

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, February 16, 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 Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Dr. Ernest McClellan, Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services (EMS); Ms. Lucretia Taylor, Diversity Officer, Division of Human Resources; Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Services (EMS); Ms. Jo Templin, Career Development Officer, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Ms. Marsha Gasper, Interim Administrator, Regional Forensic Science Center; Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Office; Ms. Stephanie Payton, Assistant to the Manager; Ms. Kathy Sexton, Director, Information and Operations; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department of Aging; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Mr. Marv Duncan, Director, Fleet Management; 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. Daniel Byington, Detention Lieutenant, Sheriff's Department.
Dr. Courtney Johnson, Representative, Healing Path Foundation.
Dr. Ernest McClellan, Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services.
Ms. Mary Beth Hughes-Palm, President, Regional Prevention Center.
Ms. Debbie McKenna, Supervisor, Safe and Drug Free Schools program.
Mr. Steve Batt, Quality Improvement Services.
Mr. Winston Brooks, Superintendent, USD 259.
Ms. Fran Crowley, Member, Board of Education.
Ms. Sandy Shepard, Coordinator, Safe and Drug Free Schools program.
Mr. Howard Moon, Representative, USD 262.
Mr. Tom Oldstranger, Superintendent, USD 264.
Mr. Charles Edmond, Superintendent, USD 265.
Mr. Don Wells, Superintendent, USD 263.
Mr. Dave Shank, Member, School Board.
Ms. Harriet Harris, Representative, USD 261.

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Mr. Dan Peters, Superintendent, USD 267.

Ms. Marcia Cappin, Representative, USD 268.

GUESTS (con't)

Mr. Lionel Alford, Consultant, USD 259 Bond Issue.

Mr. Joe Pisciotte, Wichita City Councilman.

Mr. Joe Johnson, Architect, Schaefer, Johnson, Cox, Frey.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Mark Brown of Native American Spirituality.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATIONS OF MINUTES: **Regular Meeting, December 29, 1999**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of December 29, 1999.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review these Minutes. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 29, 1999.

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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item please."

PROCLAMATIONS

A. PROCLAMATIONS (THREE).

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2000 AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH."

Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'll read this Proclamation in for the record."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, February marks the national observance of Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month has stemmed from 'Negro History Week', launched by Dr. Carter G. Wootson in 1926 to examine the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultural and political experience of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History would succeed in promoting the celebration of this week into Black History Month in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is rich in African American History, with the birthdays of great

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African American pioneers, including Frederick Douglas, W.E.B. Dubois, Langston Hughes, and Eubie Black; and

WHEREAS, we also remember significant events and organizations that begin in February, including the NAACP, the first Pan African Congress, and the oath of office for the first African American Senator, Hiram Reels; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month should not initiate a month's study of African American History but should portray the climax and reaffirmation of the struggle and determination to change attitudes and heighten the understanding of the African American Culture;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the month of February 2000 as

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

and encourage all employees and citizens to explore the contributions of African Americans and learn more about the rich heritage of this culture in our country.

"Today we have Lucretia Taylor, who is our Diversity Officer for Sedgwick County to accept this Proclamation."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Welcome, Lucretia. Commissioners, you've heard the Proclamation, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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

Chairman Winters said, "Lucretia, would you like to make a few comments."

Ms. Lucretia Taylor greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a great honor that I accept this Proclamation, on behalf of the citizens of Sedgwick County African American citizens. I also accept this Proclamation on behalf of the employees of Sedgwick County, as well. Not only is this an affirmation of African American history, but is an affirmation of all of our histories together, joined as one, so that we can learn from one another and become as one. Again, I graciously accept this Proclamation. Thank you, very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Lucretia. Next item please."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 12-20, 2000 AS "NATIONAL EATING DISORDER AWARENESS WEEK."

Ms. Zukovich said, "I'll read this in for the record."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, eating disorders (anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge eating disorder) are prevalent in our community and nationally affect 8 - 10 billion individuals; and

WHEREAS, eating disorders are physically and psychologically devastating to individuals and families with women and young girls being at the highest risk; and

WHEREAS, eating disorders arise out of a combination of biological, psychological and cultural factors and once diagnosed are highly treatable; and

WHEREAS, efforts towards awareness in our community and prevention, particularly in grade school and early adolescence, appear to be our best hopes of reducing the prevalence of these disorders; and

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WHEREAS, National Eating Disorder Awareness Week is celebrated annually to promote healthy attitudes about food, body image and self esteem.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim February 12 - 20, 2000 as

“NATIONAL EATING DISORDER AWARENESS WEEK”

in Sedgwick County and encourage all of our citizens to support the prevention of eating disorders.

"I believe we may have Dr. Courtney Johnson here today to accept the Proclamation."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you've heard the Proclamation, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Proclamation 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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Would you like to say a few words, please?"

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Dr. Courtney Johnson, Representative, Healing Path Foundation, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board and the Commissioners for allowing us to recognize eating disorder awareness week. Nationally, this has been a week that has been recognized for about 13 years. I'm a representative of the Healing Path Foundation, which is a local organization here in Wichita that, for the last three years, has been primarily focused on eating disorder awareness and support.

"I would just like to make the Board and the community aware that this organization exists and we are very involved in particularly efforts of prevention, so that we can reduce prevalence rates of these illnesses. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. Keep up the good work. I hope you have a successful week this week in awareness. Thank you. Next item."

3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 16, 2000 AS "DR. ERNEST MCCLELLAN DAY."

Ms. Zukovich said, "I'll read this in for the record.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergency medical care to the citizens of Sedgwick County has improved dramatically over the past 25 years, due in part to the leadership and involvement of the Medical Director; and

WHEREAS, the system of emergency care, including the Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Service, the Sedgwick County and Wichita Fire Department first responders, and Life WATCH, have had coordinated medical direction for at least ten years under the leadership of one Medical Director; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Director helps to guide emergency medical care, to ensure that the citizens of Sedgwick County are getting the best possible patient care; and

WHEREAS, the members of these Sedgwick County emergency services have the capability of obtaining highly technical medical advice from the Medical Director, at any hour of the day or night;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 16, 2000 as

“DR. ERNEST MCCLELLAN DAY”

in Sedgwick County, and say 'Thank You' to him for his 25 years of service to the citizens of Sedgwick County in his role as Medical Director for the emergency services.

"Tom Pollan is here to, initially, accept this Proclamation."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you've heard the Proclamation, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Winters said, "Tom, would you like to make a few comments?"

Mr. Tom Pollan, Director, Sedgwick County EMS, greeted the Commissioners and said, "In 1973, I met Dr. McClellan for the first time as he was the Medical Director of the Wichita State's first EMT, Emergency Medical Technician, program. Since then, he has become a friend, a mentor, and obviously my peer, working in this EMS system to make it better, since 1983 for me.

"I thought, as I came this morning, I wanted to have something special to say about Dr. McClellan. I thought of many words and I wanted to sum it up as easy as I could. Leader, dedicated, tenacity, pugnacious at times, passion was the word that I came up with. Passion to ensure this community has the finest service. A passion to give back to this community. I believe passion is what drives Dr. McClellan because how would he be able to stay here for 25 years and provide service and in the middle of the night get a page to hear a crew talking about their concerns about a patient. With that, I'd like to ask Dr. McClellan to join me at the podium and one other person, because somebody else was interrupted in their life when he would be involved with our service. That is his lovely wife, Barbara."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, very much. Dr. McClellan, would you like to make a few comments?"

Dr. Ernest McClellan said, "Thank you, very much. There are so many people I would need to thank having 25 years of experience with this. I'm very humbled by this recognition. There is someone who should be at my right side at this presentation, however. She has been there for the last 37 years. She has listened to the background clatter of an EMS radio for thousands of hours. When out in the evening, she's been abandoned when I've taken the car and gone elsewhere on an EMS call, she's had to find her own way home. She's been awakened at night all too often by my management of a critical patient by radio with an EMS crew, especially when dealing with a child's death, I've gone back to sleep, while she laid awake with the horror of the family's recognition of what had just occurred in their life. Without the support of Barbara, my wife, I wouldn't be here, I can assure you.

"As a young physician coming in to Wichita out of residence from San Diego, as most new physicians, I was looking for a way to contribute to the medical well being of my community, Sedgwick County. I looked out to ways to reach out to my neighbors. I am an anesthesiologist, specializing in cardiovascular anesthesia and critical care medicine. There is not much call for that at the neighborhood health clinic. In 1974, the Medical Society of Sedgwick County asked me to help design and train our members of the EMS. Two thousand years ago the question was asked, who is my neighbor. The story response to that

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question was that of the first ambulance call. The patient was an assault patient. The patient was treated at the scene, transported to a care facility by donkey, and care was provided at that definitive care facility. Interestingly, in recognition of the awards earlier, the care giver and the patient were of different races. The story was followed by the admonition, go and do likewise. Sedgwick County has allowed me to go and do likewise, but with steel trucks and highly trained and motivated personnel. For that, I'm eternally in your debt.

"The leadership of Sedgwick County and Wichita saw fit to allow us the opportunity to create an EMS system that has become the model for the entire state and area, I might add. It is built around Sedgwick County EMS with the very critical support of Wichita Fire Department, Sedgwick County Fire District, and the 911 Dispatch Center. In return, EMS has given back to the community more than 2,000 cardiac patients who were found without pulse or respiration at the scene. They have returned to their family alive and regained their place in the community. Sedgwick County EMS continues to provide leadership in pre-hospital medical care, working with the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, they provided the spark that has resulted in the development of the advanced trauma life care, which is now a standard in our community.

"In summary, you have allowed me the opportunity to serve my community, my neighbors, by bringing the lifesaving skills of my profession out of the operating room and into the streets and homes of our people. Thank you, for this recognition."

Chairman Winters said, "Dr. McClellan, we'd like to thank you and your wife. We are extremely proud of our EMS system and the work that it does. We know that you have been instrumental in laying that foundation from the beginning. We would not have the system that we have without the work of a lot of folks and you are certainly a principal player in that. We thank you. Congratulations, it is your day in Sedgwick County. Next item."

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

B. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO DANIEL P. BYINGTON, DETENTION LIEUTENANT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Jo Templin, Career Development Officer, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Daniel P. Byington, known to us as Phil Byington, is a Detention Lieutenant in the Sheriff's Department and will retire March 1, 2000 after 22 years of employment. Phil was hired on

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October 4, 1977 as a Jailer, transferred to Patrol Officer on October 24, 1977, promoted to Traffic Investigator on February 18, 1978, promoted to Detective on July 13, 1981, promoted to Sergeant January 30, 1984, and promoted to Detention Lieutenant on August 1, 1989.

"Phil is joined today by family, friends, co-workers and fellow officers of the Sheriff's Department. He has offered some comments to us that I would like to share. Phil plans to spend more time with his wife and his year-old grandson. Some of you know that Phil will be going into the ministry and plans to devote the bulk of his time to overseeing the development of the church that has been appointed to.

"Phil's entire tenure has been with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department and he has described his employment as happy, sad, fulfilling, frustrating, irritating, and inspiring, and comments that it will be the basis for a lot of sermon material. He also adds that he would like to become more involved in the Native American cause. Phil, congratulations."

Chairman Winters said, "Phil, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, it doesn't sound like much of a retirement to me. It sounds more like transition from one stage to the next. But on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we would like to present you with this clock, as a token of our appreciation for the work that you have done for Sedgwick County and for the citizens of Sedgwick County. There are a lot of places that folks chose to work. When you are involved in law enforcement and detention activities, I know that that can be sometimes very frustrating and not the most pleasant place to work. We want you to know as citizens and as the Board of County Commissioners, we appreciate the work that you and all detention facility officers do. Congratulations."

Mr. Daniel Byington Detention Lieutenant, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, very much, sir. In keeping with the Native theme by my brother Mark, (spoke in Choctaw), in the language of my Choctaw ancestors I said, the day has finally arrived and it is a good day. I appreciate my brother Mark mentioning me in his prayer. Also, there is a lot of other people here that need to be thanked. I'd like to thank the Board of County Commissioners for overseeing a tremendous increase in the need and demand of services. I'd also like to acknowledge the two fine individuals that I have had the pleasure of serving in the department under, Sheriff Johnny Darr and Sheriff Mike Hill. I'd also like to thank the deputies and the staff that have served so diligently with me, during my tenure with the department. I'd like to thank all those who meant so much to me, my family and my friends, colleagues. But lastly, to the citizens of the world and particularly to the citizens and taxpayers of Sedgwick County, I'd like to extend my thanks and let you know it has been a pleasure and an honor to be of service. I have taken that commissioning seriously and I believe my service record will bear that out. Thank you to all."

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Chairman Winters said, "Madam Clerk, call the next item."

DONATION

C. DONATION BY CHERYL RUNYAN OF \$1,000 TO COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE'S (COMCARE) SUPPORTED EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Cheryl Runyan is a project manager in our Community Support Services Program. There, she is responsible for running the clinical services that occur, the therapy services for the most severely mental ill consumers that we have at COMCARE. In addition to that, she is a strong mentor for social work masters level prepared students and has taken several students, every year, and helped them understand mental illness and incorporate them into the mental health system of care providers.

"In addition to that, she also strongly supports consumers, in their efforts to further their education. Many consumers are halted in that process, when their mental illnesses get in the way of that. So, in addition to the daily work that Cheryl does, she has, for several years, also personally contributed some of her own personal finances to the educational fund that is allowing some consumers to be able to access education pursuits that would not otherwise be able to afford them on their own. We're recommending that you accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation for this donation."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to accept the donation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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Chairman Winters said, "It is note worthy to think about having an employee who is dedicated enough to their job to make some personal contribution. I think that is very noteworthy. Any other discussion Commissioners? Seeing none, call the vote please."

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."

AWARD PRESENTATION

D. PRESENTATION OF KANSAS COMMUNITIES THAT CARE STUDENT SURVEY AWARDS.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, today we have a number of school districts represented here in the meeting room, but before we get to that, I'd like to make just a couple of background comments about juvenile justice issues. In 1996, 1997, the Kansas Legislature did change the way that we handle juvenile justice issues. There was a separate and new department started at the cabinet level, referred to as the Juvenile Justice Authority. They were given much of the responsibility for the new system. Part of that responsibility was to look back to local units of government and say what do you need to do that works for your community and how can you put something together in your community that will be unique and meet the needs of your citizens.

"The State was divided into districts, representing judicial districts. In Sedgwick County that meant that Sedgwick County was looked at as one judicial unit. A group of people were called together in 1998 out

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of that district to begin the process of developing a community plan. I was asked to convene that group. That group met for almost a year developing a plan of objectives, that would be held out for citizens and those interested in juvenile issues to work toward. One of the unique aspects of the legislation that the Kansas Legislature passed was, for the very first time, they talked about prevention and how prevention can become a part of any juvenile justice system. In fact, they put some money behind that and for the first time made funds available to work on prevention issues.

"About that same time, 1997 was when the Board of County Commissioners were struggling with the efforts of bringing our Adult Detention Center fully on line. So we were keenly aware of the amount of money that we were spending every year for detention facilities. Right now, we spend almost \$18,000,000 a year in adult detention, \$4,000,000 a year in juvenile detention, almost \$22,000,000 a year, we spend to incarcerate and hold citizens that need to be separated from society. At the encouragement of Manager Bill Buchanan and others, collectively, as we dealt with that frustration of that, we decided that it was time for Sedgwick County to make a commitment to prevention also. We have committed \$1,000,000 a year, for the past two years and anticipate going forward, with looking at prevention issues.

"Now as we look at prevention issues, in this day and age, there are ways to tell if you're doing something that is right or if you're doing something that is not working. You need to be able to make adjustments and changes. Because we're not interested in being involved in programs that aren't doing their accomplished work, aren't having the outcomes that we all are working towards. To that avail, we looked towards the Kansas Communities that Care Survey that has been used in some of our community for the past five years, in which it really enables us to take a look and not rely on speculation, but really have a better guide, as to whether we are making a difference or whether we're not. What we have, today, are those schools who have participated in that survey, which has been extremely helpful to everyone that is concerned about juvenile justice issues.

"Before we recognize this group, though, I would like to recognize and introduce Mary Beth Hughes-Palm. Mary Beth was an important part of the community planning team that worked all during that year, 1998, as we developed and strategized about what are the positive factors in our community, what are the risk factors in our communities, and how we could enhance them. Mary Beth is very familiar with the survey,

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so I'd like to ask her to make a few comments."

Mr. Mary Beth Hughes-Palm, President, Regional Prevention Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to start off by saying how much I've looked forward to today. Then, when I found out that there would be another item on the agenda, I got really excited this morning, because of the connection of all of it, of all the conditions that are present in our communities, that will either assure or not assure the success of our youth. I think today is a good example of showing how bond issues and the health of our children are all connected.

"I'd like to congratulate you, Chairman Winters, and the County Commissioners on your commitment to our children. I brag about you all over the State of Kansas. I try to be loud. You are the first County Commission to recognize the school districts that have participated in the survey. The school districts that are represented here, all ten of our public school districts, they also represent numerous private and parochial schools that have also participated in the survey. Recognition is such an important part of what we're all about. I thank you, very much, for recognizing those folks that have made this happen, at all levels. I'd also like to recognize someone from our agency, June Bailey, back here in the back, who has been our liaison with County liquor tax funds to work with the schools, to be a liaison between our schools and the State, that provides the survey. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Mary Beth. I think you do comment on a very important subject, the connection that county government has with education. As we look at our juvenile justice issues, we know that those young people who have high school diplomas or G.E.D.s are much less likely to end up in one of our detention facilities than those that do not have that education. They just have more opportunities, more availability, to do right things and be employable than those who do not. As we begin to work through this juvenile justice reform issues, we can clearly see the connection to education. The commitment from the entire community becomes so important. Just as we probably will not solve the juvenile justice issue alone as a group of county commissioners, boards of education can't make a community committed to education, it takes the entire community to be involved in that process. With that, I would like to recognize the schools that are here to receive this award. I would like for all of the people from any particular district to please come up to the podium and if one of you would like to make a comment that's fine and if not, that's fine also.

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"I'd like to begin by recognizing USD 259, Wichita. Would all of those with the Wichita School District please come forward. We have Fran Crowley with the Board of Education. Debbie McKenna. Debbie, what do you do?"

Ms. Debbie McKenna said, "I supervise Safe and Drug Free Schools."

Chairman Winters said, "We have Steve Batt. Steve, what are you involved in?"

Mr. Steve Batt said, "I work in Quality Improvement Services, which does the assessments for the district."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Gatlin Davis. Gatlin is involved with Safety Services. Marty Marshall, which is on the Board of Education, along with Fran. We have Winston Brooks."

Mr. Winston Brooks said, "In charge of parking lots."

Chairman Winters said, "Winston, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we appreciate all of the effort that you and your schools do. Thank you to you and thank you to the Board. We appreciate that and thanks for the staff that helped with that project. Fran, I'll just hand that to you. Would any of you like to make a quick comment?"

Ms. Fran Crowley, member, Board of Education, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As a newer Board member, we joke about the newer as opposed to the older."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "So do we."

Ms. Crowley said, "I just want to say that working with children all these years and being concerned about children's issues, I know that we can't solve a problem unless we can understand it. I really want to thank you for this recognition and recognize that the Kansas Communities that Care Survey helps us pin point where our efforts need to be. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you all, very much. We have Derby, USD 260. Is there someone here from Derby? We have Sandy Shepard. Sandy, what do you do with the district?"

Ms. Sandy Shepard said, "I'm the Safe and Drug Free Schools Coordinator."

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Chairman Winters said, "Very good. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners we appreciate your efforts on this survey since 1996. Would you like to make a comment?"

Ms. Shepard, Representative, USD 260, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to thank everyone for this, on behalf of USD 260 and say that there are a lot of people involved who aren't here who really put a lot of work into it. We all thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, very much. Haysville, 261. We have Harriet Harris and Susan Watson. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we'd like to present this plaque for your participation since 1995. Would you like to make a comment?"

Ms. Harriet Harris, Representative, USD 261, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I would like to thank the County for supporting the schools and students as we work more closely together supporting children. We all benefit from it and I think that Sedgwick County as a community always has supported youth and does so more every day. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. We have Valley Center, District 262. We have Howard Moon on the staff of the School District. Congratulations, we appreciate your help with this survey."

Mr. Howard Moon, Representative, USD 262, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to thank the County Commissioners for recognizing us. We are looking forward to getting the results of our surveys because it does make a big different in how we approach kids and we do want to help our kids. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. We have Mulvane, District 263. Don Wells, Superintendent is here. Don, we appreciate your participation. Would you like to make a comment."

Mr. Don Wells, Superintendent, USD 263, greeted the Commissioners and said, "My colleagues would be really amazed if I didn't. I want to thank the Commissioners and you Mr. Chairman. Mulvane is proud to be part of Sedgwick County's school system work and we always appreciate all the things the County does for us."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Clearwater, District 264. We have Superintendent Tom Oldstranger. Tom, thanks for being here. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners we appreciate your participation since 1995."

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Mr. Tom Oldstranger, Superintendent, USD 264, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you. On behalf of Clearwater and Clearwater youth, we appreciate the County and the patrons of the County that support our most important asset, our youth."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, very much. We have Goddard, District 265. We've got Charles Edmond, the Superintendent of Schools. We have Joan Pritchard on the staff at the school and Warren Laughlin on the School Board. We appreciate Goddard's assistance with the survey, since 1995. We know that you've got a growing district out there and we appreciate all of your help in this project. Would you like to make a comment."

Mr. Charles Edmond, Superintendent, USD 265, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We certainly appreciate the support that you've given us. I haven't had an opportunity to thank the entire Commission, but even with the building of our facilities, I know that I talk with Chairman Tom Winters previously about this, but the building of roads and other things the County has done, we truly appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts and everything you do for our kids and the safety of our district. Thank you, very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, very much. Maize School District 266. Dave Shank on the School Board, we appreciate your being here. Mike Meyer on staff at the school district. We appreciate Maize's participation since 1995. Thank you, very much. Success, hopefully for you, in the future for your growing school district. Would either of you like to make a comment?"

Mr. Dave Shank, Member, School Board, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you County Commissioners for this honor. A man was walking along a road in ancient Greece and he encountered a stranger and asked the stranger how to get to Mount Olympus. The stranger, who later turned out to be Socrates, said to make sure that every step you take is headed in that direction. I think the County Commission and all the other school districts represented here are taking steps headed in the correct direction. Thank you for this honor."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Renwick School District 267. We have Dan Peters, the Superintendent of the School. Dan, we appreciate your being here today and we appreciate your work with the survey in the past. Best of success and luck to you in the future."

Mr. Dan Peters, Superintendent, USD 267, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just want to thank the County Commission for this recognition. It will help our kids. We need to know, like everybody else has said, what is going on with our kids in this area and we'll take the data back and use it. Thank you."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Last, we have Cheney, District 268. We have Marcia Cappin on staff with the school district. Marsha, we appreciate your participation in the survey and best of luck to you. Do you have a comment or two?"

Ms. Marcia Cappin said, "Yes, I do. Sometimes you don't get to put a face on the people who are helping you and I'm looking at some people here who have supported Cheney. Sometimes when we call in here and ask something they say are you in Sedgwick County. Yes, we are in Sedgwick County. We receive your services and appreciate their officers that you provide and some of the personal safety awareness, plus this. This is the first year that we've participated, but we are very happy to be a part of this. Thank you, again."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, that concludes the presentations this morning. I certainly want to thank all of those who took time to come to the meeting. We appreciate all the work that you do. Often times, it is rewarding. Often times, it is very challenging. We thank you all. I'll return to the bench and call the next item."

NEW BUSINESS

E. DISCUSSION OF USD 259 BOND ISSUE.

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This item is on your agenda because this is an important community issue for us all. Clearly 259 is in the core, the center, the heart if you will, of the community and it is an important part of that community. It is what defines cities. School districts often are what define cities, what defines what the community is about. As we know, the struggle for funds for the facilities and improvements to the district has been ongoing for some time and a plan has been presented that seems to make sense, that has been presented to the school board and thought it would be helpful for you to understand that, just a bit, and to encourage voters to participate in this process.

"Irene Hart has served as part of the planning committee, has been our representative there and kept us informed as to what has been going on and so far we've been pleased with the results. For further information about what is going on, the real expert is Winston Brooks, the Superintendent of Schools and I'll turn the podium over to him."

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Mr. William Brooks, Superintendent, USD #259, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Actually, I just gave a 90 minute presentation to Boeing executives and I shortened it, in your behalf, to 45 minutes. Actually, it is good to see all my colleagues from surrounding districts here, who have been blessed by new buildings lately, except for Tom, you're going to go back and try again, before too much longer.

"The last Facility Bond Issue that this community had, the Wichita Public Schools had, was in 1974, and it was a successful bond issue. I think, often times, we get to talking about bond issues that have failed in the last few years and we're talking about local option budgets, which are completely different from Facility Bond Issues. Local option budgets are a means in which districts can generate revenue for their general fund and that is not what we're talking about here. We're talking about addressing critical needs to our facilities.

"I'm embarrassed to say this, we rank only second in the United States, to Buffalo, New York, in having the average oldest buildings of urban school districts. The average age of our buildings are 53 years old. Buffalo beats us by three years, their average age is 56 years old. We have engaged, since last March, in a very extensive community engagement process. We have reached out, like I think we have never done before, to this community. We are committed. The Board of Education is committed, I'm committed, staff is committed to making this school district part of your community.

"I think we've disengaged ourselves, somewhat, over the last few years and we are prepared to be reengaged and make our schools, here in Wichita, truly schools that we can be proud of.

"The Board of Education unanimously supported, a couple of meetings ago, that this be put on the ballot for April 4th. The City Council was very gracious yesterday in passing a resolution in support of this issue. I could ramble on for 45 minutes or longer, but I'll spare you all that. I would however like to introduce Mr. Lionel Alford, who has graciously agreed, along with hundreds of others, to lead an endeavor of campaign for this initiative. I'd invite Lionel, with your permission, to say just a word or two about this."

Mr. Lionel Alford, Consultant, USD 259 Bond Issue, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I left home this morning saying I'm going to be nice to everybody and I hoped everybody will be nice to me. I get to the west entrance of the garage and we had a small traffic jam there. I was in the lead and I couldn't get in the west side. People started honking. I guess they thought I didn't know how to work the machine. The sticker spitter is out of order. So I was discouraged, but I hope that you will pass a resolution and you'll encourage me today.

"I'd like to tell you that I used to come home from Boeing and watch the School Board on TV when they

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were on to get my mind of my troubles. There was always a fight and there was always a spat. The Superintendent and this School Board has brought some peace, ethics, and order to that school district. Now, I drew the short straw. There are a lot of people better qualified to lead this group than I, but I'm encouraged and enthusiastic about it. I hope that each of you have visited the schools. If you have, it doesn't take a Wichita State graduate to see that the transfer of knowledge in those schools is inhibited by the condition.

“Now, people complain about why are we putting in air conditioning. It is not air conditioning in my mind, it is air quality. The air quality in those schools is wretched. I visit those schools and talk to the students. The students understand what is going on in those schools. They understand the conditions of them. Now, when I came here with Boeing, the government owned this plant. Boeing decided to buy the plant and we decided we needed to upgrade it. It had World War II equipment, the roof was leaking, the government wouldn't fix it and neither would we. The air was pretty bad to breath in some of the work areas.

“We went to the City for some I.R.B.s (Industrial Revenue Bonds). Now, interesting enough, there was, and I thought this will be a piece of cake, but there was a person who stood up in opposition to the I.R.B.s. We did get a positive vote out of the City. Now, we've improved that plan to the point where it is the highest technology plant, probably, in the Boeing Company. If we had not of done that, there is a high possibility that the plant would have been shut down, because Boeing has surplus property right now. So the people who spoke in opposition will speak in opposition to this School Bond Issue. But our intent, as a group, is to present to the citizens factual data.

"The administration says we can arrange tours, so that the people can see the conditions and what improvements are going to be made. Now, I was quoted in the Wichita Eagle as prophesying a 70-30 vote positive. Now, God didn't give me the gift of prophecy. What I said was I wanted a 70-30 vote to motivate the people who are working on this problem. I believe that we can get a positive vote. With your support, with your help, and with your direction, it will be possible. We've got democrats, republicans, independents, labor unions, youth, senior citizens, parents, as a unity. We're moving forward. I will have to say that Fred Berry and I've got to raise some money. That is always a touchy subject. I've called 15 people and all of them have been positive and all of them have contributed money. But we are trying to raise \$125,000 and anybody wanting to contribute, feel free to do it. Our telephone is 293-2882.

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Our office is at 729 North Broadway. Our address is C.A.R.E., P.O. Box 1199, Wichita, KS 67201-1199. Thank you, very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Lionel. We also have in the audience, City Councilman Joe Pisciotte. Joe, if you'd like to make a comment. I know that your board acted on this yesterday."

Mr. Joe Pisciotte, Wichita City Councilman, said, "Mr. Alford says that he wants money and I think it is only apparent that we have to respond. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. Mr. Alford said that there are those that may be better suited to lead this very important community endeavor. With all due respect sir, I would disagree. I've watched him. I've been a Lionel Alford observer for over two decades and the kind of leadership that he has provided for this community is really what leadership is all about. He recognizes that leadership has no meaning without connection to community, without affirming and reaffirming the values of the community and I think this is a demonstration that he recognizes the most important value of this community, at this time, is education for our children immediately and for the future well being of this community."

"A gentleman a while ago quoted Socrates. Another quote I think is appropriate, and he said that 'well begun is half done'. I think the members of the School Board together with the Superintendent have well begun this process. They have provided the uncommon leadership for us to go down this road and we're proud to be a part of it. Mayor Knight is very much involved in this. He asked to be excused, he is in Washington this morning, but he endorses this wholeheartedly. I'm here to commend you for your leadership in this regard. You have many things on your agenda, but I think your willingness to undertake this resolution speaks well of your concern and the recognition of the legacy that this is going to leave for this community."

"We've had the pleasure of working with you, as a Council, on many issues of this community. I think this is one that is at the top of list of importance. It is a pleasure to be in partnership with you, with the School Board, and the members of the community. Again, we commend you for your leadership. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Joe. I would comment that I did visit, Ben and I visited with Mayor Knight, yesterday. The Mayor would have been here this morning to participate in this if he had of been in town, but he was leaving town this morning. Commissioner Gwin."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "I guess I'll start because I've been making notes and Sunday I made a note of a call in to the opinion line. Do you other electeds read those from time to time? One of them said something to the effect that does the school board honestly think that we're stupid enough to think that new schools will educate our children? I thought 'well of course not, not by themselves'. I don't think anybody claims that a new school, by itself, solves all the problems but updated and new schools, I believe, are a vital foundation and an important piece of the education puzzle, along with the teacher, the equipment, the books, the modern technology, the students themselves of course, teachers and last but not least, parents and families.

"I would ask my colleagues to stop and think about the psychological affect of renovation and/or reconstruction. Using our Public Works building and those employees as an example, try to remember those employees, who worked in that old lumber yard/ laundry mat/ maze of a building in which they worked. Then compare and contrast that with their improved attitudes, their better self esteem, and the work product that we see today, as they sit across the street in their new surroundings. Those employees, understood by this Board's actions and efforts, that we did care about them and we cared about where they had to spend their days and the equipment that they needed to do their jobs.

"I'm going to encourage the people who live in USD 259, as I do, and by the way I think I'm the only graduate of 259 on the Board, a proud graduate of USD 259 schools. I encourage us to show our students and teachers and the school staff that we do care about them, like we care about our employees, by saying yes, let's provide that strong foundation of upgraded infrastructure that is so desperately needed. Mr. Alford, I haven't been to all of the schools, but Minneha School was where I spent my kindergarten through 9th grade years and I've been out there several times in the last few years for events and presentations. Sad to say, that school hasn't changed much since I left and that was a long time ago.

"As I said, no, the schools won't, by themselves, teach children but this Board has seen first hand the positive affect of new facilities and the people that inhabit them, as I said, the enhanced work product, the elevated self esteem, and the desire to excel. I believe that, by demonstrating that we care and passing this bond issue, that our students will be lifted up to achieve bigger and better things and our teachers will know that they are important to us and to this community. It will be able to positively affect the outcomes of our students and, in the long run, enhance the viability of our city. I'm going to vote yes on the resolution. I'm going to vote yes on the bond issue. I encourage the voters to join me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "I hope I can get through this without a coughing attack. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess, this really comes close to home for me. The reason is that a few years back I had the opportunity to chair our school bond issue. I'm not in 259. But it was an exciting challenge. It had failed twice before. It was certainly going to be a challenge to go out there and share that information. As you know, you all have been working very hard and diligently, and now the whole full-court press is going to be on getting that information out to the voters, sharing with them how important this is to our community."

"A couple of years ago, just to touch on what Betsy talked about, a few years back I took an education class out at WSU. As part of that class, you had to go out into the communities and sit in to see what it was like if you wanted to be a teacher. I chose a school similar to what I grew up in and I was out in Andover. We sat in these classroom experiences and we had to come back and talk about how it was. Other students chose some classrooms in Wichita. It broke my heart and opened my eyes both, that as I was sitting in the classroom in the Andover district that was very similar to what I grew up in, the other students were sharing about how the classrooms were so packed. Often times, two kids were sitting at one desk. Other things like the paper, you couldn't even find enough paper and on and on, these stories. I couldn't believe it."

"You talk about will a building fix it. Well, yeah, sometimes the conditions of the environment that you're in does help you concentrate and focus on learning. So, that's one reason why I'm very supportive of this."

"Another thing I'd just like to visit about. Mary Beth talked about an exciting time. It certainly is. We've heard a lot in the paper about the Comprehensive Plan. People are talking about conservation versus trends. I don't think it is about that. I don't think it is about drawing lines around cities. I don't think it is about that. I think it is about investment in community. I think it is about investment in our children. One of the things, if we're concerned about people leaving the inner-core, what do we need to do? We need to do just that. We need to invest in our inner-core and maybe that is redevelopment in that area, but it is also investing in our school district. Whether your kids go to school there or not, whether you're young and don't have kids or whether you're a senior, that is your community. It is an investment that needs to be made for a community to continue to grow and stride."

"Another thing I just wanted to comment on, since I worked on a bond issue myself. I notice you guys have the buttons, the 21% on there. It certainly does strike conversation, as you're out there and as you've already found out. It is interesting, and every school gets a different percent, but they get so much. There

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is a State fund out there, right now, and it is still turned on and going that, if this bond issue passes and School Board members, you can correct me if I'm wrong, I'm doing this from memory. But if this bond issue passes, the State will pay 21%. Now, if it doesn't, that money is still going to go somewhere, it is not going to go to Wichita, it is going to go to somebody else's school bond issue that passed. Is that correct? So I think that is important to know that of the money, and Fran, how much money did you tell me that was? Fifty million dollars that the State will pay for. So I think that is an important thing to know.

"The button I have on today and what I'll close with is 'Believe, Invest, Vote Yes'. I'll say again and continue to say, particularly as we talk about Comprehensive Plan and this bond issue, we need to invest in our community and in our children. Thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think it goes without saying that I'm going to be wholeheartedly supportive of this resolution and the bond issue in general. Mr. Alford made a couple of comments that I think are very important because I've heard the battering around about why do we need air conditioning, the schools are only needed for five or six weeks out of the year, how are they going to afford to turn it on even if they get it, et cetera and so forth. I think we have to understand that the school doesn't shut down after the school year is over.

"There is a lot of activity and a lot of work going on as continuing education. There are some at risk programs that go on throughout the year. Now I'm the youngest Commissioner on this bench but I'm also, chronologically, the oldest. I have to put up with this every week, so bear with me, folks. So, I have the enthusiasm of youth and also the wisdom of age. I grew up going to school without air conditioning. Back then we didn't say we glowed, we sweat a lot. It wasn't very conducive to educating. When I was a youngster, I also went home and didn't have air conditioning. We shopped and we didn't have air conditioning. So you got acclimated to living without air conditioning. Once you get acclimated to having air conditioning, the heat effects you a lot worse than it did if every other venue that you were in didn't have it. I think that has to be pointed out to the public and I'm sure that it will be. This will enhance the ability to learn.

"There were two major factors that got me on board, wholeheartedly, on this. One, I asked, is it needed. Well, I can remember growing up here in the fifties and the same school buildings that were there in the fifties are still there. Some of the private schools have changed. The Kaupun-Mt. Carmel, which was called Kaupun back then, on Woodlawn, is no longer there. They've got a new facility. The time is right to have a modernization of our school district.

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"The second reason I jumped on board, and it was mentioned also by Mr. Alford, is for economic development reasons. The City of Wichita and Sedgwick County have, for the first time, I believe, really meaningfully started cooperating together in a lot of issues. We call it Compact 2000. One of the issues that we are unified in is looking at how this community can grow and expand. Well, when you're trying to encourage a business to locate here, one of the major factors they look at for their employees is how is the school district. We have a perception and I don't sign off on the perception 100%, that we have an archaic, look at the old buildings and the quality of education, et cetera, we don't get a lot of high marks. I think this is going to be a statement, nationwide, that Wichita is ready, the time is now, and we are going to take care of a problem that has existed way too long.

"To me, we also have, in this Compact 2000 issue, we're looking at a Comprehensive Plan. How do we develop the inner city as opposed to balancing the good growth that we have had over the last few years. One of the other reasons to keep an individual or to encourage a person maybe to live close to Old Town in a newly renovated loft apartment. Again, if they have children, they're going to look at the school district. If not, there will be exodus out to the outlying school districts and we might overload those school districts at a time when they're not prepared to handle it. I think that we're doing a tremendously good thing right now in recognizing that we have a problem and we're taking care of the problem. I would encourage whoever is in charge of the promotion of it to be able to now go forward and sell it to the voters of Sedgwick County, within USD 259, to do the job. We're on the one yard line. Let's take it over and make a touch down. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner. I have two brief reasons why I'm going to be supportive. First of all is for, kind of the reason of presentations that were given before this issue. I think it is so important that our young people have good opportunities to stay in school because education is such an important part of making sure they're successful. Secondly, I'm going to be supportive because I want to support our School Board. I think they are the citizens out there that have analyzed this front and back and I've got a high level of confidence in this School Board. If they say that this is a project, I'm going to believe them and they've got my support and my efforts.

"Now if we all just had some of those buttons. Joe Johnson is here and I think he has a button. Joe, would you like to make a comment?"

Mr. Joe Johnson, Architect, Schaefer, Johnson, Cox, Frey, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have two buttons we'd like to present to each of you today, the '21%' button that Caroline talked about and the 'Believe, invest, vote yes' button also."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, very much. Commissioners, we've had a lot of discussion, is there anybody else who would like to make a comment? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to instruct the Legal Department to draft a Resolution to support the USD 259 bond issue.

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, very much, Frank, Marty, we appreciate you being here. Madam Clerk, would you please call Item F."

F. AGREEMENTS (FOUR) FOR 2000 PREVENTION FUNDING.

- 1. THE WICHITA YMCA - ACHIEVERS PROGRAM: \$133,000**
- 2. WICHITA FAMILY SERVICES INSTITUTE - ON TRAC PROGRAM: \$32,500**
- 3. BIG BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, INC. - MENTORING PROGRAM: \$161,000**
- 4. BIG BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, INC. - OPERATION JUMPSTART: \$47,060**

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Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Prevention funding is awarded through a competitive request for proposal process. We've been dealing with that for the last couple of months. Sedgwick County had a grant award committee that reviewed 21 proposals late last year and recommended nine of those for funding. The committee's funding recommendations were approved by this body, on January 5 of this year, and then contracts were developed. On February 2, during the Board of County Commissioners meeting, five contracts were approved during that meeting and I have four additional contracts that are ready for your approval today.

"The contracts outline the program goals and the expectations and the outcomes that each of these programs need to meet for funding for this money for the year 2000, from the Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention fund.

"Those four programs are, the first one, the Wichita YMCA - Achievers Program. I'll read a little bit about these for folks at home who might not be familiar with these programs. This prevention grant fund will expand the existing Achievers Program and add a multi-cultural video library resource center. The program features career clusters, internships, a summer fitness program, and a leadership camp. Internships are designed to teach the value of hard work, discipline, and financial responsibility. A lecture series compliments the internship and it focuses on areas of interest of the interns and their families. The Achievers Fitness Now summer program targets minority youth most at risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, gang violence, and AIDS. The summer leadership camp targets truant youth and is designed to teach conflict resolution, positive group communication, and appropriate boundaries. Career clusters is a lecture series and it is based on participating youth's academic areas of interest. The Achievers Program received a total of \$133,000 for the grant in the year 2000.

"The second contract is with the Wichita Family Services Institute - On Trac Program. This On Trac Program provides family support assistance for youth who are exhibiting problem behavior. The On Trac program offers year round classes on 90 day class intervals, provides follow-up services for an additional nine months, following the completion of the program. The On Trac Program accepts referrals from the Juvenile District Attorney's Diversion Program, from schools, from Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center, and from family members. The types of classes that are offered now include anger management classes, conflict resolution classes, recovery and healing classes, and substance abuse classes. The program received \$32,500 from prevention grand funds for the year 2000.

"The third program is the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Mentoring Services for at risk youth. Big Brothers and Big Sisters matches at risk youth with caring adult mentors. The 2000 prevention grant will serve 200 at risk youth. Children served reflect a high degree of risk factors, including being abused or neglected

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themselves, a history of substance abuse in their home, a history of school problems, a history of family conflict, low income single parent households, and some who are currently in out-of-home placement. Big Brothers and Big Sisters Mentoring Program received \$161,000 prevention grant for 2000. They were also recipients of a prevention grants in 1998 and 1999.

"Finally, the fourth contract is with Big Brothers and Big Sisters - Operation Jumpstart. That is a program that is a collaborative effort between Big Brothers and Big Sisters and Communities in Schools programs. Big Brothers and Big Sisters is a lead agency in that program and Operation Jumpstart provides structured in-school mentoring that focuses on youth in the 5th through the 9th grades. Operation Jumpstart received \$47,060. The 2000 prevention grant was the first that Operation Jumpstart received. We are requesting that you approve these contracts. Jeannette is here to answer any questions you might have, specifically, about the contracts or the outcome measures contained in them."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Marilyn. Commissioners, you've heard the report. These are actually programs that have already been selected. This is not the selection process, this is the contracting and making sure they know what is expected and we know what we expect of them. Commissioners, questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the Agreements 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	Absent

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Marilyn. We've seen you on TV the last couple of nights. Next item."

G. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENTS (TWO) PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.

! JILL GOULD, M.D.

! GEORGE THOMAS, M.D.

Ms. Marsha Gasper, Interim Administrator, Regional Forensic Science Center, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We present to you two amendment contracts for professional service agreements for Dr. Jill Gould and Dr. George Thomas. The amendment terms will allow them to increase their case load in providing forensic pathology and autopsy services. We ask that you approve and sign the agreements."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner McGinn has a question."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Marsha, I didn't understand on the back-up material. They're appointed through 2001, the amended contract allows them to work to 2000. It doesn't make sense to me."

Ms. Gasper said, "Let me explain. The terms that we currently have now are different from what their original agreement was, only because they are working on a rotating status, until our new chief comes on board. So, there are some additional dollar amounts that they are receiving, in terms of daily per diem. So, we're asking that those terms in regards to the per diem and the extended case load will be effective through the end of June, but after June, then we will go back to their original agreement where they will not get a daily per diem."

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Manager, do you want to work on that?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "We're paying a premium for folks to help us under the current situation. Therefore,

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we are paying at a different rate and some different provisions are in the contract for the folks who are helping us. We pay them a per diem rate, whether they get a case or not, rather than on a per case basis. To assure that there will be somebody in the facility, that's the agreement that we reached. So, once the full time person is here and begins negotiating with other deputies to fill in, we suspect that will change again. The need to provide that will be different. The need to provide funds for deputies, when someone is here full time and therefore we can renegotiate that contract again."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I guess, I'm missing the part where it says it allows us to do more cases."

Mr. Buchanan said, "It doesn't allow us to do any more cases."

Ms. Gasper said, "We do have that included in there. Actually, in their original agreement, they are allowed to do a maximum of 100 cases. Not knowing what your daily case load is going to be, we've incorporated within the amendment the inclusion that they will have that capacity to accept more cases if, in fact, we exceed 100 per doctor."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, any other questions Commissioners?"

MOTION

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

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

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

H. HOUSING OFFICE.

1. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS PROVIDING WICHITA TRANSIT SERVICES IN AND AROUND OAKLAWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

Mr. Brad Snapp, Director, Housing Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning in the request you have before you is to approve an agreement between Sedgwick County and the Wichita Transit Office for transportation services to Oaklawn. The area served is the unincorporated area in and around the Oaklawn Improvement District. Sedgwick County and the Wichita Transit have maintained this agreement since 1990. Wichita Transit provides fixed route and para-transit service. Large buses make a minimum of 18 one-way trips per day, originating from downtown Wichita. The route the buses take are south on Oliver to 47th Street, crossing K-15 west of Clifton and north again connecting to K-15. The residents or riders can jump on at any corner. Residents who wish to ride the wheelchair accessible para-transit van call the Wichita Transit Office and the van comes to their home.

"In 1999, nearly 8,000 Oaklawn riders used the fixed route service and 296 riders used the para-transit service. Wichita Transit estimates the cost for the 2000 agreement will not exceed \$25,432. This is a slight decrease from 1999. Sedgwick County's cost is the expense of this service minus the riders fees. If you have any questions, I'd try to answer those."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "This is a renewal of an existing agreement that we had?"

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Mr. Snapp said, "Right, we've had this in place for about ten years."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I had asked earlier to get those ridership numbers because I sense that it was pretty high and I'm assuming that 8,000, that is a much higher number than I thought might be coming out."

Mr. Snapp said, "It had increased from 1998. We don't have the exact figures, but they told us it had increased."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's good. We're doing that because it is quite apparent that people that live out there in that area definitely need public transportation to get to and from work and to conduct their business. I'm glad that we're able to continue this service for those citizens. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Seeing no other questions, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

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2. OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES/WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY.

Mr. Snapp said, "Commissioners, CHS (Community Housing Services) has worked in Oaklawn for four years, promoting neighborhood revitalization. The Housing Office considers them to be a valuable partner. CHS is also one of the financial contributors for the Oaklawn Neighborhood Plan, that was approved by the Commission on February 2. CHS sponsors community events, crime prevention campaigns against drugs and gangs, and works alongside Oaklawn residents in their neighborhoods. They have an office at the corner of Cedardale and Jonquil. A neighborhood specialist is there to help residents try to buy their own homes.

"The primary barrier to home ownership, anywhere in the country, is poor credit. I've talked to successful home buyer who told me how CHS guided them, step by step, to a point where they could be credit worthy. The organization has below market rate loan products for mortgages and home improvement.

"In 1999, CHS co-sponsored the Hoops for Youth Basketball Tournament. It was a crime prevention outreach aimed at deterring youth from drug and gang involvement. Their partners were the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, the Oaklawn Boys and Girls Club, the Oaklawn Elementary School, and the WSU basketball team. CHS worked with the Oaklawn neighborhood advisory committee to clean up 30 homes, using over 75 volunteers. They partnered with the Oaklawn elementary school in the Own Your Own Home essay contest. The prize was a back yard playhouse. Seventy-five families learned how they could buy a home of their own.

"This year, CHS will host six neighborhood pot luck gatherings. Their focus will be on community development programs, crime prevention, and home ownership. To assist and promote home maintenance, a tool library has been established. Home Depot provided a grant to purchase step and extension ladders, painting equipment, power and hand tools, and even a lawn mower. Residents living in Oaklawn and areas where CHS works can borrow tools. Volunteers are needed to staff the service on weekends. This operating agreement is \$2,000 lower than we had with CHS in 1999. The Housing Office is following our plan to decrease funding, as CHS capacity increases. Again, I'll try to answer any questions that you have."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

I. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATIONS.

Ms. Stephanie Payton, Assistant to the County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you an item concerning the National Association of Counties, NACO, annual achievement award program. This year, Sedgwick County will submit four entries into the NACO annual award program. The achievement award program is non-competitive and recognizes local jurisdictions for their innovative, grass-roots efforts to modernize and streamline county government to increase services to

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citizens. In the last five years, the County has submitted several applications and won several awards for model county programs.

"This year, the Division of Information and Operations will submit three applications. These include the tax and appraisal Internet application, finance and budget adjustment request application, and our new County Internet, the ELINE. These will be presented in short order by Division Director Kathy Sexton. The last application will be presented by Aging Director, Annette Graham and that concerns transportation brokerage for the Department on Aging. Kathy."

Ms. Kathy Sexton, Director, Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Stephanie. The first item that we have today is the tax and appraisal Internet application. Many people in the community will remember this program was launched last March and will find here, in the next couple of weeks, that it has been greatly enhanced and updated for this next version of the appraisal notices that will go out in the next couple of weeks, I believe. This program can be assessed on the World Wide Web, www.sedgwickcounty.org. That is our web site and you can directly find this application where you can look up your address, your neighbors address, anyone's address in the entire County and find the valuation of their property and various tax information. If you have questions, I'd be happy to answer those."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Kathy. I don't see any questions."

Ms. Sexton said, "Our second item is for a programming effort that was to enhance and improve the budget application that your County departments and District Court departments use for internal management. This is not one that the public would be aware of, but just be aware that some enhancements were made to that program, a series of programs, that will reduce the need to keep a typewriter on the desk of a number of staff in various departments. What we found is that this is the only reason that a typewriter was being kept on the desk in many departments, was to do the budget adjustment form. It was a four part form that you had to type.

"So, it was one last, hey let's get rid of this last manual process, let's get rid of this paper, pre-printing all those forms in the print shop. We reduced a lot of labor and cost by putting something on-line. It took some programmer time up front to put it on-line, but we'll see the efficiency and paper reductions for quite some time. We'll also increase the accuracy of the data. Do you have any questions on that one?"

Chairman Winters said, "I see no questions on that one, Kathy."

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Ms. Sexton said, "The third one is the one I'm, personally, most excited about and we have not yet launched to the Commissioners. We are on the agenda I think for as soon as we can get on your Tuesday meeting agenda to show you the ELINE. That is not an application available to the public either. That is an intranet. If you are on the Sedgwick County network, you as an employee of the organization, you can access the ELINE and what that will get you into is a calender of events, a calender of meetings, training activities, new employee orientation, payroll time sheet deadlines, all those kinds of things. Our entire blue personnel policy book is on the ELINE. We will no longer be printing up lots of pieces of paper and distributing them every time you all change a policy. Human Resources will not be making copies of all those forms and sending those out to all the departments, it will be available, on-line, by access by a person's computer.

"Also on there is the Southwestern Bell telephone book, so we will no longer be distributing the several thousand phone books to all your employees, as we always have every year. When new phone books come out, they are distributed to each employee. We will no longer be doing that. We will, of course, distribute some phone books, several to each department, but everyone can access the phone book on this computer system. The County phone book is another example. We print up thousands of those, every year, we update the County phone book. We will no longer be printing all those on paper. It will be available on the computer. Lots of examples of things that we will be adding to this system and launching it to all our departments throughout the next six or eight months, as people get computers. If you have any questions on that one, I'd be glad to take those."

Chairman Winters said, "We've got a lot of questions about that one. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I think that is great that we're putting all that on a computer. I'd hate to eliminate all the phone books and directories. I think about, if the electricity goes off, how am I going to access my computer to call KGE and tell them I have a problem and that kind of thing."

Ms. Sexton said, "Understood. We won't be eliminating all paper or all phone books, for example, but when we distribute one to every one of our several thousand employees, that's a lot of phone books. But if you could do five or ten to each department and that way, you would always have some for reference if the electricity went out. Of course, if the electricity goes out, I don't know that we'd be at work or calling people, but there is always a need for some paper."

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Commissioner Gwin said, "We have back-up candles and pencils that we hand out when the power goes out."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "We're getting cell phones, I understand."

Commissioner McGinn said, "There you go."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "How many of our employees have PCS available to them on a regular basis?"

Ms. Sexton said, "A very good question. After the outlook project is complete, in about September of this year, most all of them will. Now, when I say most all, certainly that means office workers, people who have a desk. Now, your folks who are out on the road crews, out in the field or maintenance workers, that type of thing, they may not have their own PC, they may have access to a PC in the office when they come in at the end of their shift, that type of thing, but please understand that this project is in conjunction with the Outlook, we're developing it. People that have Internet on their computer right now, or excuse me, they're on the Sedgwick County network, so you can't just use AOL or one of the other Internet service providers. But if you're on the Sedgwick County network, you can access ELINE today. But if I'm an employee who is in a department and I still have a terminal and I don't really have a PC, then I'm scheduled to get a PC for the Outlook project sometime between now and September. So we won't start eliminating paper until everyone has those."

Commissioner Gwin said, "I just want to make sure that those folks who don't have daily access to a computer don't miss the information that we need to share."

Ms. Sexton said, "You're absolutely correct and I think that is a priority of Human Resources especially, because they're one of our partners in this program, including also the Office of Communications and many other departments will be using it. So it is still their responsibility to make sure the employees get the information they need."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Okay, thanks."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to show my ignorance again. As

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you know, Kathy, I'm reluctantly being pulled into the 21st century with laptop computers and E-mail and Outlook and et cetera. You are going to put the whole phone book on the computer, is that correct?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Yes sir, right now the residential and business lists, the white pages. Next year, Southwestern Bell will also add the yellow pages."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I use the phone book sometimes, I don't know exactly how to spell the name. I'm pretty sure it starts with a 'P', Pfeiffer, or it may start with an 'F'. I think they are on Amidon and can I . . . with that limited input?"

Ms. Sexton said, "It has a search engine in it, I'll show you, it's pretty neat."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That's great. I'm going to try."

Commissioner Gwin said, "So when do we get ours?"

Ms. Sexton said, "Very soon. You can go to your computer, right now, Commissioner and you call up your Internet browser that is on there and instead of putting in there a big long www, you just replace that with ELINE and it should come up right now."

Chairman Winters said, "Are there any other questions for Kathy on her part of this? Thank you, Kathy."

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The transportation brokerage is a novel public transit program that coordinates multiple public and private funding streams and mixes populations on trips. Sedgwick County Department on Aging administers the program and negotiates vendor agreements for special populations in Wichita and the general public in rural Sedgwick County. The brokerage is a centralized call center, which coordinates accessible, affordable, door to door transportation and that transportation is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is no other transportation brokerage in the State and none other in the country that promotes the amount of coordination and collaboration that this transit brokerage does.

"This is a model program and it promotes coordination and collaboration. We currently collaborate with two federal agencies, three State agencies, and one local governmental agency, as well as with non-profit agencies and for profit businesses. The program started December, 1998. We started with 300 applications. At the end of 1999, we had 2,313 applications on file, that is a 717% increase in customers."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, for that report. Any questions of Annette. Thank you, Annette. Stephanie, are you going to conclude this item?"

Ms. Payton said, "Annette was the conclusion."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioners, you heard the presentations about the achievement awards to be presented to NACO, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Applications 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	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Stephanie, while you're there, and Commissioners, I do appreciate your support in the earlier presentations that we made to the school districts. I think you could see the importance to them, by the fact that there were so many superintendents and school board members from districts here. I appreciate that support and I especially want to thank Stephanie for working on that project and doing all the coordinating in getting that set up. Thank you, Stephanie. It was a good job. Next item."

J. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH KLAVER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NOS. 642-1-1273, BRIDGE ON 95TH STREET SOUTH BETWEEN 391ST AND 407TH STREETS WEST, CIP# B-292; 646-1-5165, BRIDGE

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ON 111TH STREET SOUTH BETWEEN 391ST AND 407TH STREETS WEST, CIP# B-293; 640-5-5180, BRIDGE ON 87TH STREET SOUTH BETWEEN 327TH AND 343RD STREETS WEST, CIP# B-294; 640-13-3704, BRIDGE ON 87TH STREET SOUTH BETWEEN 199TH AND 215TH STREETS WEST, CIP# B-296; 789-AA-3879, BRIDGE ON 247TH STREET WEST BETWEEN 87TH AND 95TH STREETS SOUTH, CIP# B-398; 648-4-2550, BRIDGE ON 119TH STREET SOUTH BETWEEN 343RD AND 359TH STREETS WEST, CIP# B-399. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item J is a modification of plans and construction for six bridges included in one contract. The first bridge project is on 95th Street South, between 391st and 407th Streets West, designated as B-292. The second bridge is on 111th Street South, between 391st and 407th Streets West, designated as B-293. The third bridge is on 87th Street South, between 327th and 343rd Streets West, designated as B-294. The fourth bridge is also located on 87th Street South, between 199th and 215th Streets West, designated as B-296. The fifth bridge is located on 247th Street West, between 87th and 95th Street South, designated as B-398. The sixth and final bridge is located on 119th Street South, between 343rd and 359th Streets West and is designated as B-399. All of the bridges are in accordance with the Capital Improvement Program. These projects have been constructed and are ready to be finished out. There will be a net decrease of \$2,970, due to variations in planning quantities from actual field measurements. Recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

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

MOTION

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

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

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

**K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' FEBRUARY 10, 2000
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Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Minutes of the February 10 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are eight items for your consideration.

**(1) BRIDGE REPAIR - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

"Item one, bridge repair for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Wildcat Construction Company, in the amount of \$223,864.

**(2) STRUCTURAL STEEL - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

"Item two, structural steel for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of George Lanxon, Piling Sales, Incorporated, in the amount of \$10,981.60.

**(3) CURED IN PLACE PIPES - PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

"Item three, cured in place pipes for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the only bid of Insutyfirm Technologies in the amount of \$15,300.

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(4) RESCUE POWER UNIT - FIRE DEPARTMENT
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT

"Item four, rescue power unit for the Fire Department. It was recommended to accept the only bid of Conrad Fire Equipment, in the amount of \$13,780.

(5) REPAIR OF A 1999 AMBULANCE - FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT

"Item five, repair of a 1999 ambulance for Fleet Management. It was recommended to accept the low responsible bid of Emergency Fleet Resources, in the amount of \$18,852.33.

(6) PERSONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE & SOFTWARE - APPRAISER
FUNDING: APPRAISER'S OFFICE

"Item six, personal computer hardware and software for the Appraiser's Office. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Vigor Technologies, Incorporated, in the amount of \$15,724.

(7) SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL - INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

"Item seven, software maintenance renewal for Information and Operations. It was recommended to accept the sold bid of ESRI for licensing, during the year 2000, in the amount of \$14,800.

(8) PERSONAL COMPUTERS - DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

"Item eight is personal computers for the Division of Information and Operations. It was moved to reject all proposals, revise the specifications, and re-solicit bids at a later date.

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ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

- (9) HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - HOUSING/FINANCE
FUNDING: HOUSING/FINANCE**

- (10) VARIOUS COMPUTER ITEMS - DISTRICT COURT
FUNDING: DISTRICT COURT**

"There were two items not requiring action. One was Home Investment Partnership program for Housing and Finance, it was moved to table this item for review. Various computer parts for the District Court, also tabled this item for review. I would be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Jerry. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jerry, let's go back to item five. Fleet Management Funding. When we say the low responsible bid, I assume that is because the low bid didn't address item two or three?"

Mr. Phipps said, "That is correct and Marv Duncan from Fleet Management is here to address any questions you may have on that."

Chairman Winters said, "Do you need further clarification? Marv, would you come forward."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Marv, when we get a bid and I assume this bidder is a reputable bidder and what have you, and they don't address a couple of items, do we actively call them and notify them that there is a discrepancy and ask them to resubmit the items that they didn't cover, so we can take advantage of the lower price?"

Mr. Marv Duncan, Fleet Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I did call, sir. They're a fine company. They left an open quote for interior parts to the chassis of the ambulance. I did call and said I really can't accept a firm quote from you unless you can firm up what kind of parts you need to replace. He said he wasn't able to do that. Well, the other vendors have already submitted their bids. They are firm quotes and they may have counted on replacing all those parts, even though they couldn't see them. So at that point, I'm kind of stuck. I have to take the next bid."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "My question is simply if there is a couple of items like, I would assume they could have given you some estimate of delivery and I would assume there should have been some kind of a warranty."

Mr. Duncan said, "In our spec, we requested a bid. We put 180 days for warranty and 90 days for completion. When they sign their bid, they're accepting that. Then the next higher bid, actually, said they could do it faster even though that wasn't the decision to go with them. The decision was, I needed a firm quote."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "On these bids, when there is a little discrepancy on one of the applicants, instead of just accepting what they said on paper, we do try to communicate with them and help them along?"

Mr. Duncan said, "I do."

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Are there other questions? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Absent
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye

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V95088	\$438.00	\$269.00
V93118	\$38.00	\$222.00

- 4. Donation of \$39.03 from City of Wichita Employees' Friendship Fund, to be used in COMCARE's Suicide Prevention Program.**
- 5. Order dated February 9, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 6. Plats.**

Approved by Public Works. The County Treasurer has certified that taxes for the year 1999 and prior years are paid for the following plats:

Booher 2nd Addition
Rainbow Estates 2nd Addition

- 7. General Bills Check Register of February 11, 2000.**
- 8. Payroll Check Register of February 15, 2000.**
- 9. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

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

Chairman Winters said, "Is there other business to come before this meeting? We do not need an Executive Session today. At this time I will adjourn the regular meeting."

M. OTHER

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

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ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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