hockey and having the ice up and running.

"One of the things we looked for when we were out for bids on our concessions contract this past summer was we wanted to address some issues to upgrade and update our decors and our menus. We wanted to diversify the products that we offer. We wanted to include some specialty items, some food items. So

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what we've decided to do is go and do home in-house branding and offer some things that are different than we have offered, such as a stand with a Mexican food theme, a stand with more of an Italian food theme, and a stand with a delicatessen type theme. Aregio Italian Cafe is an in-house brand through the Cisco Company. There is no extra cost in incorporating this. Some of them items we could offer in that locale, which would be where our pizza place is right now. They sale personal pizzas, meatball subs, Italian sausage submarine, some cappuccino. Of course we'd have draft beer and a premium beer, such as Sam Adams. The theme for the Aregio would be through the whole establishment, from the uniforms of the employees to the disposables, such as napkins, knives and forks, to the menu items we have.

"The second theme we would like to do is Casa Solana which is a Mexican theme with one of the smaller stands on the south end. Again, it would be themed all the way through from the uniforms of the personnel to the disposables. We're thinking of offering a soft taco, a chicken fajita, a taco salad, of course a deluxe nachos product, draft beer, which is a staple in our business, and maybe some import beers with a Mexican flavor like a Corona, and also margaritas available at the stand.

"The Broncking Bell which is a deli concept. Again, themed all the way through from whether it is malt vinegar and something or condiments, to the uniforms of the employees. Ham, turkey, roast beef deli sandwiches, barbeque beef sandwiches, chips, jumbo cookie, light beer, specialty beer such as maybe the Boulevard Brewers. Maybe strawberry daiquiris, something a little bit different we could offer at the deli.

"These concepts would be supported by signage. I'll be coming to you in the next couple of weeks with a new advertiser. We have a partnership with KSAX FOX 24, they're going to sponsor the closed circuit TV system in the building, which is being installed. We will run a commercial when we have the stands open letting folks know they are there. We will do it be mailings to all the season ticket holders of the sports team.

"We're trying to get people used to this. This is not to replace our current concessions menu. This is to augment it and expand it. Our staples are still going to be hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, and draft beer. You always dance with who brung you. That's not going to change. But what we're trying to do is offer a little bit of variety for those folks who really don't want to do that.

"We did a telephone survey with the research center last fall and we did a master planning process last fall. Some of the things that came out of that is to try to update the decor of the Coliseum and to help with signage with advance notification of events, advance directions where people can go park. We have two of our gate signs in place now. It's just an example of the gate sign on 85th Street at Gate 1, how high

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profile and how visible it is when people come up to the Coliseum. We can also advertise upcoming events on that. This is an example of a sign that is on Hydraulic right now. Again, as you can see, this space is for rent. All you have to do is call our number and we're there for you.

"Coming up, we have Lord of the Dance this weekend. Very successful show so far at the box office. We're really pleased. It is a very aggressive ticket price. Of course, it is a high profile show. It is selling very well. Next week we have the Gaither Family Homecoming. Again, very very successful at the box office. We could do 10,000 people for that show without a doubt. We have wrestling on Friday and we have an indoor football game on Saturday, the first time it has ever played the market. We think we're going to be very successful with that. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, John. Commissioners, questions? All right John, I'm just not up on these things. Who is Gaither?"

Mr. Nath said, "Gaither, the Bill Gaither trio has been around for 40 years, they are gospel singers, extremely popular. We'll probably do 40 bus trips out of Missouri of senior citizens coming down to this show. We were very successful with them last year."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Very good. Thank you, John. Nice presentation, fantastic. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you, John, good job. It's great. Next item, please."

K. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH SHEARS CONSTRUCTION L.P., DBA ASPHALT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT - ARBOR LAKES ESTATES; STREET IMPROVEMENTS. DISTRICT #5.

Mr. Jim Weber, P.E., Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In Item K, we have requested your approval of modification of plans and construction, number one and final, for the Arbor Lakes Estates street paving project. The modification will increase our contract with Asphalt Construction by \$2,312 and is a result of variations in planning quantities from actual field measurements. All costs of the project are to be paid by the benefited properties through special assessments. We request your approval of the recommended action."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Modification of Plans and Construction 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

**L. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' SEPTEMBER 16, 1999
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the September 16 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are nine items for consideration.

**(1) PAVING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT - SEWER DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

"Item one, paving and drainage improvement services for the Sewer Department. This is the Sand Pointe Addition. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Cornejo & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$104,508.

**(2) PAVING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT - SEWER DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

"Item two, paving and drainage improvement services for the Sewer Department for the Huntington Pointe Addition. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Cornejo & Sons, Inc. That amount is \$98,258.50.

**(3) 3/4 TON, 4 X 4, SUBURBAN - FIRE DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

"Item three is a 3/4 ton, 4 X 4 Suburban type vehicle for the Fire Department. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Rusty Eck Ford. That amount with trade, \$28,400.

**(4) PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES - JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

"Item four, professional planning services for the Juvenile Detention Facility and Capital Projects. This is CIP PB340. It was recommended to accept the proposal of Gossen Livingston Associations, that amount \$19,000.

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(5) COURTHOUSE BASEMENT DRAINAGE ENGINEERING SERVICES - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

"Item five, courthouse basement drainage engineering services for Capital Projects. It was recommended to accept the proposal of Mid-Kansas Engineering. That amount, \$26,000. There is a page follows that outlines the recommendation.

(6) COURTHOUSE BASEMENT DRAINAGE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

"Item five, courthouse basement drainage architectural services for Capital Projects. It was recommended to accept the proposal of Wilson Darnell Mann. That amount is \$15,600. Again, a page of recommendation follows.

(7) TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCKS - FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

"Item seven, tandem axle dump trucks for Fleet Management and Public Works. It was recommended to accept the proposal of Doonan Truck & Equipment. That amount for two vehicles, \$198,377 and includes a trade-in. There are four pages of recommendations from Marvin Duncan, our Fleet Manager attached. I'm sorry, I think that's five pages, and he is available should there be additional questions.

(8) KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR SCALDF - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

"Item eight, this is a modification to an existing contract for kitchen equipment for the adult detention facility for Capital Projects. This is a decrease to the current contract for Sunflower Restaurant Supply. The new amount is \$485,504.84. That is a reduction of \$4,140.16. There is a page attached which outlines that.

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(9) SITE DEVELOPMENT OF HISTORIC CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS

"Item nine, also a modification to an existing contract. Site development for the Historic Calvary Baptist Church for Capital Projects. This is an increase to the existing contract. The new amount is \$69,485, which reflects an increase of \$2,921. There is also a page following which outlines that recommendation. I'll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the minutes provided by the Board of Bids and Contracts."

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

Commissioner Gwin said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Darren, there are a couple of change orders that came through the Bid Board this time, would you explain why they came through you? Usually they just come through us as a Regular Agenda item."

Mr. Muci said, "As you noted, normally these items do come to you directly as a separate agenda item. The Board of Bids and Contracts has the mechanism and place and the process in place to allow changes to existing contracts. We have done that in the past for some other items that didn't necessarily have to do with construction or Capital Project type items. We thought we'd try this method and see how it works. You are getting the same specification and recommendation that you have in the past. This is a new opportunity, something new."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So should we expect change overs to come through this way then?"

Mr. Muci said, "I think we can make this work. We're comfortable with this. We had sent you a note advising you of this and also visited with the County Manager and the Chief Financial Officer to try something different."

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

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to have Marvin come up if I could. I know I'm getting the reputation of being a penny pincher and what have you and the reason for what I'm going to ask Marvin is to help maybe knock off a few of the phone calls I anticipate I'm going

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to get. The question is on the tandem axle dump truck. I notice that it is the second highest and we had a little conversation about that and I'm comfortable with it. But could you just for the record, in case some of the potential phone calls are watching. Kind of briefly explain why the decision was made to accept Doonan's proposal as opposed to four or five of them that were less than his."

Mr. Marv Duncan, Fleet Management, said, "We asked for proposals for a tandem axle dump trucks for Public Works. We didn't just look at minimum bid. We came up with five criteria. First of all, does it meet our needs, is it the best tool, does it meet our specs. The second was the user evaluated it. How did he like the vehicle? The third was cost, we did consider the cost in our proposal. The next area we looked at was maintainability, people from our maintenance shop took a look at the vehicles to see if there are any shortcomings and would one be more difficult to maintain than the other. Then finally, I called about ten references to see how they liked the various vehicles. Five criteria were then weighted with a decision factor. That was put into a decision matrix and then all those criteria were scored for each vehicle. The person that came out with the highest score from that group effort is the one that we are proposing that we buy today."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "All of these trucks were given the same consideration. They were all tested. They were all driven. Maintenance took a look at all of them."

Mr. Duncan said, "Yes."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "All right, thank you. I'm comfortable with this."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Winters 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

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

CONSENT AGENDA

M. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

Seven Easements for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 807-K, L, N ½ M; Maize Road between 21st and 45th Streets North. CIP #R-246. Districts #3 and #4.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Rent</u> <u>Subsidy</u>	<u>District</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V99051	\$142.00		Jim Phillips
V99055	\$421.00	2	Ronald Evans

3. Agreements (two) with Wichita Lifeline, Inc. and Progressive Home Health Care to provide Developmental Disability Community Service Provider status.

4. Order dated September 15, 1999 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

5. Payroll Check Register of September 15, 1999.

6. General Bills Check Register of September 17, 1999.

7. Budget Adjustment Requests.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. At this time, I'll recess the Regular Meeting."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Regular Meeting of the Fire District #1 at 10:50 a.m. and returned at 10:51 a.m.

Chairman Hancock said, "At this time, I'll bring back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Is there further business?"

N. OTHER

MOTION

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Commissioner Gwin moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to pending claims, litigation, legal advice, and personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:20 a.m.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Bill Hancock	Aye

Chairman Hancock said, "Thank you. We are in Executive Session."

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:51 a.m. and returned at 11:42 a.m.

Chairman Hancock said, "We are back in session. Let the record reflect there was no binding action taken while in Executive Session. Mr. Counselor, is there anything else? Manager? If not, we are adjourned. Thank you."

O. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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BEN SCIORTINO, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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