

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 15, 2000**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 15, 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 Bill Hancock; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Ms. Paula McHenry, Quality Assurance Director, CDDO, Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE); Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Division of Finance; Mr. Daryl Gardner, Controller, Accounting; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, Division of Human Services; Mr. Randy Duncan, Director, Emergency Management; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Ms. Jeanette Clary, Executive Officer, District Attorney's Office; Mr. Paul Taylor, Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance; 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. Mark Dick, Financial Consultant, Allen, Gibbs and Houlik L.C.  
Mr. Harold A. Burtnett, Member, Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Committee.  
Mr. Daniel J. Wendell, Member, Sedgwick County Solid Waste Management Committee.  
Ms. Frances Ervin, Member, Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board.  
Ms. Tuy Le Tran, Member, Wichita/ Sedgwick County Board of Health.  
Ms. Yvonne Coon, Member, South Central Kansas Economic District Executive Committee.  
Ms. Irene Hart, Member, South Central Kansas Economic District Executive Committee.  
Mr. Tom Sandoval, Member, South Central Kansas Economic District Executive Committee.  
Ms. Gloria Campbell, Executive Director, Old Cowtown Museum.  
Ms. Lisa Vayda, 14400 Sport-of-Kings, Wichita, Ks.  
Mr. James Vayda, 14400 Sport-of-Kings, Wichita, Ks.  
Mr. Joe Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Reverend Elisha Verge of North Ash Church of the Nazarene.



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### YOUR COUNTY SERVICES

#### A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATION (CDDO).

**Ms. Paula McHenry**, Quality Assurance Director, Community Development Disability Organization (CDDO), Comprehensive Community Care (COMCARE), greeted the Commissioners and said, "I thought one of the best ways to tell you about the services that we do is to tell you a story about someone who accesses those services. Mike was a person who was living in his own apartment. He has a lot of trouble managing his money. Often, the electricity would be turned off and he went without heat in the winter at times. He also lived in an apartment that had no air conditioning and the windows didn't open so in the summer time he didn't have any air conditioning or ventilation either. There were times when he went without food, forgot to take his medication, and he was in danger of being evicted from the apartment because he had a lot of trouble keeping his apartment clean. So he needed some help with that.

"He was lucky. He has a really good friend in the community that helped him find a new apartment that better met his needs. Then that friend helped him access services at the CDDO. So, Mike came to our agency, the single point of entry at our agency helped him fill out the application and complete the application process. He was subsequently determined eligible for our services. At that time, the staff provided him with options about the various targeted case management providers in our community. He chose one and a referral was made to that agency. So, that is one of the first responsibilities we have is single point of entry. We have people apply for our services. We determine them to be eligible or not. If they are eligible, we help them access those services, through Targeted Case Management.

"Then the case manager working with Mike and his friend requested funding for services because it was determined that he did in fact have some needs that needed to be met. The funding committee of the Community Developmental Disability Organization reviewed his request and determined that yes, in fact, he did have some needs and needed some staff support. He was allocated funding. That's the second responsibility that we have at the CDDO, is to manage all the federal, county, and state dollars that come into our agency to make sure that as many people as possible with Developmental Disabilities get their needs met within Sedgwick County.

"Well, he decided to choose an agency, a traditional agency that we have that we contract with, one of 53, that we have a contract with here in Sedgwick County. Things didn't go very well. Things just weren't

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working out. That is where I became involved, in Quality Assurance, which is our other responsibility that we have at the CDDO.

"I did a lot of working with Mike and his friend and the agency to look at some various options and try out some different things to see what we might come up with that might work for him. But he was a real suspicious person, didn't really trust very many people and didn't want many people in his house. In fact, he would leave his house if he knew that staff were coming over, to avoid them. It wasn't working out real well. At that point, we decided that perhaps one of the best options for him would be the self determination project. That is a project, we have one of two projects in the state here in Sedgwick County, it is a project in which the funding can be used in a lot more creative ways, with fewer regulations and restrictions, to help people live the lives that they are preferring to live.

"Today, things are working out pretty well for him. He is stable in his new apartment. He is taking his medication. He has learned to clean and he is not in danger of being kicked out of his apartment. So, he thinks he may be able to stay in this one. He just got a phone, about two weeks ago, the first phone he's ever had. He has very few possessions. This is the first phone he's ever had and now gets to call for help when he needs it. So that's a pretty neat thing for him. He thought that was pretty exciting. He's kind of hoping that at some point he will be able to buy a color television set. It is next on his list of things to do.

"So that kind of gives you an overview, kind of a quick story about what we do at the CDDO, but it kind of helps you understand that what we do really does effect people's lives and it really does make a difference in their lives, for the services that we provide to help them be citizens of Sedgwick County and contribute back to the community. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Paula. There are a couple of questions. Commissioner Gwin."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Paula, the fellow you talked about was obviously an adult. What is the age range of people you serve at the CDDO?"

**Ms. McHenry** said, "We serve all ages, from birth to death. There are no restrictions."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "You can't be much more broad than that. I asked Jack Kegley, last week, how long he'd been working for Sedgwick County. How long have you been with us?"

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**Ms. McHenry** said, "Three years."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "So far, what is your assessment of your job?"

**Ms. McHenry** said, "I really love my job, because I get to be out with a lot of different people and have an impact on a lot of different people's lives, instead of just being a service provider and working with a small number of people."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "What's the biggest challenge?"

**Ms. McHenry** said, "The biggest challenge I face is frustration, probably, with not being able to make as many changes as I would like and as many improvements as quickly as I would like. It is a challenge sometimes to get all the different players and the pieces together to make them work together to make things happen."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Along with you, how many other folks are employed with CDDO, County staff?"

**Ms. McHenry** said, "We have a total of 13 staff, with one vacancy right now."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Paula, for the information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I think Commissioner Gwin asked one of my questions. Paula, I was wanting to know what your frustration levels are. Are you finding that all of the providers or have you had any frustration levels as far as interaction with the providers or just always the clients are causing you the frustration?"

**Ms. McHenry** said, "No, there are frustrations in working with our providers. I think the biggest frustration is when you repeatedly bring up issues, say for instance a maintenance issue that needs to be addressed and you repeatedly bring that up and it just doesn't seem to get corrected timely. That is a big frustration, when you have to keep reviewing the same issues without resolution."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I guess I don't understand that. If you find that there is a maintenance item at a particular home and you report it, you mean nothing is done and you have to report it again?"

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**Ms. McHenry** said, "Yes, there are times that that is true."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "What do you think could be done to ease some of this frustration?"

**Ms. McHenry** said, "I think there are a lot of things that need to be done. I think we need to be a little bit clearer about our expectations and hold people more accountable to those expectations and make sure they do follow what we have in place and what we need for people."

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Paula, thank you very much for your report this morning. This is an extremely important area. Commissioner Hancock."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "There has been a lot of discussion during the legislative session this year, and I guess before this session got started, about waiting lists. Do you have any waiting lists?"

**Ms. McHenry** said, "Unfortunately we do. We currently have 117 people on the waiting list. However, 56 of those people have been allocated funding and they are just waiting for their services to begin, so the number is not quite as large as it first appears. We have 26 of those people who don't want services right now but they'll need them within the next year or so. So, those people are still waiting. Then we have 16 people who are waiting for direct allocation dollars that we think we may be able to take care of in the next couple of weeks. So, we'll have another 16 people coming off the waiting lists."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "So it is kind of a quasi waiting list, a process it seems to be."

**Ms. McHenry** said, "Every day the number changes."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Is it trending up, trending down, or just holding steady?"

**Ms. McHenry** said, "Well, we get quite a few referrals. We get about 36 a month. About half of those are determined eligible. So, the waiting list is always going to grow. The only way it decreases is if we get an increase in our allocation or people die or they leave the State."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "You're doing important work. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Thank you."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much, Paula. We appreciate your coming today and sharing with us some of your functions in a very important department of Sedgwick County. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board with this report?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Before I ask the Clerk to call the next item, we're about to begin a process of appointing nine or ten folks to various boards and advisory boards and agencies. Some are joint with the City. Before we get started in that, I just want to take a moment to tell all of those people who are here this morning to be sworn in to those positions how important it is to us to have your participation with Sedgwick County as we look at this issues. We're talking about the Wichita/Sedgwick County Health Board, the Solid Waste Planning Committee, Corrections, Juvenile Corrections. We know that this does take time and effort and it is not an easy task, sometimes, to make that commitment to be at a couple of extra meetings a month. We just want you to know, as we start this appointment process, how important it is to us that you have agreed to be a part of the advice that we get from citizens that help us make decisions. Thank you, especially to all of you who are going to be appointed. Probably, some Commissioners may have other comments to make as we get into this appointment process. Madam Clerk, would you please call the next item."

**APPOINTMENTS**

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**B. APPOINTING RESOLUTIONS.**

**1. RESIGNATION OF DR. JOY DARRAH FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**Mr. Richard A. Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have received this written offer of resignation and I would recommend you accept it."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item."

**2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING HAROLD A. BURTNETT AND DANIEL J. WENDELL (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS) TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, these two appointments to this 30 member board are for terms to expire on December 31, 2001. The Resolutions are in proper form and I recommend them for your approval."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, you've heard the report, what's the will of the Board?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "I see that Harold and Dan are both here. If you would come forward to the Podium, please, Paul Rosell with the Clerk's Office will swear you in."

**Mr. Rosell**, Deputy County Clerk, said, "Raise your right hand and say I do so swear after I read the oath.

*"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Solid Waste Management Committee, so help me God."*

**Mr. Harold Burtnett and Mr. Daniel Wendell** both said, "I do."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Dan and Harold, thank you both. We appreciate your willingness to serve on this board. Next item."

**3. RESIGNATION OF BEVERLY GUTIERREZ FROM THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, this resignation has been tendered to you and I recommend you accept it."

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item."

**4. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DR. PAUL CROMWELL TO THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, in your back-up, there is a Resolution that makes an appointment for the unexpired term which would expire in August. We amended that Resolution slightly and it is different than what is on your back-up. The Resolution that we have amended would make the appointment for, not only the unexpired term, but also the new term to begin in August and that would extend it to August 31, 2002. I would recommend that you adopt that Resolution."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Commissioners, are there comments or questions? Seeing none, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "I don't believe Paul could be here, Dr. Cromwell. Paul works for WSU Center for Urban Studies. Dr. Cromwell was very instrumental, along with the staff of WSU, as we developed our community planning efforts for Juvenile Justice in the summer of '98. I'm confident that Paul will be a great addition to this advisory board. We certainly appreciate him serving. Next item."

**5. RESIGNATION OF EX-OFFICIO BEVERLY GUTIERREZ FROM THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD AND CHAIR OF PREVENTION COMMITTEE.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, I would recommend you accept this resignation."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to publicly thank Beverly Gutierrez for all the years of service that she has given, not only our governing body but also our community. Her experience she brought had to do with as an administration for troubled kids. I know that she is resigning after years of service to move on to working on her own business, which she will continue to help troubled kids. I just wanted to publicly say thank you to her for all the years she's given

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us."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Very good. I appreciate your calling that to our attention. Beverly also was one of the participants during the community planning process for Juvenile Justice Reform in that summer of 1998, which we all worked so hard in. Her input and comments, leadership, were very much respected. We do certainly want to say thank you to Beverly as she moves on. We have a motion and a second to accept this resignation. Is there other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote."

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item."

**6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANCES ERVIN TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, we prepared a Resolution for this appointment. This is one of the three ex-officio appointments that does not have an expiration date. This appointment serves at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners. The Resolution is in proper form."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you heard that report, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

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Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Frances is here. Frances, if you would come forward, Paul Rosell with the Clerk's Office will swear you in."

**Mr. Rosell**, Deputy County Clerk, said, "Raise your right hand and say I do so swear after I read the oath.

*"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Ex-Officio Member of the Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and Sheriff's Prevention Committee, so help me God."*

**Ms. Frances Ervin** said, "I do swear. I would like to thank you for this confirmation. I'd like to thank the nominating committee for the nomination, the Regional Prevention Center for their support in my part in this process. I've had a chance to meet with the committee. They have a lot of synergy. I'm looking forward to working with them. I would like to say that the interventions that we implement today will shape the citizens that we have tomorrow. I will do my best. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Frances, we want to take another extra minute to let you know how glad we are that you have agreed to do this. You, in this position of Chairing this prevention committee, are probably now at the forefront of one of the principal objectives, a new objective, of the Board of County Commissioners, when we talk about prevention issues. I truly believe that we do have momentum moving in a direction that has not been taken before. We do have the assistance of the State Legislature as they

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pass Juvenile Justice reform. We hope they stay committed to that reform effort. We know that the Board of County Commissioners are committed to prevention. You and your committee and the whole Team Justice are really going to be holding the beacon out there for which we need to be striving for and headed in that direction. We just couldn't be more pleased that you've agreed to accept this position. I want to apologize for the mix up on the dates last week. I know you were here and I looked right at you and was thinking about that but somehow my mind was in a different gear. So instead of taking it up Off Agenda last week, we appreciate your coming back this week. Again, we just are very pleased that you agreed to take on this responsibility. Please don't hesitate to talk to any of the Commissioners, if you come to those places that looks like a fork in the road on prevention issues, please come visit with us and keep in contact with us."

**Ms. Ervin** said, "I shall do that. Thank you."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Mr. Chairman, I think it is kind of nice to have another Ervin associated with the County."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Well, for all of those who are watching. Frances' husband, Fred Ervin, was an employee of Sedgwick County for ten years or so, in our public relations department. So we certainly know his fine work. Now we look forward to working with you, in this volunteer kind of position. Please say hello to Fred. Thank you, Frances. Next item."

### **7. RESOLUTION APPOINTING TUYLE TRAN TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, this is a reappointment for a term to expire in January 2004. The Resolution is in proper form."

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

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Is Le Tran here this morning? Please come forward to the podium and Paul Rosell, with the Clerk's Office, will swear you in. This is a reappointment. We have appreciated your commitment to the Board of Health and look forward to working with you in the future."

**Mr. Rosell** said, "Raise your right hand and say I do so swear after I read the oath."

*"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Sedgwick County Board of Health, so help me God."*

**Ms. Tuy Le Tran**, Member, Board of Health, said, "I do. I've been in this country 25 years and I've been a citizen for 20 years. It is a great opportunity for me to be appointed to the Board of Health. I served the first term in there and it was really great to learn a lot, a lot of things my country does not have. At this time, I have been reappointed and I'm really glad to be on the Board for a second time. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. We know a lot of times you are on a board for a while and it takes a while to understand what all is taking place. We appreciate your willingness to serve again. We hope that you are able to bring a commitment and a perspective from all parts of the community and those that you have a close knowledge of. It is very important that the Health Board have all of that vision that you can help bring. Commissioner Sciortino has a comment."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Coming from a family that immigrated to the United States, I want to compliment you. When you got here, you thought enough about our country to become a citizen. You

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thought enough about our community to get actively involved. I just think that is a fantastic message that we can tell to all people that come to the United States, that you can be part of this wonderful country. I just compliment you for stepping up to the plate, so to speak, and getting involved in our community."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Next item."

**8. RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRIS CHRONIS TO THE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, we have prepared this Resolution, which would appoint Chris Chronis to a term which would expire March 2001, and the Resolution is in proper form."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, you've heard the report."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Chris is here. Chris is the Chief Financial Officer for Sedgwick County. Chris, we're pleased you have agreed to be on this board."

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**Mr. Rosell**, Deputy County Clerk, said, "Raise your right hand.

*"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Community Housing Services Board, so help me God."*

**Mr. Chris Chronis** said, "I do swear."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item."

**9. RESOLUTIONS (FOUR) APPOINTING YVONNE COON, IRENE HART, TOM SANDOVAL AND THOMAS WEBB TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, in these Resolutions, Yvonne Coon, Irene Hart, and Tom Sandoval are reappointments and Thomas Webb is a new appointment to this committee. These terms all expire in February 2004 and the Resolutions are recommended for your approval."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolutions.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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**Chairman Winters** said, "I believe all of those folks are here. If they'd all please come forward to the podium, Paul Rosell, with the Clerk's Office, will swear you in all at the same time."

**Mr. Rosell**, said, "Raise your right hand and say I do so swear after I read the oath.

*"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of South Central Kansas Economic Development District Executive Committee, so help me God."*

**Ms. Yvonne Coon, Ms. Irene Hart, Mr. Tom Sandoval, and Mr. Thomas Webb**, all said, "I do swear."

**Chairman Winters** said, "We want to say a special thank you to this group. Yvonne Coon, from out in Clearwater, is the recently retired City Administrator. So Yvonne, we're certainly glad that you have agreed to continue on this board. We know you've been active with SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Economic Development District Executive Committee) for a number of years. We appreciate your continuation. Tom Sandoval, from out in Garden Plain, has been active in the Garden Plain community for a number of years and has been active on this board. Tom, we appreciate you continuing to serve. Irene Hart, of course, is Sedgwick County staff. Irene, we appreciate the work that you put on this board. Thomas Webb is with Commerce Bank. Tom, we're very pleased that you've agreed to set on this board and represent Sedgwick County for the coming time period of the term of the board. Thank you all very much for your participation. Again, if you get to those places of cross roads or forks in the road, don't hesitate to call anyone of the Commissioners and visit about activities of your group. Thank you very much. Next item please."

### **CITIZEN INQUIRY**

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**C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING TREATMENT OF JAIL INMATES.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Is Mr. Samuel Kelso in the audience in this morning? Mr. Kelso had requested an opportunity to address the Board. Seeing that he is not here, Madam Clerk please call the next item."

**AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

**D. AWARD PRESENTATIONS.**

- 1. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FROM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA) FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998.**

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is an award that I take great pleasure in presenting to Daryl Gardner, who is our County Controller. I would ask him to step up here.

"The so-called CAEFR award, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, is a recognition by the Government Finance Officer's Association that is provided to a select few governments who achieve established standards in the quality of financial reporting. That is, governments who receive this award have accomplished an outstanding level of quality in the information that is produced for the public's benefit and for the benefit of folks who loan us money through bond issues and so forth. Sedgwick County has received this award now for 18 consecutive years. The award has been in existence for, I believe, 25 years. So, Sedgwick County has received it for nearly the entire life of the award. It is one of the few jurisdictions in the country that has that long record of quality financial reporting.

"Currently, fewer than 10% of all eligible governments receive this award. I think that alone indicates the degree of success that this County has had in producing financial information for you and for the public which accurately reports the results of our operations. That is especially important right now, I believe, in light of the election referendum where there is some discussion about whether or not citizens can trust

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the financial information that they are receiving from their local governments.

“At least, as it pertains to Sedgwick County, the receipt of this award for 18 consecutive years I think is proof certain that that is not a concern. The information that we produce in this jurisdiction for the citizens of this community is accurate and is produced in a manner that is easily understood by anybody who takes the time and effort to read it.

"That we have achieved that award for 18 years is largely the result of the efforts of Daryl Gardner, so I will present this award to him. I think he will be the first person to tell you that he is not the only person who has earned this award. In the audience, we have a number of members of the Accounting Division and the Finance Division and I would ask them to stand and I hope the cameras can give them some attention. They don't want it, that's why nobody is standing. There are a few other people who are shy, who are in the office working, who refused to come. So I'm going to embarrass them by naming them. Joce Lyn Wilson, Neil Stillwell, in our payroll section, Linda Barnett, and Wilma May, also in our payroll section, and Brandi Quinones. All, in addition to these people, participated heavily in the preparation of this financial report that results in this award. With that, I will present it to Daryl Gardner."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you both, Daryl and Chris. We all realize how important the work that you do is to us and how important it is that it is understandable. We appreciate your efforts in making a public document available for policy decision making processes and the citizens. You do an extremely good job. Commissioner Sciortino, did you have a comment?"

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I want to take umbrage over the word understandable. Seriously, finance can be very dry, but having had an intimate relationship with financial departments in my past life, I can understand how important what you do is. You can invest our money one way and literally make the County hundreds of thousands of dollars. You can keep us out of trouble. You are unsung heroes, in my mind. I just want to compliment you all on that."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I would again share that comment. The service you provide to the citizens is very valuable, all of you. We appreciate that work very much. Daryl, do you have a comment?"

**Mr. Daryl Gardner**, Controller, Accounting Department, said, "Thank you Commissioners for all your support as well."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this action?"

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item."

**2. PRESENTATION OF AN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT  
IN POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING FROM THE GFOA FOR  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998.**

**Mr. Chronis** said, "The award that we just presented is for an annual financial report that is something like this. It is a very thick document, has lots of good information for the people who take the time to read it. Most people don't take the time to read it. That's why this award, I think, is so special. We received the award that we just talked about 18 consecutive years. This is the very first year that Sedgwick County has received the award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Financial Reporting. Popular financial reporting produces a document similar to this. This is, in fact, the document for which we received the award. It distills all of this information into eight pages of information that is comprehensible to a lay citizen. We have copies of this document on the table over here. We have provided them to the libraries and we've distributed them throughout the community. But this is the first year that Sedgwick County has

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received this award and so we're very proud of that.

"I would ask Daryl Gardner and Aaron Dunkel to step up to the table, so I could present this award to them. Daryl doesn't get a lot of credit for this award, but he runs the department so he gets to stand up here. Aaron Dunkel is, as you know, is an intern working out of the Manager's Office this year. He is nearing the end of his internship. That Sedgwick County has received this award is almost entirely the result of Aaron's efforts. Aaron produced the report. Aaron produced the application for the award and forced us to submit the award and we received it. That is largely his efforts. I think the community has been very well served by those efforts. I applaud them and I will present this award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to Aaron Dunkel."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Aaron, it looks to me like it is going to be a good resume line item for you when you start looking for a job. I think it would look okay."

**Chairman Winters** said, "We appreciate your efforts. Again, I think we do have a great partnership with the university in working our internship program. This is another fine example of just showing the quality of folks we get that work with this internship program. We appreciate all of your assistance and Daryl, we appreciate your leadership again in this area. Thank you all very much. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this issue?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you all very much. Commissioners, Jeanette Clary with the D.A.'s Office has come into the room and I'd like to take an Off Agenda item that I think we can deal with real quickly."

**MOTION**

Chairman Winters moved to take an Off Agenda item.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Jeanette."

**OFF AGENDA ITEM**

**Ms. Jeanette Clary**, Executive Officer, District Attorney's Office, said, "I appear before you today to advise you of a grant application that we're wanting to make application for a continued funding. This grant request is continued funding through the Crime Victim's Assistance Fund for a full time employee as a Restitution Coordinator. This would be our third year of funding for this particular position. The coordinator works in the Case Coordination Division, assisting victims in our community for their recovery of economic loss. The position is currently a half-time position and we're requesting it to be funded as a full-time position. That is really the only change. The total project cost is \$31,726, with a match required of \$6,726."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "That is State grant funds, right?"

**Ms. Clary** said, "Yes, it is, through the Attorney General."

**Chairman Winters** said, "The amount of the match, is that in your budget now currently?"

**Ms. Clary** said, "It would be met through our asset forfeiture fund, so there would be no supplemental requests."

**Chairman Winters** said, "It is my understanding that you're under kind of a time deadline crunch, you need to have this signed by March 20, which is next Monday and our next meeting will be March 22. So you are requesting our approval, once you get the application prepared to sign. Commissioners, are there questions or do you want to defer this until the 22nd? I'm prepared to support them to go ahead."

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, said, "I would respectfully request that you approve it, contingent upon review of Finance and Human Resources please."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I think that is appropriate. The question is, if everything is in order, then that we won't miss the time deadline of Monday. Can you include that in your motion?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the grant application with the review of Finance and Human Resources and authorize the Chairman to sign based on that concurrence.

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Now back to the regular schedule. Madam Clerk, call Item E."

**NEW BUSINESS**

**E. PRESENTATION OF THE 1999 SEDGWICK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, AND APPLICATION TO THE GFOA FOR ITS CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING.**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Chronis** said, "What we are doing with this item is presenting to you the Annual Financial Report for our fiscal year that ended last December 31st. You have all received copies of the document, it is this book. Again, we have distributed this book throughout the community in libraries and so forth as we always do. What I want to do is take just a few minutes this morning, to give an overview of where we stand and what the financial trends have been for the past several years. We also have with us this morning, Mark Dick from the firm of Allen, Gibbs and Houlik, our external auditors. When I conclude, Mark will give you a brief presentation, reporting the results of the audit that his firm concluded and which is contained in this financial report.

"The County's general governmental revenues, the revenues that fund our basic governmental services during 1999, increased by a little bit less than 3% to a total of \$205,000,000. We receive revenue from a wide variety of sources, as you can see on this chart. The source that is increasing the most rapidly over the past several years and we expect to continue increasing, is the white segments, which represents intergovernmental revenues, revenues that we receive from the State or Federal Government for Mental Health Services, for correction services and the like, have been growing both in number and in dollar size of the awards fairly rapidly over the past several years. That is driving most of our revenue growth.

"Sedgwick County also experienced growth in property tax revenue, the bright blue segment, in 1998, because of an increase in the property tax rate to fund the opening of the new jail. Other than that

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increase, as you can see from the chart, property taxes have been essentially flat over this five year period, as have most of the other revenues we receive. On a per capita basis, our revenues have grown more rapidly than the population of the community, about 14% growth in per capita revenues over the four years of the five years. Last year, however, the per capita revenues flattened out. When we adjust for inflation, our per capita revenues actually declined last year.

"Turning to the expenditure side, for governmental services, we reduced expenditures in 1999 by 7%, to a total of just under \$218,000,000. That reduction was attributable to a reduction of capital expenditures because most of the jail construction project was conducted during 1998, was completed early in '99. So we didn't have those expenditures again in '99. Other than fluctuations from year to year and capital outlay, the expenditure growth has been primarily in areas of public safety, operation of the jail, the Sheriff's Office, the Corrections Department, EMS and so forth, and in health and welfare, our mental health and aging program.

"There is some discussion about the amount of surplus that governments have. In Sedgwick County, the governmental surplus has been used as a tool to manage our financial resources. We have accumulated surpluses over periods of several years and then we draw those down over succeeding years. That is what you see reflected in this chart. By 1995, we had accumulated relatively large surpluses. In 1996 and '97, we drew down those surpluses. Then in 1998, we grew the surplus again, to pay for the opening of the new jail starting in 1999 and we expect to continue for the next several years, we will draw that accumulated surplus down.

"This chart is looking at our total accumulated surplus. It currently represents 2.35% of our total revenues. Turning to the general fund, which is our largest operating fund as you know, and one that folks focus on most intently. Our accumulated fund balance, at the end of 1999, was just under \$20,000,000. It has remained healthy for the past five years. We expect it to continue to remain healthy. This fund balance is essentially the County's operating cash flow. It is what drives our operations, but it is not entirely discretionary to us. What we've done on this chart is segment the total fund balance into three pieces. The blue piece, at the bottom, is money that is legally restricted to some specific application, we can't use it for anything else. That amounts to a little over \$2,000,000. The green piece is money that hasn't been legally restricted but, by management decisions, has had some earmark hung on it so that we have a specific plan

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for the use of that money. Finally, the red wedge is the discretionary fund balance. That is the money that we can program and that we do program, in future years, in our financial plan.

"The category that really drives governmental expenditures is staffing, both staffing levels and the compensation that we pay to our work force. In Sedgwick County, over the past five years, for most of the five years, our work force has remained essentially flat. We've had very little growth in the number of employees in Sedgwick County. In 1999 that changed because we opened the new jail and we hired a large number of people to staff that new wing of the jail. As a result, you see the growth in the work force, a couple of hundred increase in 1999. We expect flat or perhaps modest declines in the total level of staffing over the next several years.

"The compensation of employees has grown moderately over the past five years. In 1999, however, the average compensation of our work force actually declined because we hired all those new jailers, those new corrections officers at entry level salaries. That brought the averages down. What is really important for us to consider from this chart, and what we are considering as we work on our financial plan and our budget for next year, is the growth of benefit costs. Health insurance costs in particular have grown very rapidly over the past five years and continue to grow. We're working to try to control those costs, but that is an activity of government, and of all employers I believe, that is very troublesome for us. It is something that we have to address in the coming years in order to be able to continue to have property taxes at their current relatively low levels.

"We spent a fair amount of time with you talking about the level of debt that we have incurred and that we will incur. We are currently talking about a number of projects that are important to this community that in order to do may require bond issues. So I wanted to spend just a very brief minute talking about where we currently are with our outstanding debt. The level of debt currently that has been issued by Sedgwick County or by the Public Building Commission for Sedgwick County that is supported by our budget, is \$278 per capita. That is the way these things are typically monitored by rating agencies and folks who would invest in our bonds. Two hundred seventy eight dollars per capita for a county of our size is a relatively low level of direct debt.

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"We also need to be concerned about the total debt that has been issued by local governments in this community that is supported by the same taxpayers, the same property owners who will pay off this debt through their property taxes. As you know, we are monitoring those. We have had a series of meetings with our peers in all of the cities and counties to try to get a handle on the total overlapping debt and make sure that that does not get too far out of line either.

"In Sedgwick County, we have established a local policy that limits the amount of debt that we can issue to no more than 5% of assessed value. This is a more restrictive limitation than is contained in the State law. So this is the one that we pay the most attention to. As of the end of 1999, we were at about 82% of our debt capacity, as reflected in that policy. So, we have some additional room within our policy to issue debt, but as I've explained to you individually, the number of projects that we are currently talking about that might require bond financing, may cause us in the coming months to reconsider this policy limit.

"Finally, I want to spend just a few minutes looking at some of the key indicators that drive the revenue side of our budget. Assessed values of course serve as the base for our property tax. Assessed value in 1999 grew to just a little over \$3,000,000,000, up from \$2,870,000,000 the year before. Taxable property value has increased consistently over the past several years, at the rate of 4 to 6% and by everything that we've been told from the Assessor's Office, we expect that rate of growth to continue for at least the next year or two, although it does seem to be moderating.

"The growth of taxable value does not directly translate into growth of property tax dollars, however. The property tax rate that you impose through the budget adoption process determines, in concert with this assessed value, determines the amount of property tax revenue that we collect and our property tax rate for the past several years has gone down. We expect for the next several years it will at least remain at the current level. That is, we do not expect increases in the property tax rate going forward for the next several years.

"Sales taxes are another major revenue stream, funding our operations, and sales taxes don't present a pretty picture in this community. What you see in this chart at the total local government sales taxes returned to us by the State of Kansas, by the Department of Revenue. That money declined in 1999 by about 3.5% from the prior year, despite the growth in the local economy, despite the fact that the State's sales tax, the 4.9% that the State collects state wide grew by about 3% within Sedgwick County which, by all accounts, is growing more rapidly than the State average, sales tax declined. That suggests that there is a problem. We think the problem has to do with the collection techniques, the distribution techniques that are used by the Department of Revenue and we have entered into discussions with them

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to explore that problem and try to figure out what the solutions are. At this point, it doesn't look to us as if the money that has been collected for Sedgwick County and for the cities of Sedgwick County has been returned to them entirely.

"Finally, special assessment collections is a matter of some interest to us. Going back into time, our collection rate on special assessment projects was very low. We, frankly, didn't do a very good job. As a result, property taxes were required to subsidize uncollected special assessments. Beginning in 1992 and '93, we changed the policies that we use to impose special assessments. That policy change has resulted in a very dramatic increase in our collection rate on special assessments. In 1995, we collected 95% of all outstanding assessments, which is a very good level of collection. That results in very limited amount of property tax levy required to offset uncollected special assessments. That is the conclusion of my presentation. I'll be glad to answer any questions, if you have them. Or, if you'd like, we can defer questions to the end, after Mark gives you his presentation."

**Chairman Winters** said, "I see there are a couple of questions for you Chris, so maybe we should just take those right now or do you want to wait."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I can wait but I was going to ask a couple of questions on some of the charts here."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Let's just do that. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Chris, you got my attention real quick about the sales tax being down. I'm going up tomorrow to talk about demand transfers. Are the State sales tax revenues down this year?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "We haven't gotten final reports from the State, but the interim reports that we had received through the year of 1999 suggested and their projections were that their total sales tax for the year was going to be up, I believe, they were projecting 3%."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Do we have any figures to show what kind of retail growth sales for this area of Sedgwick County? Are they down?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "There aren't any good indicators of retail sales, other than what we see in sales tax collections. Wichita State University does projections of the local economy, as you know, and one of the factors that they project is retail sales in the Sedgwick area. The most recent projection that I saw from

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them, which I believe was for 1999, was for the retail sales in this community to increase something in excess of 7%."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I'm not an accountant and you know that, but if our retail growth sales are up, sales tax revenues should be up and our portion should be increased. Kansas kitchen English, is that good logic?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, I think I have a couple of other questions to ask those guys when I get up there tomorrow. Now, the other thing you were talking about is we have some reserves built up and it is prudent to draw it down. I assume we'll never draw it down below a prudent reserve that we will always maintain."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "That's correct."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "We are concerned about this question about demand transfers and trying to get back from the State what legitimately we feel is ours, since they collected it for us. Assuming that we're able to get them away from maybe the stinking thinking that the Governor is having about further reducing our demand transfer revenue, assuming that problem goes away, would there be a possibility next year that we could maybe look at a modest reduction of the mill levy to the citizens?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "That is certainly a possibility. We are, as you know, we are very early in the process of preparing next year's budget. We, at this point, are projecting for no tax increase, no tax reduction. That is what the financial plan currently calls for. We are to the stage now where we have reviewed the strategic plans and the capital outlay requests and the technology requests of operating departments. We have not yet received their line item budget requests, so it is a little bit premature."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Unless we get something hit by us by the State, at least we're trying to hold the line."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I'll still pray to whoever that maybe we can do a little better than that."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "That's what we're hoping for."

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

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I just had the same question Commissioner Sciortino had and just wanted to echo that it does seem kind of strange that we have a booming economy here in a highly populated County and we're not receiving the appropriate sales tax. How long will that take for you to find that out?"

**Mr. Chronis** said, "I don't know that I can give you an answer to that question. The folks at the Department of Revenue, as you might expect, seem to be spending most of their attention worrying about income tax processing problems, as they probably should. It has been a little bit difficult to get them to spend time worrying about sales tax distributions. I don't know that we're there yet. We're continuing to talk with them. I don't know that I could predict when we might have a clear answer."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay. I'm glad you're going to Topeka, so we'll expect big things. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Proceed with the presentation."

**Mr. Mark Dick**, Financial Auditor, Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Pleased to be here to spend a few minutes and discuss with you the results of the 1999 audit. First of all, I think it is important to note, in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the thick book that Chris had, we've got an opinion in there, it is dated February 11, 2000. There are, in my last calculation, a little over 3,500 governmental entities within the State of Kansas. You are the first to issue an annual report, I think, over about the last three years. I want to commend you for that and especially the finance staff. To give you an idea of the effort that goes into this and most people don't understand an audit in those terms, between Chris, Daryl, and his finance staff and our firm, we expended over 2,000 hours of work, in December through February 11, to get that process done. They did an outstanding job and need to be commended for that."

"Now, to try to give you the audit results in plain English, because we talk a lot of accounting terms here, really what we are trying to do is answer three basic questions when we come in and do your audit. We want to know are those financial statements fairly presented, are they accurate. The second question is, we want to know does the County have proper controls, internal controls, over the finance function. Last, but not least, did the County comply with all the finance related rules and regulations that are imposed upon you by the Federal government and the State government. Those are the three basic things that we look

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for as we go through the process.

"In addition to that, there are a couple of things that we need to relay to the governing body, as we kind of wrap up the audit process and we'll get back to the three questions here in just a moment, but I want to go through this list very quickly for you. The scope of our audit. What did it include? It included all the funds of Sedgwick County, including the District Court funds, the Wichita Public Building Commission, all those related entities. There were no restrictions at all. So in that thick document you've got an accounting for all financial activities related to the County. Now, the list of questions or items that we need to relay to you annually. Number one, there were no changes in accounting methods that the county used. So, we can compare this year's data to last year's data is what that simply means.

"There are no, what we call, sensitive accounting estimates. In other words, we didn't have to go out and estimate the value of any material items or accrue any revenue that was substantial that required some use of estimates. We had no significant adjustments to the books and records, as maintained by your finance staff. We didn't have any disagreements with management related to any of the accounting activities. Noted no errors or irregularities. Another nice way to put that, noted no violations of any significant laws or regulations. We received full cooperation from management, finance staff, everybody involved in the audit.

"Now, the reports, and there are several of them that we issue, one is in the financial report, the report on the financial statements is an unqualified opinion. It is the highest level you can get. What we have concluded is your financial statements are fairly presented as prepared by your staff. So, we didn't find any significant errors there. Our compliance reports, which we issue to the Federal government, in essence to your grantor agencies, noted that you complied in all material respects with any significant finance related requirement related to a grant at both the Federal level and the State level, including SRS grants, that type of thing. We do special tests on those. In addition to that, you complied with the Kansas cash basis and budget laws, which is very important. Then, as far as your internal controls, we assess and test those every year.

"We had one item, which is called a reportable condition, which means it is a situation that needs attention and improvement. It related to the timeliness of when the bank reconciliations were completed in the Treasurer's Office for the first part of '99, that continued to be a problem. The timeliness was not good, but that was corrected during the fourth quarter of 1999 and by year end that was no longer a problem, but we do have to report it because it occurred during the year. I would anticipate in the year 2000 that

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will no longer be an issue. That was the only item that we had, as far as internal controls.

"In summary, the answer to the questions. Yes, financial statements are fairly presented. Yes, you did comply with all the rules and regulations. Yes, you had effective internal controls that work. In addition to that, we issued a brief management letter which we discussed with management. The primary emphasis there is we're suggesting some needed improvements in your accounting software, which Mr. Chronis is very well aware of and is working on that process. Overall, I just want to say from looking at the statements, the County continues to be in a very strong financial position. You're to be commended for that. We again prepared an analysis, what we call a ten point test, which we furnish to management, which takes ten key ratios in government and compares them to your peers here in the Midwest and consistently you've always ranked high. Again, for 1999, when we went through that process, you ranked in the 90th percentile for governmental entities your size in the Midwest, which is a very strong indicator of your financial strengths. I think it also reflects well upon the professional management of your finance staff and the job that they do. We appreciate their help and be happy to respond to any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much, Mark, for your report. Commissioners, questions or comments? If there were questions, problems, or marks of concern out there, we would probably have a whole host of questions. We appreciate your work and I guess a comment for the public which I'm sure most folks do realize. Your firm of Allen, Gibbs & Houlik is completely independent from the County. You are hired as an outside accounting firm and take that objective look, as an outside auditor. We appreciate all the work that you do. We know that is not always an easy job. We appreciate that. Commissioners, other comments or questions? I would continue to thank the Finance Department, under the leadership of Chris and Daryl. Again, thank you for all the hard work you've done. I know in past years we have talked about the timeliness of this report. With all the hard work that you all have done to have this done by this point in the year is very commendable. We appreciate being able to have a quick look back as opposed to a long look down the road. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We've been complimenting Chris and his staff and what have you. If I understand right, being in the 90% percentile means we were as good as or better than 90% of other governmental entities our size."

**Mr. Chronis** said, "That's correct, Commissioner."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I'd like us to have a goal to get that to 91 next year because we wouldn't want to rest on our laurels. That's fantastic. Thank you."

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**Mr. Chronis** said, "Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, you've heard the presentation, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and authorize the County Controller to submit the Application to the GFOA.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you all very much for all your work, we appreciate it. Next item."

**F. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL NO. 625.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner McGinn."

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**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just wanted to visit a little bit about some of the things that have been going on in Topeka here this session, as a result of some fears about mega hog farms going in up over the equus beds. I think we stated clearly in-out platform that we were very supportive of clean water and wanted to do whatever we could to preserve our water supplies here in the area. There were many bills that were introduced and many of them are lingering and falling off the table pretty quick. I don't know, haven't talked to Marci lately to get an actual count of how many out there are left that could be resurrected, particularly in light of the information that came out in the paper today, as a result of the K State report.

"Many reasons for some of these different bills falling off the table had to do with instead of being, I guess, site specific, some people were putting moratoriums statewide, adding the addition of septic tanks and waste water treatment plants and those kinds of things. So, you had more and more people have different interests and different ideas about how we were going to do this. So I think that has caused a problem with getting any of these bills pushed forward.

"I've always felt like we needed a bill that was very specific to the equus beds. One size does not fit all, when we're talking about water contamination and the state. Our State has different geological structure throughout. We have different levels of depth of ground water. I just don't think you can have one thing that will take care of it all.

"Today, the results of the K State study, I think this is the second phase, came out with some studies that they had done on waste water lagoons. They found that maybe that we should have stricter levels of restrictions over the equus beds, a sensitive area. The current law allows a fourth of an inch per day of seepage in the area throughout the State. On mega hog farms, it is limited to about one eighth of an inch seepage. This report is suggesting that maybe it should be only one sixteenth of an inch. There has been a lot of debate as to whether the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Secretary can strengthen the laws. He says he can't. Others say that he can. I see here that Representative McClure has requested an opinion from the Attorney General to clarify this issue to see whether he can strengthen it by himself.

"In the meantime, I guess what I would like to ask support today on is Senator Downey has brought forth a bill, Senate Bill 625. What this bill deals with is that it is specific to the equus beds aquifer. It organizes

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the agencies that work on different issues throughout this aquifer. Just to give you an example, you have the KCC that is working on the salt mines up in the Topeka and Hutchinson area. You may have KDHE working on a faulty waste water system in some small community and that kind of thing. What it does, it takes all the agencies and organizes them and the lead agency will be KDHE. It prioritizes and looks for any possible contaminate. So if we're talking about clean water, yes, it is obvious from this report that the mega hogs lagoons, if they're not lined or to a certain standard, could be dangerous to the aquifer but there are other things out there as well. We don't know about septic tanks. I've been visiting with Jack Brown. We're trying to get some funds to do a study in that area and find out some other things there. It assesses all potential contamination of the equus beds, funnels them through the KDHE so that everybody knows what is going on. So, not one person is out doing one thing and the other is not.

"This does not put a moratorium on them. I know a lot of people wanted a moratorium. I feel like if some of these other bills fall off the table we'll have nothing this year. At least this bill is a start to examine and prioritize and get information of anything that could potentially harm our supply of water. As most people know who have been following this, the equus bed supplies water for half a million people, people here in Wichita who have treated water, as well as folks out in the County that drink water straight from the aquifer. With that, I would like to answer any questions that any of my colleagues have, but I would like to ask for support for Senate Bill 625 that was presented by Senator Christine Downey."

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Mr. Chairman, of course I want to support the bill. There has been a lot of confusion about the Ground Water District #2. It is so important that we do the right thing in the area. Over reaction, however, by certain legislative members is not the right thing. There are some things going on in there that need to continue and need to go forward. In many instances it will be worse for us to act out of ignorance than to not do anything at all. I'm very pleased that K State continues to look at some of these things, and maybe the legislature, with a little bit of our help and input from this community can act intelligently on the issue and do the right thing. No matter how you feel about large hog operations, they are a fact of life and they will continue. There will continue to be pressure, throughout the State of Kansas, for their location here. It is something that we need to deal with. This is a good start."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to support this issue, too. Commissioner McGinn, I just want to publicly state that I, for one, and I think my colleagues will agree, we are very fortunate to have somebody with your educational background on this Board to advise us on

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these issues. It is real simple to say yes, I'm for clean water, but Commissioner McGinn can often times sit us down and explain exactly what that means so that we don't, as Commissioner Hancock says, act out of ignorance and emotion. I, for one, would be willing to, you might want to keep us posted when they are having hearings on this bill, and I'd be very happy to go up with you just to show our support and unity on this. Thank you very much for being on the Board."

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I appreciate my colleagues comments and Commissioner Hancock's comments about reacting out of emotion. That is why I like this bill. I think the mega hog threat has brought all potential water contamination to the front of our minds. What this bill does is start saying, 'lets start looking at everything and how we can protect it'. I think this is a good start. It may not be the end. We may need to do something different later, but at least it gets us going and it gathers information. Thank you, Commissioner Sciortino for your comment about the hearings. I was unable to be there today. Marci Hess, our governmental relations person is testifying on this bill and I believe it was this morning. I guess for our viewing audience, if this is something that is a concern of yours, I would invite you to call our office. I don't have the list of individuals on that committee, but if you are interested, we would provide the list of senators on the committee and invite you to call and encourage them to support this bill as well."

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Carolyn, obviously we need to start someplace with a reasonable bill and something we think will be a step in the right direction. Just as a source of information, I hope that during the next nine months (the Governor has tasked the water task force for which I'm going to serve as Chair), I hope over the next nine months, then, we have the opportunity to sit down and bring all sides of issues together, gather the information, what the Governor wants out of that task force are at least five recommendations where the State could take action as it relates to water, preserving and protecting it. Hopefully then, out of an open discussion, hearing from folks throughout the State, we'll get some reasonable suggestions that, over time then, we'll be able to change the way that we work or we care for the water in the State."

"I think, as you've come to find out, there are so many different entities doing so many different aspects of water resource protection or oversight, that sometimes, I think, you may run into a knot, where

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someone isn't aware of what someone else is doing. Certainly, one of the things I expect to hear are suggestions on how to oversee it, without making it complicated for folks. Hopefully, some of the things that we learn over the next several months as we go around the state will help. I want to call on you, as we get ready to send our report to the Governor to review it on behalf of me, for me, and make sure that I've heard what you've heard people say for a number of years, as you've been working on this."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "I'm glad you brought up the task force and the Governor's mission there. You are going to be a part of that. I think any time you have to solve, or you go out to solve these kinds of problems, you have to have all the stakeholders at the table. That is what you're going to get input for. That's how we learn to solve these problems. It is just one of those issues, we didn't have water pollution over night and we're not going to solve it over night. It is my hope that, as we continue to go forward, we will take care of that."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you. I'm going to appreciate your help, too, over the next several months. Thanks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. If there are no other comments, Commissioners we're ready for an action."

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item."

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**G. SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR OLD COWTOWN MUSEUM.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioner McGinn, you're up again."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if everybody out there in our viewing audience knows that this year marks the 50th anniversary of Cowtown Museum. If you haven't been there for a while, I invite you to go out again. Good things are happening to Cowtown. Cowtown has come a long way in the last 50 years. I remember going there as a child and it has certainly changed because I guess my years are getting up there since I was a kid.

"There are big plans, not only for this year, but also for future years to come. They're going to have some new exhibits. Just to name a few, the City's Marshall's office is opening, the Livery Stable, Orientation Booth, like when you go to other places. You can sit in there if it is a hot day and turn on the air conditioner and watch a movie. That is kind of a nice point to cool off and it gives you the history of Wichita and the Sedgwick County area. The General Store, a lot of people have asked what are we going to do. Well, we are going to do something now. Then also the modification of barriers. Cowtown in the past has been a look and don't touch. Well, we're still going to have look and don't touch, but we're also going to have some exhibits where we can touch and get a little bit more involved. I think that is going to make it more fun for everybody.

"This is the 50th anniversary, but in 2001, it is going to be another exciting year because we're going to have the ground breaking for the new Visitor's Center. What we hope to do is change how you come in to Cowtown. Right now, you kind of come in through the rear area. We're hoping, there has been discussions on having the Wichita Water Plant area there and that would become the front of Cowtown. It would be a great enhancement to all the museums along the river. I don't think I have the master plan here today, but they have it out at Cowtown, if you ever want to look at it. It is just really great and will be beneficial to all the museums down there.

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"Anyway, why I have this is on the agenda, it has been my feeling always that we have great museums here in our community. We have great attractions. To me, the problem has always been that we don't tell anybody. For example, how many times do we go down the highway and it says go to Boot Hill, in Dodge City? Well, it has always bothered me that we didn't have a sign that says come to Cowtown, on your way to Boot Hill, I guess. Anyway, I think in the past we've been investing in bricks and mortar and that's been a good thing and that's why we are where we are today. But I think maybe we need to change the scope a little bit and change in how we invest in our museums. I think we need to start investing in promoting our museums and letting other people know. We need to promote to our own community, but we need to promote to people coming throughout the State and the Nation as well.

"What I would like to propose today is a two part grant contribution to Cowtown for their 50th anniversary and I'd like to propose that we invest \$25,000, a portion of this to be used for some face lift enhancements as you come into Cowtown. I just shared that we are hoping to change the entrance to Cowtown. I want you to know that these enhancements will continue to be used, because they are the current entrance, because we're going to open a new exhibit and I'm not sure of the date but I see the director is here and I'll ask her for the details in a little bit. The Blood Orchard has donated some things to Cowtown and we're hoping to open an apple orchard. So some of the things we're doing down there will be incorporated into that.

"The rest of that \$25,000 I'd like to have invested in promotional and marketing tools to promote Cowtown. Then, I'd like to have a second part of this investment of \$25,000, a match up to \$25,000. This is where I'd like to get the community to get involved. I know there are a lot of people out there that have a soft heart for Cowtown, have been there as a child and continue to take their children and grandchildren. I would like to see us match, dollar for dollar, any of the community that would like to contribute to promoting Cowtown up to \$25,000. Now if this challenge match is met, what that means to Cowtown is the County will be investing \$50,000 on their 50th anniversary. If they receive the match, they'll have up to \$75,000.

"For folks that are familiar with promoting and advertising and that kind of thing, it is not cheap. It costs lots of money to have billboards. It costs lots of money to have radio and TV time. I think it will be a very well spent investment. Cowtown, like I said, they've come a long ways in 50 years. We've got some exciting things coming along for the next 50 years. With the opening of our capital campaign, the new Visitor's Center in 2001, and that kind of thing. I'm going to ask if my colleagues will join me in supporting this investment to Cowtown. I am open to any questions. As I said earlier, I see Gloria Campbell in the audience, who is the Executive Director of Cowtown. I've asked her to come over, if you have any questions of her."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I understand it, we're actually going to have some restrictions on the money. The first \$25,000, we're going to spend some of it for the face lift, but the rest of it goes to marketing and promotion. And the other \$25,000 challenge grant, or whatever we call it, goes 100% to promotion and marketing?"

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Exactly."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I want to compliment and I don't know exactly who to compliment. We were out there yesterday at a press conference and somebody in the Cowtown organization has come up with what I think is a fantastic marketing idea, to generate some additional people to come through the turnstiles, and they've come up with the idea of tying into what we anticipate to be tremendous response at the new Exploration Place. If I understood this correctly, and I think I did, there is going to be, when everybody walks into Exploration Place, they will be given a discount coupon that if they take that to Cowtown they'll have a reduction in what would be the normal entry to Cowtown. I think that is tremendous. You're going to tie into what we think will be a lot of people's interest in Exploration Place. They're down there, they're with their family, they're in very close proximity to Cowtown, why not make it a complete day and go visit Cowtown. I applaud that and I hope you come up with other creative marketing ideas. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Gloria, why don't you make your way to the podium. Commissioner Gwin has a question or comment but I know there will be a couple more questions."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Sciortino, I concur. I think one of the reasons that Exploration Place will be wonderful is not just because folks will go there but that folks who go there will discover some of the other wonderful attractions we have in this community. The fact that is located in the Museums On The River and that district will be a benefit to all of you. There really are ways to tie in the present, the future, and the past. All of those things, I think, will benefit us all. I'm going to be very supportive of Commissioner McGinn's request. She serves on the Board and has talked with us a lot about this. Prior to her arrival, we've kind of stewed and worried about what we are going to do to revitalize Cowtown and to make it what we all believe it can and should be. Ms. Campbell's arrival here in the City encourages me because of her energy and expertise, I think we'll see some wonderful things happen. I am most anxious to see the reconfiguration, the Visitor's Center occur, and a different introduction into Cowtown. Then we ought to work on some slogan that says 'You can see them dead in Boot Hill but you can see them alive and working in Cowtown'."

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**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Write that one down."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "How long did you work on that."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Just right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Gloria, just two quick questions. One is your response to Commissioner McGinn's proposal and then you might want to plug the opening weekend for the facility."

**Ms. Gloria Campbell**, Executive Director, Old Cowtown Museum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "First of all, I want to say thank you. This actually was Commissioner McGinn's brain storm. She was helping me out at a marketing committee meeting and an advertising executive was saying you just don't have enough money to tell your story. She's come up with a very effective, creative way for us to start changing that. Carolyn did a very good job at explaining what we are planning on doing. We're working very hard to spread the word so we have more people coming to Cowtown. We're going to work real hard so that once they get there they are going to have a real quality experience and will come back more, tell their friends. That is the best marketing in the world is word of mouth. Some day, if I have the same size marketing budget as Boot Hill, I'd love to have that."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And opening weekend is?"

**Ms. Campbell** said, "It is April 1 and 2. It is the same weekend that Exploration Place opens. So it is a big day in the district, but we're going to be unveiling the Marshall's office, the Livery Stable. I want to reiterate, the Livery Stable has been there because it is a working livery stable, but we've never opened it to the public. So, we experimented a little bit at Christmas time and realized we were missing a real bet because it is a fun thing to sort of crawl around in and smell and all that kind of thing. Also, the other plug I wanted to put in is that at all of the staffed sites, we're working real hard that they have new activities to do and all of them have things that the visitor can actually do, instead of just watching and talking about something."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Very good. Commissioner McGinn."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you. Gloria, would you just talk a little bit about some special events. I know I just talked a little bit about new exhibits, but like April 28 and 30 is the G.A.R. reunion."

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**Ms. Campbell** said, "Right, we've got a number of new events this year. The G.A.R. is the Grand Army of the Republic. Anybody who was anybody in the late 19th century, and a man I guess, you couldn't be elected dog catcher if you weren't a member of the G.A.R. It was a very powerful veterans organization. So, Cowtown was approached by some of the Civil War reenactment groups saying they really wanted to do something about the G.A.R. Although it is very important to them, in the general public's mind it is not something you tend to remember from our American History. So, we are doing that the last weekend of April and they're going to reenact the reunion. There is going to be an encampment. We're doing a half day education day for 5th graders from the region that is already sold out. There is obviously a lot of interest out there. We've got four free lectures, two at WSU and two at Cowtown. So, we're hoping this becomes a real signature event for the institution.

"We're also coming up with new, a little bit less traditional ways to come visit Cowtown. We're doing a cowboy camp-out program, where kids between the ages of 8 and 12 can come, with their parents, or at least with one of their parents and they get to make their own chuck wagon dinner, sing around the camp fire, sleep out under the stars and then the next morning get up and do chores. Very excited about that, get some work done. Then have a biscuit and gravy breakfast. We're doing that three different times this summer as an experiment. I'm very confident that it is something that we'll make a very regular activity for next year.

"We are doing free 'Movies Under The Western Sky', which people can bring a blanket or lawn chair and watch movies. We're going to do it monthly, outside the front gate of Cowtown. We're starting off with the Magnificent Seven and we're doing it in May in conjunction with River Fest. I think that is a great kick off. We're doing a Frontier Day in July, which is going to have a strong cowboy, trapper, or guy kind of emphasis. Also, the last weekend of July, we are really going to put a lot of attention on our 1880 Devore Farm, we're calling it 'Ag Days, Down on the Farm at Cowtown,' to celebrate how different agriculture was 120 years ago. Those are the kinds of things we're doing.

"We've organized a formal birthday party program, so if you have children or grandchildren, I can't imagine a better place to have a birthday party than someplace like Cowtown. Those are the kinds of things we're doing."

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**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you, Gloria. Stay up here, I think others have questions. I just have a few more comments. The Exploration Place, I remember hearing on the news a few months ago somebody said they were asking them if they were concerned about how it was going to effect our other museums. They said 'oh, I think it really will'. I just thought exactly the opposite. I thought oh no, it is going to help us get everything off the ground. Just what you've been doing as far as how ever way we're going to do it with tickets half price or whatever come to Cowtown, we're going to have a lot of new people come to Exploration Place and maybe learn about Cowtown for the first time."

**Ms. Campbell** said, "Exactly. In fact all the Museums On The River, we're viewing this as an opportunity so we're stepping up and making them part of the family."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "The last thing I just wanted to end on here is, I've always believed strongly in tourism in our community. The reason I do is because it increases our sales tax revenues. That helps us, either offset perhaps property taxes, or provides other needs to our community. I think what better thing can you have when other people outside your community are coming in here and spending money. That's why I call this an investment."

**Ms. Campbell** said, "It is such a clean industry. They come, they spend money because they go out to eat, buy gasoline, and they come to our attractions."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Absolutely, and I just hope Chronis gets that little sales tax reimbursement thing straightened out. Anyway, that's all I had."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just briefly, we had talked yesterday about the price that you charge and there were special family prices. Maybe you can share that and some of the people might find that informative."

**Ms. Campbell** said, "The best deal is for anybody who lives in the area, for \$35 you can get a family membership and you can come to Cowtown any time you want with your family. A family is defined as one or two parents and as many kids as you have living at home. All it takes, depending upon the size of your family, at the most probably two visits to cover the cost of that. It is actually our most popular item, I think, because we do have a lot of families where they come regularly."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Commissioners, you've heard the discussion and report,

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what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the funding.

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much, Gloria, for being here. Thank you, Commissioner McGinn. Next item."

**H. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE SUFFICIENCY OF PROTESTS ON THE 143RD STREET EAST PAVING PROJECT.**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Back in January of this year, you approved a Benefit District in connection with improvements to 143rd Street East between 13th Street North and 21st Street North. On the overhead before you, you will see, it is a little difficult to see the outline, but essentially the road Benefit District that you approved encompasses the developments commonly, the subdivisions commonly known as Savannah at Castle Rock Ranch. When you approved that, you approved it under the authority of Charter Resolution #42, which allows you to create the Improvement District, subject to a protest.

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"The Charter Resolution says that if there is a protest filed within 20 days of the publication of the Resolution, then the improvement shall not be commenced if the protest is sufficient. Within that 20 day period, protest petitions were submitted by the owners of the properties in this benefit district that are shown in green on the overhead map. By terms of the Charter Resolution, it is required that the protest petitions pass two tests. One is that it be signed by 51% or more of the resident owners of record of property within the Road Benefit District. Also, it must be signed by owners of record of more than half the total area within the Benefit District.

"I think, as you can see, from the map that we have assembled, that the second test of the protest provision of Charter 42 is not met. So, it is our determination that the protest is insufficient and that the project will go forward, unless there is further action by the Commission. So, we have prepared a Resolution, noting that the protest is insufficient, and we recommend it for your approval. Paul Taylor, from Public Works, is present to answer any questions you may have. Joe Norton, the County's Bond Counsel is also present. I'll be happy to answer any questions, also."

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Rich, you said it didn't meet criteria number two. Did it meet criteria one? It didn't look like it did that either."

**Mr. Euson** said, "Well, that is a good question. We really didn't determine that. I don't believe it does, but we didn't go to the trouble or the expense of getting title work to make that determination because it was clear that it did not meet criteria number two."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Paul, could you come up to the podium, I have a question for you."

**Mr. Paul Taylor**, Director, Sewer Operations and Maintenance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It's a pleasure to join you on this side of the street."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Paul. We're glad you're on this side of the street now, too. One of the things that the petition asked about had to do, and I think one of the concerns of the neighbors all along and particularly those folks who signed the petition, has to do with the aesthetics of this project, the trees, hedge rows, and those kinds of things. Since you've assumed this position then, can you assure me that you're going to work with those folks as much as possible to try to . . . I know we can't saved, based

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upon what we approved, all of them, but are there some ways that, through the process, you can kind of oversee this and see we don't take out any more than we absolutely have to."

**Mr. Taylor** said, "Yes. We have met with the design engineer and that was one of the issues discussed. Also, been to a meeting with an individual with a local nursery that is working with some of the people out there to plant trees along the project. Indeed, I think we'll be meeting with him again."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay. I know that was one of the issues of importance. I appreciate that."

**Mr. Taylor** said, "In this project, the majority of the trees are the old hedge row type of trees, very close to the old roadway. You can't do anything to the roadway without those trees being removed. The only thing you could do is build it back to the early 1900's design standards, if you were going to save the hedge trees."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Paul. There may be other questions for you later. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. This is not a public hearing, but if there is anyone here who has a question or would like to address the Commission on this issue, we'd be glad to hear from that person. Please come forward. Give your name and address and comments are limited to five minutes."

**Ms. Lisa Vayda** said, "I live at 14400 Sport-of-Kings. I actually produced the petition and my husband and I were responsible for the majority of the petition circulation efforts at Savanna. Basically, I'm seeking information. I have a couple of questions on behalf of those who signed the petition, as well as myself, to the County Commission. One of the questions they had is how does a potential new home owner find out about these road improvements upon moving into a development in a benefit area where there are proposed road improvement plans or a resolution that will assess the homeowner, is this a public record that should have showed up on closing when purchasing the property? Was this a responsibility of the developer to inform the homeowners or a real estate agent or a prior homeowner? How does an unsuspecting home owner find out about the city planning guidelines and this would help us, in the future, to know this?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, what I'm going to suggest is that perhaps you could meet with Paul Taylor and anyone else immediately after the meeting and they'd be glad to share that information with you. I think what we're principally doing today is recognizing that there was not sufficient signatures on petitions to prevent this project from moving forward and are going to recognize and then act on the petition as it

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was presented."

**Ms. Vayda** said, "I understand. I have another question. Does the Commission have the prerogative to alter the project? That is, if upon initiating the road grading and paving they find that a three lane road is preferred, and I know there are some of the Commissioners who stated that some people feel there is a preference in a three lane road versus a two lane road. Does the Commission have the prerogative to change that since the funding was the same stated by Mr. Weber for a three lane road versus a two lane road since the funding would be available. And if that was changed, do the homeowners have a chance to petition that?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "Mr. Norton, do you have an answer to that question? Then we'll ask David Spears to respond also."

**Mr. Joe Norton**, Gilmore & Bell, County Bond Counsel, said, "As Rich stated earlier, this project was authorized through what we call a notice and hearing and opportunity for protest procedure, as outlined in the Charter Resolution. That required the County Commissioners to make a finding that we wanted to proceed with the project, have a public hearing, make a further determination to go forward with the project as it was approved at that date, subject to citizen protest. We've been through that procedure. If the project were to be done in a different manner, the County Commission would have to start that process over. We now have a project that has been approved. If you wanted to alter that project in any significant manner then we'd have to start the process over again."

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

**Mr. David Spears**, Director, Bureau of Public Works, said, "As I recall, when Mr. Weber made a presentation the last time we discussed this issue, that was brought up, because some people had brought up the fact about the two lane versus the three lane and that sort of the thing. The Commission, at that time, authorized as my recollection a two lane facility. That is what we are proceeding on."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Then afterwards, will someone talk to Ms. Vayda about her first question. Joe, Paul, whomever. Okay."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Is there anyone else here who would like to make a comment? Please come forward. Please give your name and address for the record please."

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**Mr. James Vayda** said, "I also live at 14400 Sport-of-Kings, which is the corner of Sport-of-Kings and 143rd Street. I'm Lisa's husband, obviously. Most of my thunder has been taken away but I just have a few comments. The first thing is that even though that map seems to indicate that the vast majority of people in the community are not in favor of the project, in fact, we got 46 signatures on the petition, that doesn't quite represent 51%, but it is pretty close. I think you need to know that . . . the remainder of the territory, by the way, is owned by the Stevensons I believe. They did not sign simply because we didn't quite get that 51%. Had they signed, we would have been well over both in territory as well as in numbers. I think you need to know that this is not just a small number of people who actually live out there who signed the petition. I think you need to know what their thoughts were, in it in talking to these people.

"The two main objections that they had to the project, number one, we were not opposed to the project. We all want the project to go through. We don't want their not to be a road. The road is in such terrible shape, secondary to poor management by Minneha Township. So, we all want the project to go forth but we did want to make sure, number one, that the aesthetics of the community were maintained. You've addressed that to some degree here. The other thing is that we feel that the funding of the project is, although legal, it doesn't appear to us to be fair. Let me just review that process, as to how the project got started in the first place. When the Stevensons went to apply for platting, one of the remaining portions of the Savanna development, as I understand it, they were told they could not have sewer and water unless they agreed to this road project. Not exactly . . ."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "It was city water."

**Mr. Vayda** said, "Was it city water?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Not sewer, but city water."

**Mr. Vayda** said, "It is a coercive sort of a way that the road project was agreed to. There was no input of course from people living in the community and no input from people like myself who is new to the community and are completely unsuspecting as to how this goes about. It is true that you went ahead with the project, by having a public hearing and then the petition process, but there was very short notice on the public hearing. We had a couple of days. Even though we're paying for this project, there was very little written notice as to the public hearings that went on. The petition is worded in such a way as we have to, that you either kill the project entirely or sign it. Many people did not sign, simply because they wanted to have the project go forward.

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"To briefly state what we really want though. We have several questions. One is, where does this stop? Are we going to also be responsible next for 13th Street? As we understand it, there is another petition, another agreement that has been made for 13th Street, for the repair of 13th Street from 143rd to the most eastern entrance of Sport-of-Kings. Will we be responsible for future road improvements? I'm not sure that it ever stops and there doesn't seem to be any incentive, on the part of the County, to really respect the rights of the homeowner because the homeowners are paying. We're paying half of it. The second thing is, as we said before, we asked you to, and I believe as Commissioner Gwin is saying, to respect or to at least do as much as you can to try and preserve the aesthetics of the community. Then, lastly, we're asking you to pressure, if you can, Minneha Township to contribute in the finances of this project, because it seems to us that as the project is in Minneha Township and it has been their responsibility to maintain the road, which they haven't done, that is one of the main reasons the project is going forth. Thank you very much."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, thank you for allowing me to take further public comment. I think it is better to err on the side of giving the public the opportunity to talk. I think it is appropriate to remind everyone that we have had public hearings and we have gone through the open process in this procedure. As petitions were attempted to be gathered, they were not sufficient. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

### MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "On discussion on that, Mr. Vayda asked some question, David would you visit with him, too, about 13th Street and some of the other things he brought up after the meeting, he and Mrs. Vayda."

**Mr. Spears** said, "Yes Ma'am."

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Very good. This Resolution says the petition was not sufficient to stop this

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project. Are there any other questions or discussion? Commissioner Hancock."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Mr. Chairman, if there are any questions about it, I'm the guy who made the statement that I would prefer the turning lanes because of the original design. I think, in time, the folks out there will probably wish that there were some turning lanes. This is the first time we've done this project and the question I had yesterday was why is this on our agenda? It was my understanding that this was not necessary to be on the agenda, and I was just curious myself if it wasn't required, why is it on the agenda."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Mr. Euson, do you want to address that questions?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, our Charter Resolution has wording to the effect, and I don't have it right in front of me, that if a protest is submitted, that the Board of County Commissioners will determine the sufficiency of the petition. So, while it seems kind of a useless act to bring a matter before you where the petition is insufficient, we felt that, really for purposes of closure and to make sure that we're complying with the provisions in the spirit and intent of the Charter Resolution, that it was necessary to pass a Resolution to finally close the matter."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you. One other comment relative to the township board. There is an answer to that. I've lived in townships who have participated in this, too. It isn't as if the Minneha Township and I know it is Commissioner Gwin's area and she has to deal with these folks. In deference to her, Minneha Township is not broke. They do very well out there, as I understand it. There is an answer to that and it is called the election process. All you have to do is go to the Election Commissioner's Office and file and you, too, can be a Minneha Township official, believe me. I would encourage folks to do that and make these decisions. We look forward to cooperating with the other units of government.

"The decision is theirs and there is no way we can hold them up for cash on this project. I would encourage the folks in this community to look into that and make a change in Minneha. Maybe it is time out there that we get folks who look at a different picture. I apologize to Commissioner Gwin if that makes some folks unhappy with her on the Minneha Township Board. I do apologize but it is hard to get their attention sometimes. This is one township that could probably have participated, at least to a small degree."

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "In answer to that too, I did ask and was told no. That's about as far as I could go."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also, just to the general public, occasionally some of these township positions are vacated, prior to the end of their term, and if anyone out there is interested in being put on the list because if a position is vacated prior to its term the Commission can then appoint someone to fill an unfulfilled term. So, if you know of anybody in your community, I'm looking at a husband and wife here, that might want to be considered as an appointee, should one come, please let us know because we're always looking for someone to fill an unfilled position."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, we have a motion in front of us to adopt the Resolution. Any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote."

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Next item."

**I. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

**1. AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 1919 NORTH AMIDON TO HOUSE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE'S OUTPATIENT SERVICES.**

**Ms. Marilyn Cook**, Assistant Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "COMCARE leases space, and we have done so for the past five years, at Marina Point II Building at 1919 North Amidon. The amendment before you amends and extends the lease agreement that with A.J. Investments and would extend the current lease rate and conditions for an additional three years on that

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space. As I said earlier, the original lease was signed in 1995. COMCARE pays \$10.80 per square foot for the space. That totals \$101,770.20 a year. Funding for this comes from County funds, Outpatient Services. We're requesting that you approve the lease extension and amendment. I'd be happy to answer any questions about that space."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Amendment and Extension of Lease and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item."

**2. AMENDMENT TO 1999 PREVENTION FUND CONTRACT WITH DCCCA, INC.**

**Ms. Cook** said, "This item involves DCCCA's Youth Resource Center that was approved by your board in prevention grant funds for 1998 and 1999, but was not awarded a grant for the year 2000. The prevention grant money funded this Youth Resource Center, which was a program where youth that come in through the JIAC (Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center) program were provided with a case manager and an educational program. There were a number of youth, 18 of them to be exact, that began the program in December of 1999. I understand a portion of them are now finished with the program but there are still some youth who have some services to go. The amendment would ensure the continuity of

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the services for those youths that entered late in 1999. No additional funds would be required, since DCCCA has not spent the entire amount that was allocated to them in 1999. So we are requesting that you approve the contract amendment."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Marilyn. Next item."

**J. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.**

- 1. GRANT APPLICATION LETTER TO KANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR A FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION GRANT TO CONDUCT A WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION HAZARD VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT OF THE FINNEY STATE OFFICE BUILDING.**

**Mr. Randy Duncan**, Director, Emergency Management, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here

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this morning to ask you permission to approve me to send a letter to the Division of Emergency Management to obtain a grant that does not require any local match money for the purpose of performing the scope of work outlined in the introduction. I'd be happy to answer any questions about this if you have any."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Is this coming up because of the talcum powder or whatever it is?"

**Mr. Duncan** said, "Actually, this has been under discussion well before those incidents. I'm sure that that helped encourage the state's participation."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Randy, it is my understanding the state is funding this entire program? We're going to go help them learn about their building but at the same time we're going to benefit from it and learn something from it for ourselves for things in our community."

**Mr. Duncan** said, "Yes, that is exactly right Commissioner. You've done an excellent summary of the issue. Basically, we will hire a consultant, who will come in and help us perform this work. As a result of the work that is performed, we're going to generate a template or a pattern, a form if you will, that we can utilize with any other public building within the facility. In addition, the consultant is probably going to help us with some planning issues as well and yes, we're going to get a good benefit out of this. I think especially from the point of view that we're not going to have to invest any Sedgwick County local dollars in this. This is 100% funded with money through the Kansas Division of Emergency Management."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Looks like a good deal for us."

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the grant application letter and authorize the Director of Emergency Management to sign.

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Randy. Next item."

**2. GRANT AWARDS (TWO) FROM KANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO BE USED FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION ACT PLANNING, AND MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT (TWO) REGARDING GRANTS.**

**Mr. Duncan** said, "I bring to you two more grants today that do not require local funding. The first grant is in conjunction with producing a newspaper-type insert to talk about the issue of hazardous materials in our community and preparedness issues related to that. The second grant is to fund a hazardous materials class for our hazardous materials response team. Again, both of these grants do not require any local match. I'd be happy to answer any questions, should you have any."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to accept the Grant Awards and authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandums of Agreement and associated forms.

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Randy. Next item."

**K. KANSAS COLISEUM.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA RADIO PARTNERS FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AT THE KANSAS COLISEUM.**

**Mr. John Nath**, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The report today is on the month of February, inarguably, our busiest month of the year. There was only one day that was available for use in the Britt Brown Arena all month. We either had an event going on or we were setting up for another event. The eclectic mixture of events is unmatched throughout the rest of the year. We had over 135,000 people attend events during the month of February. We only had 11 events but we had 34 different performances. Our net revenues were in excess of \$355,000.

"The Model A Swap Meet, this is a recurring event. It takes over P-1, P-2, and the arena building. Over 25,000 people attended that event this year. It is one of the biggest ever. Sesame Street Live, we did something a little bit different this year. We put it on a mid-week, so it did not play a weekend. It actually out-performed the previous visit to the community when it came in May. So February is definitely the time, although like a lot of things, due to the business of the month, we don't have a weekend to accommodate this show. Next year, this show will probably play Century II, in their theater, but we will be their promoter. It is another good way for us to demonstrate the flexibility of the Britt Brown Arena, where we cut it down and put a specialized stage in. It is actually set up for about 4,000 people and it works out very well for us.

"BMX tournament over in Pavilion I. We have entries from 17 states, throughout the Midwest. They had

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over 11,000 people in attendance. That is including registrations. PRCA Rodeo, the rodeo has been playing this market for 20 years. This year was the third highest grossing performance in the history of rodeo at the Coliseum. The Kansas Coliseum marketing department did all the marketing for the event and we're real pleased with the way it turned out. It marked the second year that we had the rodeo dance, over in Pavilion II, after the Saturday night performance. We had over 1,000 people stay and go over and extend the good time they had that evening, over at the rodeo dance. It was also the third year where we took the opportunity to thank our partners, our sponsors, and our friends, by hosting a barbeque and hosting them at the event in our meeting room. A good time was had by all. We had a good barbeque and a lot of fine entertainment, through the efforts of our friends over at Cowtown, with the harmonica band. It was a great time.

"The highlight of the month, obviously, has to be the Elton John Concert. A premier, world class performer. Had over 10,699 people in attendance. He played for three hours, non-stop. It was just a great show.

"One of the things we've done, we've tried to get ourselves some national publicity, by having a photo taken, by presenting some entertainers with a personalized jersey from one of our sports teams. What that does, it gives us some national recognition in the national trades. Both the Amy Grant picture, where she received her personalized Thunder jersey and Elton John, who received a personalized Wichita Wings jersey was carried in Amusement Business, which is a national trade newspaper, and Pulstar, which is the hot wire for concerts in the country. It is good for us. It is good for the community. It is also good for the sports teams. Not very often do minor league sports get that kind of national coverage.

"The Sports, Boat and Travel Show also had a very good turnout this year. We had over 18,000 people attend that event. Now they take up every bit of space that we have in the Britt Brown Arena and Pavilion I. They have just signed a new five year agreement. This was the first year of that agreement. They have assured us and promised us and guaranteed us that, should we happen to find any more space, they will fill it. They actually had displays outdoors in the parking lot this year.

"The State Wrestling Tournament, excellent event. We're in the second year of a five year agreement with them. They had over 13,000 people attend the event.

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"The Equi-Fest, again a long term agreement. We're in the first year of a new three year agreement with the Equi-Fest. This event has really grown. They had over 10,000, almost 11,000 people attended the Equi-Fest this year. It was up 30% in ticket sales over what it was a year ago. It is all about the horse industry, whether it be training techniques or different kinds of equipment, different horse related feeds, training programs, just absolutely incredible. It was very well received here in this market. They're very happy with it. I think if we had some more space they would naturally move right into it.

"To round out the month, we actually had over 13,000 people attend hockey games and over 5,000 people attend soccer games when we could fit them in here and there. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. John, I see no questions. As I look at your item here, you went right into the report. We've got item K-1, which is the agreement with Wichita Radio Partners for advertising rights at the Coliseum."

**Mr. Nath** said, "Yeah, I probably jumped right over the advertising rights agreement and went into the report. But the advertising rights agreement actually replaces an expiring agreement that we currently have with General Broadcasting. General decided not to renew, so we are going to continue the opportunity to have radio time with Wichita Radio Partners. We recommend approval of that agreement."

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

### MOTION

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

### VOTE

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

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Chairman Thomas G. Winters                      Aye

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "John, just one question. When do the Warlords start?"

**Mr. Nath** said, "The first game is April 8. I talked to the coach. He just picked up a running back, who was one of the final cuts from the Atlanta Falcons last year, who he thought was going to end up playing NFL Europe. He decided not to go to Europe and he's going to play for the Warlords. He's got a linebacker who is a four year letterman out of Texas A&M who is supposed to be a real monster. He is real happy with his players, so far. I think they're going to be very competitive."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "We want to tell everyone that might be watching out there. It is the new thing in Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita so be there or be square, I guess."

**Mr. Nath** said, "I think they're going to be planning something toward the beginning part of April. They may even come down to see you during one of the events or ask to be on the agenda. We're really looking forward to it. We think it is going to be a great event for us."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Very good. John, thank you. Whoever else was involved in the Elton John Concert, that was a world class event. It was excellent entertainment in this community."

### 2.        **KANSAS COLISEUM MONTHLY REPORT.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, what's your pleasure concerning this report?"

#### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

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

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

**L. PUBLIC WORKS.**

- 1. ESTIMATE FROM SEDGWICK COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR THE RELOCATION OF A LINE IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 602-12-1782; BRIDGE ON 69TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN 215TH AND 231ST STREETS WEST. CIP# B-321. DISTRICT #3.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "Item L-1 is the approval of an estimate by Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative for relocation of a line at a cost of \$1,635. This relocation is in connection with a bridge project on 69th Street North between 215th and 231st Streets West, designated as B-321 in the Capital Improvement Program. Their line is in a private easement. I recommend that you approve the estimate."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the estimate.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item."

- 2. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER TWO AND FINAL, WITH CENTRAL PAVING, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 616-E1/2 32, 33, W1/2 34; 13TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN THE EAST CITY LIMITS OF WICHITA AND K-96. CIP# R-225. DISTRICT #1.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "Item L-2 is a modification of plans and construction for the road project on 13th Street North between the east city limits of Wichita and K-96. This project has been constructed and is ready to be finalized. There will be a net decrease of \$17,509.20 due to variations in planning quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item."

**3. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING 76TH STREET SOUTH TO THE OHIO TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #2.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "It is standard procedure that after a road is constructed within a platted residential subdivision in accordance with County standards, that road is then assigned to the township road system. Today, we have three such Resolutions. The first one is 76th Street South located in the Aqueous Acres Addition to become the responsibility of Ohio Township. The Ohio Township Board was informed that this Resolution would be on the County Commission agenda, by letter, dated January 21. I recommend you adopt the Resolution, that is L-3."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item."

**4. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING 87TH STREET SOUTH COURT TO THE SALEM TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #2.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "The second Resolution is 87th Street South Court located in the Branch Addition to become the responsibility of Salem Township. The Salem Township Board was informed that this Resolution would be on the County Commission agenda, by letter, dated January 24. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution, that is L-4."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Next item."

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**5. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CLASSIFYING SEDONA AND TUSCONY STREETS TO THE GYPSUM TOWNSHIP SYSTEM. DISTRICT #5.**

**Mr. Spears** said, "The third and final resolution involves two streets, Sedona Street and Tuscony Street, located in the Vina Del Rey Estates to become the responsibility of Gypsum Township. The Gypsum Township Board was informed that this Resolution would be on the County Commission agenda by letter, dated January 27. I recommend that you adopt the Resolution."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Sciortino moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**M. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' MARCH 9, 2000 REGULAR MEETING.**

**Mr. Darren Muci**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the March 9 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are seven items requiring your consideration."

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

"Item one, bridge improvements for Public Works, various projects. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Dondlinger & Sons Construction, \$666,025.50.

**(2) DRAINAGE CROSSING AT LAKE AFTON PARK - PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

"Item two, drainage crossing at Lake Afton Park for Public Works. This is project 628 3/4-11-1322. It is recommended to accept the low bid of HWA Davis Construction., that amount is \$85,074.

**(3) STREET & STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

"Item three, street and storm water improvements, also for Public Works, the Belriv Addition. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Cornejo & Sons, that amount \$204,330.

**(4) AB-3 ROCK - PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

"Item four, AB-3 rock, also for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Ritchie Sand, and they are on the far right of the tabulation. That amount, \$157,900.

**(5) CM-B SAND - PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

"Item 5, CM-B sand, also for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Central Sand Company, that's on the far left of the first part of the tabulation. That amount, \$72,600.

**(6) FIBER OPTIC & LEVEL 5 CABLE - DISTRICT COURT & TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**FUNDING: BYRNE GRANT - IMAGING**

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"Item six, fiber optic and level 5 category cabling for the District Court and Telecommunications. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Shelley Electric, that amount \$24,150.

- (7) **ARCHITECTURAL/ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING - OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING AND REMODELING**  
**FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

"Item seven, architectural/electrical engineering services for the Office of Facility Planning and Remodeling. This is also for the Kansas Coliseum. It was recommended to accept the low proposal of Stefan, Voegeli Associates, \$12,500.

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- (8) **NETWORK MODULAR FURNITURE - OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING & REMODELING**  
**FUNDING: OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING & REMODELING**
- (9) **CONSULTANT SERVICES - ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SYSTEM - DIVISION OF FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES, INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**  
**FUNDING: EQUIPMENT RESERVE**

"There were two items that were tabled and do not require action at this particular time. They include network modular furniture for the Office of Facility Planning and Remodeling, and consultant services, the Enterprise Resource Planning System, for the Division of Finance. I'll be happy to take questions and

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recommend approval of the Minutes from the Board of Bids and Contracts."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Darren. Any other business? Next item."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**N. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**1. Right-of-Way Agreements.**

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 833-I, J, N ½ K; Webb Road: North Wichita City Limits to K-254; Payne Township. CIP #R-238. District #1.
- b. One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 841-W-5255; Bridge on 159th Street East between 55th and 63rd Streets South. CIP# B-339. District #5.

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**2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.**

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V2020	\$540.00	5	William Favreau
V2019	\$65.00	5	William Favreau
V2021	\$221.00	2	Springcreek Apts.

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
C871020	\$247.00	\$254.00
V99030	\$310.00	\$386.00
C99029	\$232.00	\$228.00
C99017	\$265.00	\$265.00

**4. Agreements (two) with Frank McClain and Associates and Moving Solutions to provide Developmental Disability Community Service Provider status.**

**5. Order dated March 8, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

**6. Resolutions (four) authorizing disposal by destruction of records, pursuant to the Government Records Preservation Act.**

**! Estimated 93 cubic feet of chattel mortgage records for the period 1940-1965**

**! Estimated 409 cubic feet of various routine accounting records for the period 1976-1994**

**! Estimated 25 cubic feet of various budget development and related**

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**records for the period 1982-1992**

- ! Estimated 80 cubic feet of various County Clerk records for the period 1948-1993, and any of these same records series that may be found for the period 1948-1993**

**7. General Bills Check Register of March 10, 2000.**

**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 Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Is there other business to come before this Board?"

**O. OTHER**

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Yes, Mr. Chairman."

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive

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Session for 20 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney Client relationship relating to pending claims, litigation, legal advice, personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner 11:45 a.m.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "We're in Executive Session."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 11:26 a.m. and returned at 12:12 p.m.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "I'll call back to order the Regular Meeting of March 15. Let the record show there was no binding action taken while in Executive Session. Is there other business to come before the Board? If not, we're adjourned."

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

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

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Commissioner  
Fourth District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Commissioner  
First District

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**BILL HANCOCK**, Commissioner  
Second District

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**James Alford**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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