

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 1, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 1, 2000 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Bill Hancock; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Facility Planning and Remodeling Department; Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Project Manager, Facility Planning and Remodeling Department; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Dr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director of Community Health; Mr. David C. Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and Ms. Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Mr. Tom Byrne, 1001 S. Stagecoach, Wichita, Ks.
Ms. Margalee Wright, Chairman, Juvenile Correctional Advisory Board.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Ashok Aurora, Hindu.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

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The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of January 5th, 2000 and January 19th, 2000.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Mr. Chairman, I apologize. I have not gotten those Minutes routed because of my absence last week, so I move we defer those Minutes for consideration until next week.”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to defer consideration of the Minutes until next week.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you. Next item.”

PUBLIC HEARING

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RESOLUTIONS.

- 1. RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC HEARING CREATING ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE; ESTABLISHING MANUFACTURED HOUSING INSTALLATION REGULATIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SEDGWICK COUNTY.**

Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Manufactured home regulations, we’ve had some in the past, but what we’ve done is taken State Statutes, our regulations

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and also worked with the industry to try to come up with a set of standards that can be used throughout Sedgwick County. The Association has worked, in the past, with an architectural engineering firm, to try to come up with a set of these standards and we've referenced a set of standards for the installations, such as concrete for the basements and the permanent foundations. "We've also taken and changed part of the Resolution. Where, in the past, it put the permit holder as the licensed electrician and we've had trouble at times. The electrician may not have known who actually set the home or who actually, the owner, they were hired by a separate individual to do that. So, we put that requirement back to the installer or the homeowner. Either one of those can pull the permit. The permit fee was also raised from a \$18.00 fee to a \$50.00 and the reasoning behind that was because most of the time we take two or three trips to final out an individual home and an \$18.00 fee would not cover our expenses. Those are the basic major changes within this Resolution here, as to what we've had in the past."

Commissioner Hancock arrived at 9:09 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Glen. Commissioners, are there questions or comments?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just have one real quick one, Mr. Chairman. Glen, in reading the back-up on this, basically, the reason we're doing this is, presently, we have no codes or any regulations on the installation of a mobile home in unincorporated areas, is that correct?"

Mr. Wiltse said, "We have some, but we're trying to pull it all into one specific document and these are State standards and our standards and we're allowing to use either set of standards, basically."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, and this actually will be to the protection of the person purchasing the home and getting it installed. They can have some comfort in knowing that it's installed properly and safely and whatever."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay. Great. Thank you. That's all I had."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Glen, I've read part of this. Can you give me a comparison, I guess, of how it compares with other entities or jurisdictions that have similar resolutions. Is this pretty standard? Does it do about the right thing, not to much, not to little? How would you compare it?"

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Mr. Wiltse said, "I think we've taken this maybe one step farther, by putting it all into one resolution because most communities do have standards. Some communities require engineering on every, like a residential design home that's put on a permanent foundation. This will allow the Association to submit one set of engineered documents, instead of having to pay the engineered document on every home that's set. So, we are actually doing the same thing, but hopefully costing the homeowner less money in this process."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Thank you. Commissioners, are there other questions, before we open the public hearing? Seeing none, at this time we will open the public hearing and take comment on our Item A-1. Is there anyone in the audience who would like to address the Commission concerning Item A-1 on our Agenda? Please come forward. Please come to the podium and state your name and address for the record. We like to try to limit the comments to five minutes."

Mr. Tom Byrne, 1001 S. Stagecoach, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I am in the industry and owner of a supply company here in town, for the manufactured housing industry. We've worked very closely with the Sedgwick County Code Enforcement and the staff down there, on this resolution. I'd just like to say that we fully support it and they're a great bunch of guys and it's definitely good for the consumer."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Mr. Byrne. I think we all appreciate your coming and making those comments. We like to think Code Enforcement and all County departments try to work with stakeholders out there that they're doing business with and your being here today has certainly, kind of, at least lead us on the track that perhaps Glen is on the right track here. Thank you."

"Is there anyone else in the audience who would like to address this Item A-1? Anyone else? Seeing no one, we'll close the public hearing. Commissioners?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE III OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CODE AND ADOPTING THE NFPA 70 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 1999 EDITION, AND THE 1999 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE.

Mr. Wiltse said, "This resolution represents an update of the existing electrical code that we have in place now. These codes are updated, Nationally, on a three year basis. We also have a board, who have reviewed this code and the amendments. The amendments pretty much mirror what the City of Wichita has. We did have a fee increase from \$18.00 to \$25.00. This fee is also the same, I believe, as what the City of Wichita has. So, our fees are in line with what the City is using also."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you, Glen. Commissioners, questions before we open this public hearing? Seeing none, we will open the public hearing to receive public comment on our Item A-2. Is there anyone here in the audience who would like to speak to our item A-2 this morning? This is the time for public comment. Seeing no one, we'll limit discussion to Commission and staff. Commissioners, questions? What's the will of the board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Glen. Thank you, Mr. Byrne, for being here this morning. We appreciate it. Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

B. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CLAUDIA L. HOHNBAUM, MA, RD, LD, FOR CONSULTATION SERVICES.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "This first item is a contract with Ms. Claudia Hohnbaum, who is a registered and licensed dietician, who works in our Community Support Services Program. She has been doing this for a year. She essentially works up to ten hours a week at \$35.00 an hour and provides nutrition assessments and consultation for individuals in our psycho-social program that need some dietetic assistance and consultation. The total contract is \$18,200. \$15,500 of that is coming from the partial hospital funds, County funds, and \$2,700 would be coming from Community Support Services State funds. We're requesting that you approve the contract."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, are there questions or comments?"

MOTION

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

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Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. CONTRACT WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE FAMILY ADVOCACY SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, "This contract is with the Mental Health Association (MHA) in our area and it outlines the expectations and outcomes and compensation for the provision of family advocacy services from the Mental Health Association. You might recall that all the community mental health center, last year, received some money from the tobacco settlement, to be put toward something that we call the Family Centered System of Care. What COMCARE (Comprehensive Community Care) did is met with our partners, our community partners, and decided how that money would be dispersed in Sedgwick County.

"One of the things that was happening with the Mental Health Association is that they have a number of individuals who are parents of children with severe emotional disturbances themselves, who have been providing support to other parents. When a new diagnosis is made they can accompany parents to educational planning sessions at the school and other sessions. They go to court proceedings with parents. They provide training to parents, sometimes telephone support. They've been doing this for a while. We decided, since the number of children we are serving has increased, to increase the amount of money that we're giving to MHA to provide this service to us. The total amount of this contract is \$87,901, and that would be coming from the tobacco settlement State funds. We're requesting that you approve the contract."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Are there questions or comments? What's the will of the board?"

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MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

3. AGREEMENT WITH INTER-FAITH MINISTRIES TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY OVERFLOW SHELTER SERVICES.

Ms. Cook said, "This is an agreement or a contract with Inter-faith Ministries. We provide an annual grant of \$7,500 for the operation of the emergency overflow shelters for homeless individuals in our area. The shelters serve about 400 individuals. They start around December 1st and go until February 29th. The emergency shelter operates daily during the winter months, when the other shelters in the area are beyond capacity. What happens is, there are five area churches that provide host sites for the overflow shelter and the church provides volunteer staff who cook for the individuals who are there and serve meals. COMCARE's homeless program, at Center City, also provides staff two nights a week to identify any individuals who might have a severe and persistent mental illness and connect them with care, in our program.

"This is a collaborative effort between Sedgwick County, the City of Wichita and United Way. The total

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amount of the contract is \$7,500 and it is coming from County funds, Homeless Assistance. We're requesting that you approve the contract."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "We have a question. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. I just . . . the dates on this I kind of don't understand. It looks like we're paying after the fact. Is that how it's set up?"

Ms. Cook said, "We are, yes. The other two partners have different arrangements but this is budgeted in the 2000 budget, so we had to wait until January 1st to even prepare this for an agenda item. This has been the case since this program has started so, unless we, essentially, approve two years at a time we'll always be behind on this contract."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Other questions or comments. We have a Motion. Any other questions? Seeing none, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Marilyn. Keep up the good work. Next item."

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C. REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.

- 1. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MARY DUDLEY, MD TO PROVIDE DISTRICT CORONER/ MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES.**
- 2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARY DUDLEY, MD AS DISTRICT CORONER FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.**

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here today because I have good news and bad news and good news. Let me start with the good news. We have conducted, as you well know, a national search for a district coroner, for chief medical examiner. We hired a firm in the fall, in October, by the name of Witt Kieffer, who has a national reputation, as a search firm, for finding health care professionals. We engaged that firm to help us with that search and they began the process. We received lots of inquiries, well over 40 inquiries. We received several applications that we weeded through, with the help of that firm, and began a very extensive examination process that culminated with interviews.

"The interview panels, there were three of those, one led by Doug Russell, and that was a interview panel that interviewed candidates of employees, and Doug Russell led that group. Another interview panel was led by Bob Lamkey, and that was the advisory board for the Forensic Science Center, mostly law enforcement personnel types, the Sheriff, the police chief, representatives of the DA and others, and we are thankful for those two groups, who helped. Finally, the third interview panel that I had the privilege of leading, which was representative of the medical society. As you know, Kansas law says that before a coroner can be appointed, the Medical Society has an opportunity to nominate a candidate. In this case, the Sedgwick County Medical Society has nominated Mary Dudley and we have received that blessing. It was clear to us that Dr. Mary Dudley was the absolute best candidate for this position. She brings us a great deal of varied experience. I shouldn't say lots of experience because that would make you believe that she is long in the tooth but that's not the case at all. She just has lots of different experiences that will help us succeed to the next level of bringing that service for the public safety and for the citizens of Sedgwick County to a level that we haven't seen before. So, I'd like to introduce at this time, Dr. Mary

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Dudley, and we're very glad she's here."

Dr. Mary Dudley, candidate for County Coroner, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I really appreciate being nominated by this group and having the opportunity to work in this fine community. Looking forward to working with all of you and with the Center. I'm very happy to be here. Thank you."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I have one question of Dr. Dudley. Can you play softball?"

Dr. Dudley said, "No, I'm sorry, I can't. Tennis and skiing I'm okay at."

Chairman Winters said, "We keep looking for team players for the annual City/ County softball game."

Dr. Dudley said, "I'll be there in support, though."

Mr. Buchanan said, "This brings me to the bad news part. My father used to tell me, and I think it's accurate, 'the road to hell is paved with good intentions'. The good intentions were that Mary would be here by March 1st. We knew that that was a very ambitious schedule. She had the intentions of being here and beginning to do the work of the coroner. Our intentions were to get her here as soon as possible and so we proceeded down that path. Part of the medical profession is that if you've not worked in a state for a while, your license goes into a state of limbo. That's what happened to Dr. Dudley and to get that license out of limbo, we needed some documents from other states that she had a license in, and Florida was the one. She provided all the necessary documents, the check, the overnight pouch for the materials to be sent to Topeka. We called, last week, to see how things were progressing, and discovered that it was a two to four week process. That they couldn't possibly get it till sometime, the earliest was the end of March, and that was the one person that we had to talk with. In a series of phone calls, we left lots of messages, all over the state of Florida and all over Tallahassee, trying to make that process go faster. Finally, Bob Lamkey said, 'well, my brother-in-law works there and let's use my brother-in-law'. His brother-in-law works for the State, found the right people to talk to, went to the State Office Building, went to the right office, got the paperwork processed and it was overnighted Monday, so that it would arrive in Topeka Tuesday and we would have it faxed to us, so that we could culminate this deal.

"The slip in the process is that in the State Office Building in Topeka, the overnight mail doesn't go to the office. It goes to the mail room and then the mail room distributes the mail in the regular process, the way it's handed out. So, we don't know where that letter is. It's in someplace in Topeka, in the State Office Building. We know that it was sent from Florida. We know that it was received. We just don't know where it is. We have all the expectations that that will be taken care of today or tomorrow. As soon as

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that's done, we would respectfully request a special meeting to appoint Dr. Dudley as coroner, and execute the contract.

"You see, the State law says that she has to have a medical license, has to be licensed in the State of Kansas, and we cannot provisionally appoint her until that occurs. We have no reason to believe that that won't happen. I would respectfully request that these two items be deferred and that the third motion, which you do not have in front of you, would be to create a position of Special Consultant to the Forensic Science Center and that I would then appoint Mary Dudley to that position.

"It's not as if she has nothing to do in the next two or three days. We have orientation, we have people to get to know, we have contacts to make, we have the lab to look at and examine, we have to find out where the restrooms are. All the stuff that new employees need to do. I'm confident that her time will be busy and we have coverage and that's my recommendation to you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, comments, questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to defer indefinitely Items C-1 and C-2 and authorize the creation of the position of Special Consultant for the Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "My only questions is we would just all be clear at the Forensic Science Center, what this would allow Dr. Dudley to do and not to do."

Mr. Buchanan said, "Yes. Everyone's clear on that. She cannot practice medicine. She can do everything else."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've heard the Motion. Any further discussion? Seeing none, call the vote."

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

3. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KATHY RAVEN, MD TO PROVIDE FORENSIC AUTOPSY SERVICES.

Mr. Buchanan said, "You have in front of you an agreement for Dr. Raven to be a Deputy Coroner, to begin that and to help us in that area. It's a standard contract that we provide and we would recommend that you would adopt this agreement but before you do that, you need to know that the next action that you will be asked to take, and it's an Off Agenda Item, would be appointing her, have a resolution appointing her as the Deputy Coroner. What we expected to happen was that the Deputy . . . that this would not take place until next week, but because she's here, because we have Dr. Johnson, who has appointed her as the Deputy, we need you to appoint Dr. Kathy Raven as Deputy Director. It's a standard resolution, you've seen before. Now, therefore be it resolved that the Deputy District Coroner, Deborah Johnson, MD, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners, hereby appoints Kathy Raven. You've done that before. The first action would be professional services."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, we have before us Item C-3, professional service agreement with Kathy Raven, MD. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Any additional discussion? Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Just for clarification, for the public. She'll be a permanent employee, when she becomes Deputy Director?"

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Mr. Buchanan said, “No, we have a whole series of Deputy Coroners who provide services to us. She is just one of many Deputy Coroner, who is on a part-time, temporary basis.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So, is she paid on an hourly basis, or a retainer?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “She is paid on a per case basis, as we have paid others.”

Chairman Winters said, “That was my question. She’ll still be in this position, even after we get Dr. Dudley all squared away and everything?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “As all the other deputies will still be deputies. Then it will be up to Dr. Dudley as how she wants to us them.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “So they’re just an additional resource for Dr. Dudley to use, if there’s more case than she can handle.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes, or if people are out of town or sick.”

Chairman Winters said, “And then, after this motion, we still need an Off Agenda item, then.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “Yes, sir.”

Chairman Winters said, “We have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

OFF AGENDA ITEM

MOTION

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Commissioner Hancock moved to take an Off Agenda Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Mr. Buchanan said, “Thank you. That was the bad news part, and I apologize to the Commission. People don’t like to see legislation being made. It’s like watching sausage being made. This is part of the process. You and I tried to, and we work real hard at making sure things are done properly and in order. This certainly wasn’t, but the good news is the organization took extraordinary, and you have taken extraordinary action to make it work and the citizens of Sedgwick County, the service will be seamless and no one will miss a beat. That’s the good news. Thank you.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “What’s the Off Agenda Item?”

Chairman Winters said, “Now talk about the Off Agenda Item. We just took the Item. We don’t know what it is yet.”

Mr. Buchanan said, “The Off Agenda Item is the resolution appointing Kathy Raven as Deputy District Coroner. You’ve signed the Contract.”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution appointing Kathy Raven MD as Deputy County Coroner.

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Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “And that then concludes the Regional Forensic Science Center Agenda? Well, I’d like to take just a second, right here, to make a couple of comments. One, I would like to thank Marsha Gasper. I know your work is not done over there yet. You’re going to still be involved for a bit, but we really have appreciated the fine professionalism that you have demonstrated in the leadership in getting that group back together and keep providing a good service for the community and we all share in saying ‘thank you’ to you Marsha.”

“Then, collectively, we’d certainly say, ‘welcome’ to Dr. Dudley. We’re excited to have you in the community. We think we’ve got a great facility. We know we’ve got a great facility. Now, we need to just get it working on all its proper cylinders and headed in a good direction. We’re confident that with your leadership that can happen. We encourage you to be an active participant and part of this community. We think Wichita and Sedgwick County is a great place to live. It’s got a lot of great people in it that you’ll need to get to know and be familiar with. If there is ways that the Commissioners can assist you in your operation of that facility, we want to be ready and able to help continue to make that just a great service for this community. Not a lot of pleasant tasks you deal with, or will be dealing with in that facility but they are extremely important to the health, safety and welfare of the community. So, welcome.”

“Commissioners, any other comments?”

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "Maybe we can field a downhill racing team now that Dr. Dudley is here?"

Chairman Winters said, "Could be. Thank you, Manager Buchanan. Next item."

D. FACILITY PLANNING & REMODELING DEPARTMENT.

1. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ECCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR SPACE AT 604 N. MAIN.

Mr. Kenneth W. Arnold, Director, Facility Planning & Remodeling Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item D-1 and D-2 are actually related items, both involving Ecco Plaza at 604 North Main. The purpose of this agreement is to move our purchasing department out of the courthouse to that location so that we can expand the District Attorney's functions, within the Courthouse area of the annex. You have a copy of the lease agreement. It's being reviewed by the legal department, which should be done shortly. The lease amount is \$30,705.96 per year. It's a three year lease. I would recommend that you approve the agreement in D-1, subject to the final review by the legal department. I'd be happy to answer any question."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. We have Item D-1, lease agreement. Commissioners, question? Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How much of that Ecco Building do we already occupy?"

Mr. Arnold said, "We just have one additional suite in there, that the Housing Office is in, right inside the front door. It's about a third of this space that we'll be leasing for purchasing. The Public Defenders Office is in that building, as well."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Is that about the going rate downtown?"

Mr. Arnold said, "Yes. In this area, yes, ma'am."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, questions, comments?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. AMENDMENT TO THE 2000 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP).

Mr. Arnold said, "We are bringing to you a CIP (Capital Improvement Program) amendment at the same time that we're doing the lease. This is a new way of doing business, to make sure that you have all of the cost factors in front of you, as we enter into leases or modify leases, and also do work in the facilities that are involved.

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“The amount of the amendment to the CIP is \$135,000. Includes cost to the owners contractor for work, separate bidding of some pieces of work, by ourselves, and other suppliers and furniture, to finish out that space at Ecco for purchasing. Would recommend that you approve the amendment and would be happy to answer any questions.”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Ken. Next item.”

3. AMENDMENT TO THE 2000 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR WORK RELATED TO THE NEW FLEET MANAGEMENT BUILDING/ WEST SHOP (CIP# PB355) AND THE REMODEL OF THE WPA BUILDING (CIP# PB449).

Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Project Manager, Facility Planning & Remodeling Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This agenda item speaks to two separate CIP projects and I’m bringing them to you at the same time. One CIP amendment deals with the construction of our new Fleet Management building and the other CIP amendment request deals with remodeling of the WPA (Works Progress Administration) building at 1015 Stillwell. These amendment requests are coming to you this morning because it appears that the project costs are going to be higher than we expected during the budget development, CIP development for these projects. We have recommended some specific funding sources for you to approve for these projects as well.

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“If you would recall, the current CIP budget for these projects shows that the Fleet Management building would cost around \$3,200,000, while the remodel of the WPA building would cost right at \$715,000. Based on some additional planning with an architectural firm, we’ve come up with four plans and have revised the project cost estimates for these projects. The estimate for the new Fleet Management building is \$4,274,454. Funding sources that have been recommended include using the 1999 vehicle reserve, some self-insurance fund money, as well as, we put a little bit more in the CIP budget, as the year has gone on. The WPA building cost, the \$715,000 is already in our CIP budget and staff is recommending that we use \$425,000 already designated for work on the Ark Valley Lodge project.

“I’m available for questions, and I request your approval on these CIP amendments.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Stephanie. Stephanie, these are the numbers that we reviewed at the workshop staff meeting, not yesterday, but last week?”

Ms. Knebel said, “Yes, that’s correct. These are the same numbers. These are the same numbers that we’ve been sharing and working with over the last couple of weeks.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, very good. Commissioners, are there questions or comments? Seeing none, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the CIP amendments.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Stephanie. Next item."

**E. AGREEMENT WITH STANDARD BEVERAGE CORPORATION FOR
ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT THE KANSAS COLISEUM.**

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is our standard agreement for advertising rights, however the program is new. This has evolved out of our preparations for the indoor football season. We cannot use the center home scoreboard because of the kick-offs and the field goal attempts. It hangs too low. So, we're going to have to rely on our end-zone scoreboards. However, their position, right now, puts them right where the balls going to go for the field goals, putting them in harms way. So, what we're going to do is just offset them by one bay off to the side. The bulbs are awfully expensive to replace. When we do that, we're going to make this thing so we can easily lower the scoreboards for maintenance and relamping. We're going to add some signage to either side of that. This is going to be dynamic signage, it's going to be movable, allowing us three advertisers per side. It's a whole new program for us. We recommend approval.

Commissioner Gwin said, "This is the first of three?"

Mr. Nath said, "First of twelve."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Very Good. Commissioners, are there questions or comments?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Any additional discussion?"

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I just have one clarification. It says here, John, that it's \$2,000 for a term of three years. I assume \$2,000 per year."

Mr. Nath said, "That is correct."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Seeing none, call the vote."

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, John. Next item."

F. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Dr. Charles Magruder MD, MPH, Director of Community Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just present three items to you, briefly. Our immunization program is continuing to make progress. Our rates are continuing to increase for the population that we serve at the Health Department. Regarding our tobacco compliance checks, we have had a tremendous amount of cooperation from various people in the community. We've increased the number of volunteers that we have available to do that and so we have slightly increased our capabilities. We are still finding that our compliance is above the State average, for other communities in the State of Kansas. Just one other item to make you aware of.

"In terms of physical activity, we have initiated a process, at the Health Department, whereby our staff are going out and walking, twice a week, over the lunch hour, which was what we hoped to be the first of many such initiatives within Sedgwick County, to encourage and promote physical activity. I'll be happy to answer any questions that you might have at this time."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much, Charles. I might make the comment, for some of the public, that this report was perhaps a little shorter than normal. Yesterday, we did have an opportunity to sit down with Charles and the appointees from Sedgwick County and discuss, basically, 1999 and projections for 2000 yesterday over lunch. We appreciate that opportunity and we certainly appreciate our appointees to the Health Board being there. Commissioner Hancock."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I was pretty much going to say the same thing and also add that

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yesterday we were privileged to look at some of the things that are going on at the Health Department, and there are some exciting things that folks should be aware of. The Health Department is growing, not in terms of size, but growing in terms of what they do now, compared to what they did a few years ago. Dr. Magruder should be very pleased, as we are, with what's going on there. Hopefully, the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council, as a team, can do a better job than what we have in the past. We've kind of relied on each other to provide oversight, to a certain extent, and it's kind of not our department but that's not true. There are so many things going on that we need to be aware of, this community needs to be aware of. Life is dangerous out there and we have these folks here as a fire wall between the citizens and what can harm our community. So far, I've been very proud of what they have done. Maybe together, us and the City Council can, ourselves, make some changes that would better serve your department and the folks that work with you. So, I think, between you doing a better job and the governing bodies doing a better job, I think that we have one of the health departments in the State, if not in the Region, that is going to be one of the best. Charles, I want to thank you. You've been a big part of it, so far. Appreciate it."

Dr. Magruder said, "Thank you very much, sir, for your kind comments. We also very much appreciate the amount of time that you have given us, particularly yesterday. That was very beneficial and helpful for our staff. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. What's the will of the Board on this report?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

G. AMENDMENT TO THE 2000 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR WORK RELATED TO MAIZE ROAD CONSTRUCTION FROM THE NORTH CITY LIMITS TO 45TH STREET NORTH CITY LIMITS TO 45TH STREET NORTH. CIP# R246.

Mr. David Spears, P.E., Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item G is a request to amend the 2000 Capital Improvement Program by adding the construction of Maize Road to four lanes, between the Wichita city limits and 45th Street North. This is estimated to be a \$5,000,000 project and is currently scheduled for construction in 2001.

"We are approximately one year ahead of schedule. The final engineering plans will be completed by the end of March. We can let the project on May 23, and have a "start window" between June 19th and July 3rd. All of the rights-of-way have been acquired and the utility companies have assured us that they will have their lines relocated prior to our "start window".

"I'd be glad to answer any questions you may have."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the CIP amendment.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, David. Next item."

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**H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' FEBRUARY 24, 2000
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the February 24th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are 8 items for consideration.

**(1) BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: SALES TAX**

"Item 1, various bridge improvements for Public Works projects B-320, B-321 and B-323. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Utility Contractors. That amount, \$849,962.

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

"Item 2, sanitary sewer improvements, also for Public Works, the Belriv Addition. It was recommended to accept the low bid of KC Excavating. That amount, \$51,683.

**(3) CARPET AT ECCO PLAZA FOR PURCHASING- OFFICE OF FACILITY
PLANNING & REMODELING
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

"Item 3 is carpet for Ecco Plaza, Office of Facility Planning and Remodeling. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Star Lumber and Supply. That amount, \$9,978.

**(4) DEMOLITION & DEBRIS REMOVAL, 12 BRICK QUADRAPLEXES- OFFICE OF
FACILITY PLANNING & REMODELING
FUNDING: CORRECTIONS**

"Item 4, demolition and debris removal of twelve brick quadraplexes for the Office of Facility Planning and Remodeling. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Cornejo and Sons. That amount, \$79,380.

**(5) 4-DOOR POLICE SEDANS- FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

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“Item 5, four door police sedans for Fleet Management, for the Sheriff’s Department. These are the police interceptor models. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Mel Hambelton Ford. That amount, with trade, \$173,900.

- (6) SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE & LICENSE RENEWAL- DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS

“Item 6 is software maintenance and license renewal for the Division of Information and Operations. It was recommended to accept the sole source bid of ERSI of Kansas City. That amount, for the year 2000, \$31,933.12. ESRI is the publisher of these applications.

- (7) SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS

“Item 7, software maintenance and renewal for the Division of Information and Operations. It was recommended to accept the sole source bid of Information Builders. That amount, for the year 2000, is \$29,341.50. Again, Information Builders is the publisher of this application.

- (8) REMODEL OF COMCARE FACILITY AT 635 N. MAIN- OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING AND REMODELING**
FUNDING: OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING AND REMODELING

“Item 8, remodel of the COMCARE facility at 635 N. Main, also by the Office of Facility Planning and Remodeling. It was recommend to reject all bids. This project has been canceled.

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- (9) INSTALL CAMERA/ MONITORS- HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE- OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING AND REMODELING**
FUNDING: OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING AND REMODELING

“There was one item that did not require action at that particular time. That was the installation of cameras and monitors for the Historical Courthouse by the Office of Facility Planning and Remodeling. Those bids are tabled and are being reviewed.

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“I’ll be happy to take questions and would recommend approve of the Minutes from the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Darren. Are there any questions?”

Commissioner Hancock said, “Madame Chair, the quadraplexes, twelve . . . why are we doing those? Remind me.”

Mr. Muci said, “I see Stephanie Knebel carefully making her way to the front. I think she should address that.”

Ms. Knebel said, “If you would recall, the Commissioners have agreed to purchase a piece of property to the north of the existing Juvenile Detention Facility.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “That’s enough. I got it. I just couldn’t picture what this was. It says Kellogg, and I’m thinking Kellogg. Never mind. I got it. Thank you.”

Ms. Knebel said, “Your welcome.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Are there any other questions?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Chairman Thomas G. Winters Aye

Chairman Winters said, “

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

Four Easements for Right of Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 833-I, J, N ½ K; Webb Road: North Wichita Limits to K-254; Payne Township. CIP #R-238. District 1.

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>
V2015	\$226.00	2	Springcreek Apartments

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

<u>Contract</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Old</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Amount</u>
V99023	\$150.00	\$147.00
C99019	\$325.00	\$325.00
V93028	\$191.00	\$243.00
C74002	\$327.00	\$327.00
V99033	\$286.00	\$291.00
C93021	\$269.00	\$264.00
V99014	\$425.00	\$273.00

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V98048	\$345.00	\$ 0.00
C99017	\$248.00	\$265.00
C98010	\$119.00	\$167.00
V96030	\$ 61.00	\$444.00

4. **Order dated February 23, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
5. **Agreement with Andrea Rea to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
6. **General Bills Check Register of February 25, 2000.**
7. **Budget Adjustment Requests.**

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Consent Agenda before you and I would recommend that you approve it."

MOTION

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

OTHER

Chairman Winters said, "Other business. Commissioners, I see that Margalee Wright is in the audience

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today. Margalee is Chairman of the Juvenile Correctional Advisory Board or Team Justice. I would move that we take an Off Agenda item.”

OFF AGENDA ITEM

MOTION

Commissioner Winters moved to take an Off Agenda Item.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Margalee, will you please come to the podium. One of the very important initiatives that Margalee is helping lead is our prevention efforts and how we deal with prevention in a new way as it relates to Juvenile Justice. There has been a resignation on the Team Justice Advisory Board, and we are in a place where we could appoint a new Chairperson to the Prevention Committee. I’m sorry that we haven’t had more time, but we’ve been trying to coordinate about five or six people here, and we’ve gotten kind of behind the schedule. Margalee, it’s my understanding Prevention is going to meet this week.”

Ms. Margalee Wright, Chairman, Juvenile Correction Advisory Board, greeted the Commissioners and

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said, "Correct. Tomorrow in fact and then Team Justice meets on Friday and it would be helpful to us if we could have the new chairperson to begin with us tomorrow."

Chairman Winters said, "And we do have a new opportunity, with some additional funds that are available and we really have a kind of a new and good challenge of trying to make those investments in the right way."

Ms. Wright said, "Yes we do. In addition to that, we have several new members of the Prevention Committee. We're getting a broader base of support from the community and we think that's also a positive."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, well I know that Commissioner McGinn has been very interested in this issue, as have I. It's my understanding that Frances Ervin would be a good candidate for that position. I'm not sure if she has really fully been contacted and thought about that, do you?"

Ms. Wright said, "No, I have not spoken to her directly about it."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, I don't know that . . . I'm trying to decide if we need to make a formal motion today to appoint her, if she agrees. I think that might be appropriate. Then, all questions will be answer and you can just go forward. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Could we just have Margalee ask her and then she could just show up and be a part of it tomorrow and then we go ahead and put it on our regular agenda for next week."

Chairman Winters said, "I think you would certainly have our concurrence to move forward with that. This, again, is kind of a fast-track with your two meetings this week. So, let's just proceed with that and Margalee, I don't think we'll take any formal action but if you would take direction from these comments, then we'll move forward."

Ms. Wright said, "I'll be happy to do that. If I might just take a moment. I'm here this morning and I would like to introduce a young woman from Maize High School, Jessica Krizzer. Would you stand up Jessica? She is in the Mentor-Net program at Maize High School and I am her mentor this semester. She is interested in local government and politics and how the community process works and so she's attended

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a lot of meetings and this morning she just wanted to see what a County Commission meeting was like. We're happy she could be here."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Very good. Welcome. We're glad you're here with the meeting and you're certainly following a fine mentor this morning. Margalee, we continue to say thank you for your work with Team Justice. It's very, very valuable. Thank you.

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into the Fire District Meeting at 9:56 and returned at 10:00 p.m.

Chairman Winters said, "Is there other business?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn 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 and litigation, legal advice, and personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:01 a.m. and returned at 11:14 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, “We are back in session. Let the record reflect that no binding action was taken while in Executive Session. Is there other business to come before this meeting, Mr. Euson, Mr. Manager? This meeting is adjourned and that concludes our business on March 1st. Thank you.”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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

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THOMAS G. WINTERS, Chairman
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CAROLYN McGINN, Chair Pro Tem,
Fourth District

BETSY GWIN, Commissioner,
First District

BILL HANCOCK, Commissioner,
Second District

BEN SCIORTINO, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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