

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**March 22, 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 22, 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; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Ms. Tamara Atwater, Purchasing Assistant, Purchasing Department; Jeanette Clary, Executive Officer, District Attorney's Office; Ms. Kathleen B. Sexton, Director, Division of Information and Operations; Mr. Michael Mueller, Employment Specialist, Department of Human Resources; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD); Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department of Aging; Mr. Mark Sroufe, Superintendent, Lake Afton Park; 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**

Ms. Niki Wilkins, Community Resource Coordinator, United Methodist Youthville.  
Mr. Kelly Wendeln, P.O. Box 1817, Wichita, Ks.  
Ms. Jo Brown, Member, Links.  
Ms. Anita Fisher, Member, Links.  
Ms. Margarita Hunt, Volunteer, Census Bureau.  
Ms. Yolanda Baker, Census Partnership Specialist, National Census Bureau.  
Mr. Robert Young, Treasurer, Minneha Township.  
Mr. Charles, 'Chuck' Rivas, retired Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department.  
Mr. Tirso Ortiz, retired Fiscal Assistant, Auto License Department.  
Mr. Rick Belt, Fiscal Assistant, Treasurer's Office.  
Mr. Gary Wiley, Consultant, Professional Engineering Consultants.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Sister Rete Robl, of the Great Plains Earth Institute.

### **FLAG SALUTE**



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**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2000.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, at this point in the meeting I'd like to recess the Regular Meeting and call to order the Meeting of the Fire District. There are a number of people here to talk about a special project in the Fire Department and they need to move on."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Fire District Meeting at 9:09 a.m. and returned at 9:20 a.m.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Madam Clerk, call Item A, please."

**YOUR COUNTY SERVICES**

**A. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "We've started a process of, at the beginning of each meeting, taking a few moments to have a short presentation from various departments that serve Sedgwick County, that we and the public might become more familiar with various aspects of County government. Jerry, thank you."

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### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Jerry Phipps**, Purchasing Agent, greeted the Commissioners and said, "As noted on the screen, the Purchasing Department is part of the Division of Finance. There is our locator information, you can reach us by phone, fax or E-mail. The Purchasing Department staff consists of our Director, Darren Muci, a buying staff of Jerry Phipps, Cindy De Le Torre, and Candy Johnson. We have a support staff of Kendall Gilbreath, Bonnie Kerr, Linda Rangel, Tammy Atwater and Edie Vogt.

"As you see our mission statement here, this is the current mission statement and we are continuing to refine our mission statement for the year 2000. Our Purchasing Department does belong to great professional organizations, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, which is the prime organization of purchasing, the Kansas Association of Public Purchasing Professionals, or KAPPP for short and I'm an elected board member and chosen representative for the KAPPP organization, our Kansas Minority Business Development Council, of which Darren Muci, the Purchasing Director is a board member and the Treasurer. We also belong to Government Travel Professionals, again Darren Muci and Bonnie Kerr are members of that organization. I might add that Darren Muci did complete a presentation at the national conference, with great reception from the members.

"Our current internal project is streamlining invoice payments, update of our vendor guide, and a move in the very near future to ECCO Plaza, update of our Charter Resolution, refine development of our purchasing policies, development of our contract listings, a request for proposal manual and improvements to our web site. Our current external projects at this time are vendor round table meetings where we introduce vendors to County departments. We usually have one or two of those every month, have a new vendors in. The Kansas Minority Business Development Council under the urban leadership group, which Darren Muci and Stephanie Payton are involved with, and cooperative purchasing, we expect to complete four projects in the year 2000. One, I might add, is a disposition of obsolete equipment and auctioneer services, et cetera. Our national travel initiative, Darren Muci is chairing a task force to help lower air fares for local government entities.

"The next area we're quite proud of is our web site, which is [www.sedgwickcounty.org/purchasing](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/purchasing). We'll take you on a short tour of the web site. On the left side, you might note it is our purchasing page or RFPs or vendor information. The center of the screen is the general information. The right side is our links. This is the bid studies going through here, anybody here in the United States that can get on E-mail, they can get on the web site and get back to Sedgwick County with a bid.

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"We have a number of links we can hook to, Wichita State, USD 259, the City of Wichita, K.U., Kansas State University, the State, the Department of State of Kansas, the Kansas Minority Development Business Council, NIJP again, that is our National Organization and our travel organization, which is S.G.T.P., and that pretty well concludes our web site. We are looking forward to having more online bidding, which I hope is coming in the near future, where they can return bids. At this time we are not able to do that. Thank you for the opportunity and we'll be happy to take any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much for your presentation. Commissioner Sciortino has a question."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I want to commend the Purchasing Department on the job that they are doing. It is kind of an area of unsung hero kind of thing. But every time you guys can get out there and save us \$1.00 in purchasing a product, that is \$1.00 that can stay in our general fund and be used for other purposes. A lot of times I think you feel that you do a great job and I don't know that you are given the recognition that you need to have. I, for one, really appreciate the hard work, Darren, you're doing, and your entire office. Thank you."

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For those of you who are not really aware, the Purchasing Department virtually buys everything that we end up purchasing here in Sedgwick County. Believe me folks, it is a lot of stuff at any given time. It is pretty unusual stuff and sometimes things are difficult to find. I'm always amazed, I've been here a long time and I've always been amazed at what they could track down when someone really needed it. I know that we have talked about it for many years, I know there are maybe some things going on, but could you give me kind of an update of what is happening with our thinking toward jointly purchasing items with maybe the City of Wichita, the School District, and even the small cities. I think we even talked about that from time to time. Is there some stuff going on now?"

**Mr. Darren Muci**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you for that question, Commissioner. As Jerry noted in the presentation, we have a goal of completing at least four cooperative purchasing projects during the year 2000. That is probably not the best we could do, but we had to start some place. Our challenge is making sure that we are able to plan with our brother and sister governmental entities. We've just completed aerial photography."

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"We're in the process of issuing a document for, as Jerry mentioned, disposition of obsolete equipment and auctioneer services. That will significantly decrease the amount of time that County employees and school district employees put into the development and planning of the auctions for that equipment. Paper, we've done in the past and we're looking at doing that again. So we've got several things on the agenda. One of our projects, you note, is the request for proposal manual. What we're attempting to do with our partners over at the Wichita Public Schools is develop a manual that we will use that will define that process for both of those entities, so that we are consistent for our vendor base. We're excited about both of those.

"Of course, the links that we have on our web site, we're way out in front of some of our other governmental entities in doing that and making sure that our vendors can have access to opportunities for the other entities."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I want folks out there to know that Jerry and Darren and the staff down there have been fantastic contributors to professionalism here in Sedgwick County. It is a whole new level of what we've been used to over the years. You all should be very proud of everything you've done. I know we are very pleased. Purchasing is a department that can be either a good guy or a bad guy in the governmental process. You guys have made yourselves good people and a good department that we're glad to have around. You might think about writing the specifications for a new overhead projector."

**Mr. Muci** said, "I'll get right on that. Thank you."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Thank you very much."

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you. Darren, we realize within Sedgwick County government, that you all are a very busy department. You are not one the public often sees, but you are certainly good stewards of their money. Just for the public's information and probably ours, because I don't know that we count them, how many purchase requisitions do you guys have to work on on a monthly basis?"

**Mr. Muci** said, "I think we estimated it is between 800 and 1,000 per month. Getting close to 10,000 a year, and on the other side of that, 10,000 or so purchase orders. That is any amount. We feel that is our responsibility, as the professional buying staff, whether it is a dollar or \$10,000,000, we'll take care of it."

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**Commissioner Gwin** said, "We know you're busy. We appreciate it. Like Bill said, you're kind of unseen by most folks but you're surely a valuable part of the Sedgwick County organization and our success. Thank you. Thanks, Jerry."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I've got to ask one. I like to have fun here a little bit, but I have to assume that, over the years, you've probably had to purchase unusual items. What is maybe one of the most unusual items you've ever had to purchase for the County."

**Mr. Phipps** said, "Oh, we've purchased varmint traps, stump cutters, dump trucks, and everything in between."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "A skunk cutter?"

**Mr. Phipps** said, "Stump cutter."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "They only use a skunk cutter once and they've got to throw it away."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Jerry, thank you very much for the presentation. Darren, thank you for being here. We appreciate it. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board concerning this report?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye

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Chairman Thomas G. Winters                      Aye

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

**B.      PROCLAMATIONS.**

**1.      PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 25, 2000 AS "THE BEAUTILLION SILVER ANNIVERSARY."**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Wichita Chapter of Links is celebrating 25 years of hosting Beautillion, an annual event to help young African-American men obtain scholarship funds for higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, The Links, Inc. Is an international organization that promotes and engages in educational, civic and intercultural activities in order to enrich the lives of the community to work together and achieve common goals; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last 25 years, more than 400 young men have participated in Beautillion, who have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, television and radio personalities, engineers, legislators, business owners and principals; and

**WHEREAS**, The Links is celebrating its Silver Anniversary and will hold the Beautillion on March 25 at Century II;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim March 25, 2000 as

**“THE BEAUTILLION SILVER ANNIVERSARY”**

in Sedgwick County and encourage all residents to celebrate the accomplishments of The Links in helping young men to achieve success in our community.

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"This morning, we have Jo Brown here to accept this Proclamation."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Let us take a quick vote here. Commissioners, you've heard the Proclamation, what's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Would you like to make a few comments?"

**Ms. Jo Brown**, Member, Links, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd just like to say that Anita Fisher and I were charter members of Links. It is an organization of women who have given a lot of service to their community. Go to any city and say who are the outstanding women in the community that are doing things, African-Americans, they probably belong to Links. We started this 25 years ago. We're the first organization, nationally, to give \$1,000,000 to United Negro College Fund. We felt like, with that kind of money, some of it ought to be right here for our boys. So, along with our efforts, we started the Beautillion. We're going to wear silver and cowboy outfits Friday night and greet our boys.

"I was in charge of the first three years, '76, '77, '78. I've got three boys that I know are coming, men now, from '76. One from New York, if he can get here and two from California. They will be on display at the Beautillion and many other boys. Her son was a Beau and he'll be there. We're just really excited about it. We hope some of you will come. It is \$15, at Century II, is that allowable? A boy will get 2/3 of that money back. It is a good project."

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**Ms. Anita Fisher**, Member, Links, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We thank you Commissioners for the Proclamation. It is with pride and happiness that I accept this. There is a saying that you gain more by giving than you do by receiving. For Beautillion, that is what it has meant for me. When I look at these young men, you can't help but be proud. When we started this, we recognized that there was a population of high school boys that you never heard anything about. They were not star athletes. They were not in any kind of trouble. Names never showed up in the paper. There was no recognition and encouragement of them. We do background checks of the Beaus. They have been kids that committed themselves to academic, to their community, to their church, and to good social behaviors. We felt that we could have another program to help those who were not achieving, but we needed to do something to reward and help the kids who were trying to do well and whose parents were helping them to do well.

"We have had Beaus from many different backgrounds. Some of them have come from families where they would have gone to college anyway. Some of them have come from families that they were the first in the family to graduate from high school, no one had ever thought of college. They thought that getting a high school diploma was the epitome of success. This affair has opened up ideas. It has exposed young men. It has helped them see some of the things that were possible. Besides being a social event, it is an educational event. We have lots of activities planned for them. We even have testing, workshops, how to take the A.C.T. (Academic Certification Test), how to take the S.A.T. (Scholastic Achievement Test), how to be prepared for a test. Social behaviors as well, because we believe a well rounded individual needs to be able to walk into a room and not be intimidated because people are there with higher positions. We want them to know how to speak and how to function in that setting. We do tables and manners. We want them to know if there is a seafood fork there, that's not to cut your meat with or whatever. We have a variety of experiences.

"They just came back, or will be coming back today, from a college trip where they have visited several colleges to get the feel for college life. Yes, five colleges. We do lots of things. We provide mentoring for those that need help because, as I say, some of the kids that are from homes where they are the first high school graduate, some of them have not had much exposure to anything but family and school, but yet they remain good kids and have been academically successful in school. I could go on and on and on because I have received so much pleasure from being a part of the structure that has put this program on. Thank you, Commissioners, very much."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you both for all of the work you do with the Wichita Chapter of Links. I certainly know that this Commission has a commitment to young people and giving them every opportunity they can. I would certainly think that celebrating your silver anniversary speaks to the success of your local program. Organizations don't last for 25 years that aren't meeting a need of our citizens and our young people. Thank you both very much for being here this morning. Next item."

**2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 26 - APRIL 1, 2000 AS "CENSUS AWARENESS WEEK."**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the 2000 Census will determine apportionment of seats in the United States House of Representatives, state legislatures and local governments, and is the basis for the allocation of billions of dollars of Federal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, census information is confidential and protected by law prohibiting any public or private agency from gaining access to confidential census data; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County is committed to a full and accurate census count and is placing special emphasis on enumerating members of traditionally undercounted population groups; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County shall form a Census 2000 Community Task Force consisting of members from local government, business, religious, civic and media communities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim March 26 - April 1, 2000 as

**"CENSUS AWARENESS WEEK"**

and further encourage Sedgwick County to place an emphasis on partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau in achieving an accurate and complete count in Census 2000.

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"This morning, we have Margarita Hunt to receive this Proclamation."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Margarita, would you like to make some comments, please?"

**Ms. Margarita Hunt**, Volunteer, Census Bureau, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just want to say that we are very thankful for the Commissioners and their staff to promote the census. The importance of the census is filling out your questionnaire. It is a picture of our community and its needs. It helps in our roads, our schools, our hospitals and programs for the elderly and so on. Again, I want to thank the County Commissioners and their staff for spreading the word with us about the importance of the census. I also want to invite everyone here, the Commissioners and the community, that there is going to be a multi-cultural census, everybody counts event at Old Town Farm and Art Market, Saturday, March 25th, from ten to six. We will be having a time capsule, which we would like to have somebody from here, the County Manager, put an item in the time capsule that would represent the County. This time capsule will be opened every ten years, for the census, and it will be displayed at different sites of the community. Again, I want to thank you and also would like to take this time to introduce Yolanda Baker, our census partnership specialist, in informing you about the question and answer center. Thank you."

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

**Ms. Yolanda Baker**, Census Partnership Specialist, National Census Bureau, greeted the Commissioners and said, "On behalf of the Census Bureau, I want to thank the Sedgwick County Commission and also you, Chair Tom Winters. I also want to thank County Manager Bill Buchanan for his assistance, as well as the census liaison for the County, Stephanie Payton, for her assistance in spearheading all the efforts that the County has done for the census."

"I really just want to briefly highlight again the Sedgwick County Census Day, which will be again, Wednesday, March 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. here, in the jury room. It is a census question and answer center plus a voter registration drive. Again, that is coordinated efforts with the Election Commissioner, Marilyn Chapman. We really appreciate all the efforts that Sedgwick County has done in support of the census and we are honored by your Proclamation today. Thank you very much."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much for both being here. Commissioners, you've heard this presentation, what's the will of the Board concerning this Proclamation?"

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**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, again, for helping us remind citizens of the importance of this entire project. We wish you both the best of luck in getting a good count. Thank you. Next item."

**APPOINTMENT**

**C. APPOINTMENT.**

**1. RESIGNATION OF ROBERT V. MCGRATH FROM APPOINTMENT AS TREASURER OF MINNEHA TOWNSHIP.**

**Mr. Richard A. Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Mr. McGrath has tendered his resignation and I recommend you accept it."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to accept the resignation.

Commissioner Hancock 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

**2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT YOUNG (COMMISSIONERS GWIN'S AND SCIORTINO'S APPOINTMENT) AS TREASURER OF MINNEHA TOWNSHIP.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "Commissioners, we have prepared this Resolution making this appointment to the vacancy created by the foregoing. I recommend you adopt the Resolution."

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

**MOTION**

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

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**Chairman Winters** said, "I believe Mr. Young. If you would please come forward to the podium, Deputy Clerk, Paul Rosell, will swear you in to this position, sir."

**Mr. Paul Rosell**, Deputy County Clerk, said, "Raise your right hand and so I do say 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 Treasurer of Minneha Township, so help me God."*

**Mr. Robert Young**, Treasurer, Minneha Township, said, "I do swear."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Mr. Young. We appreciate very much your willingness to serve. Thanks. Call the next item please."

**AWARD PRESENTATION**

**D. PRESENTATION OF AWARD RECOGNIZING SEDGWICK COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY EFFORT KNOWN AS "FACES OF THE FUTURE," A PROGRAM FOCUSING ON ABUSED, NEGLECTED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN.**

**Ms. Niki Wilkins**, Community Resource Coordinator, United Methodist Youthville, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm also the Chair of the Faces of Future Committee. On behalf of the committee and the seven foster care placing agencies in Sedgwick County, I want to thank you for your support in recruiting foster homes, as well as educating the community on our need."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much, for the presentation. We know that this is a very challenging task that you all are involved in. We appreciate all of the hard work you and your agency do. Foster children is something that we really need to be doing the best possible things we can at all times. We're glad Sedgwick County is able to distribute information and encourage employees to participate with you. Thank you for the presentation. Best of luck in the future. Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item."

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### RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS

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##### 1. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO CHUCK RIVAS, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

**Mr. Michael Mueller**, Employment Specialist, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We're here to recognize the contributions of several of our colleagues, as they retire from Sedgwick County service. These individuals have contributed much of their lives, their energies, and their substantial talents in making our community a better place.

"First, I'd like to invite up Charlie, Chuck Rivas. Chuck is a Deputy Sheriff of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department. He will retire April 1, 2000, after 20 years of service. He was hired on July 9, 1979 as a Detention Officer. He was promoted to Civil Process Officer on January 12, 1981, and became a Deputy Sheriff on January 1, 1984. He plans to spend time with his spouse and, although there are no children at home, he does plan to spend vacation time traveling to see the children and grandchildren. He and his spouse plan to do a lot of traveling. They belong to several organizations that will be holding activities.

"During Chuck's employment with the Sheriff's Department, he has worked in Judicial, Court Services, Detention, Road Patrol and Honor Guard. Chuck, I'd like to present you with this certificate. Thank you very much, for your service to Sedgwick County."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Chuck, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we know we've seen you in the courthouse many, many times over these past years. One of the most important aspects of local government involves public safety and those who help ensure the safety of the citizens. Your Board of County Commissioners and the citizens appreciate all of the work that law enforcement does and we appreciated your work. We're presenting you with this clock, as a symbol of our appreciation for your work. Thank you very much. Would you like to make a comment?"

**Mr. Chuck Rivas**, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It has been a long time getting here. Sometimes I didn't think it would happen but now that this is the day, I'm

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leaving a lot of good friends and a lot of them who aren't here anymore, that we should always remember. Thank you."

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

### **2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO TIRSO ORTIZ, FISCAL ASSISTANT, AUTO LICENSE DEPARTMENT.**

**Mr. Mueller** said, "The second colleague we'd like to recognize today is Mr. Tirso Ortiz. He was hired as a Fiscal Assistant with the Auto License Department and will retire April 1, 2000 after 14 years of service. He was on hired on January 13, 1986, as a Senior Office Aid, promoted to Office Assistant on January 2, 1989, and then to Fiscal Assistant March 26, 1990. He plans to spend a lot of time with his children and grandchildren. He would like to travel both the U.S. and abroad. He plans to do some golfing and take some pictures. He has also worked with the Tag Office, in coordination with the Treasurer's Office.

"He describes his employment with Sedgwick County as very enjoyable. He says his co-workers are like family and will be greatly missed. He will also miss the contact and service to the people of our community."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Tirso, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, and we see that Treasurer Jan Kennedy is here in the room, we'd like to present you with this clock as a token of our appreciation for the work you've done for Sedgwick County and the citizens of the County. We appreciate your work here very much. Thank you and best of wishes to you in the future. Would you like to make a comment?"

**Mr. Tirso Ortiz**, Fiscal Assistant, Auto License Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I have really enjoyed my employment here and like I said, my co-workers really have been like family. My wife passed away three years ago, and I think if it wasn't for my co-workers, I'd probably have ended up in some kind of insane asylum or something. I enjoyed working with the public, all the people. I grew up in Wichita and I see people I went to grade school with here coming through the office getting their tag. Everybody has got to come get their tag, right? I get to see everybody. It's been really pleasurable."

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

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### 3. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO RICK BELT, FISCAL ASSISTANT, TREASURER'S OFFICE.

**Mr. Mueller** said, "The last individual we'd like to recognize today is Mr. Rick Belt. Rick is retiring as a Fiscal Assistant with the Treasurer's Office. He will retire April 1, 2000, after 13 years of service. He was hired on February 9, 1987 as a Fiscal Assistant, was promoted to Tax Foreclosure Technician on July 1, 1989, and then became a Fiscal Assistant again June 6, 1994. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Rick, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we'd like to present you with this clock as a token of our appreciation for the service that you've done for Sedgwick County and its citizens. We wish you all the best in your retirement. Again, thank you for your work. Would you like to make a comment?"

**Mr. Rick Belt**, Fiscal Assistant, Treasurer's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I thank the Commissioners for this presentation, this clock. I've been a life long citizen of Wichita and I've enjoyed, it has been my privilege, my pleasure, to serve the citizens of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Thank you so much."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I want to also thank the employees for being here today. Appreciate everything you've done for us. Also, you guys here in support, thank you for being here. It is nice to have you here once in a while. Thank you."

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

### CITIZEN INQUIRY

#### F. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING INTERPRETATION OF SEDGWICK COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS.

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Kelly Wendeln, this is the time on the Commission

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Agenda when citizens who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners have an opportunity to do that. As you come to the microphone, please state your name and address and the comments in this portion of the meeting are limited to five minutes."

**Mr. Kelly Wendeln**, P.O. Box 1817, Wichita, Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Ladies and gentlemen of the Sedgwick County Commission, this will be a stinging indictment and exposé of abuse of power. Ten years ago, your predecessors on the Sedgwick County Commission resurrected the Sedgwick County Court. The County Court is located in the old courthouse across the street, to the east. Every Monday afternoon at 1:30 on the third floor, unelected Sedgwick County Court Judge Richard Macias hears zoning cases. These are largely preoccupied with the controversial removal from private property of all antique cars not currently being driven on the roads.

"About ten years ago, inoperable cars on private property were permissible if they were behind a barrier, such as a privacy fence. Cars that were visible from the road had to be operable. That is, be able to start and go forward and backward, which is the way we think the law should be. Judge Macias now arbitrarily demands that all motor vehicles be either tagged and insured, even though there is no such law if they are not used on the roadway, and be moved every 72 hours or be in an enclosed building. I think Zoning Inspector George Bloesing himself initiates the cases, which have exploded since 1997, when he was hired. Zoning cases have skyrocketed from 24 cases in 1995 to over 500 last year. Zoning Inspector George Bloesing claims, on the witness stand, that he does not enter private property unless prior arrangements are made with the property owner. He has made other claims on the witness stand we know are also not true, such as claiming a person said one thing when the opposite was said.

"Your Zoning Department acts like a pit bull inside a cage full of bunny rabbits. Zoning and court authorities have no consideration for grandfather clauses, handicapped property owners, limited income citizens, and they have driven at least one senior citizen to the point of considering suicide. Every property owner who does not comply completely and on time within 30 days is found guilty. Many property owners are denied their right to appeal by being erroneously told by Judge Macias that they have 14 or 15 days to appeal his verdict when they really have only 10 days. Even though Macias has been a County judge for over 10 years, and regardless of the 10 day limitations stated in K.S.A. 1947-37, this paper you were just handed, he continues to purposely misinform defendants, giving the District Court cause to dismiss cases.

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"I have found that court officials will resort to anything to derail a property owner's court appeal. I expect them to deny this. This is only the tip of the iceberg. Here today are some very unhappy property owners who are voters who know everything I have said is true. They have personally experienced injustice and have their own horror stories that deserve to be heard of micro-managing by big brother bureaucratic bullies.

"They deserve their right to appeal and to get an honest second opinion. They do not deserve to be on a guilty mass production line that spits out fines of several thousand dollars for each defendant. Yes, I said several thousand dollars. Here is a letter with Judge Richard Macias' signature that demands immediate payment of \$3,300.

"The school board wants a \$500,000,000 including interest. The City wants \$100,000,000 sales tax for a downtown arena. Our State Legislature wants a quarter cent more sales tax, Senate Bill 466. You just raised our property taxes again with higher appraisals. Now you want us to vote for \$20,000,000 to \$80,000,000 for the Coliseum? Government spending appetite is a bottomless pit. Your Zoning, Planning Commission, and County Court have plenty of our money, get it from them. The government teaches by example. It is becoming common knowledge that your officials are not on the level. Judge Macias' misinformation does a disservice to other lawyers and judges and increases public distrust of our judicial system.

"The American Heritage Dictionary defines a court characterized by dishonesty as a 'kangaroo court'. You have an example of that. This is your wake-up call. You elected County Commissioners control the County Court, Zoning authorities, and make appointments to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. We need our County Commission to address these problems. Are you in favor of more government or less government? I may get back with you in a few weeks and let you know what has happened or has not happened. Do you have any questions?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "No sir, I see no questions. Thank you very much for your comments. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board on this issue?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Hancock 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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**G. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT (MAPD).**

- 1. CASE NUMBER CU-562 - CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW SAND AND GRAVEL EXTRACTION, LOCATED NORTH OF 111TH STREET SOUTH AND WEST OF HYDRAULIC.**

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Marvin Krout**, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This Conditional Use involves a 60 acre tract that is in the far south part of the County. You can see the area that is outlined. It is on the west side of Hydraulic. It is east of the Kansas Turnpike and north of 111th Street South, which is just one mile north of the County line.

"This area is undeveloped today. It is proposed for a sand operation, which requires a Conditional Use, under your zoning regulations. At the end of the process, there will be a 40 acre lake and sites along Hydraulic that can be subdivided in the future for residential lots.

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"I'll try to get to the Operational Plan. Aerial photograph shows you the nearest homes are several hundred feet to the north. I think this is the same property. There are also some homes about a half mile over to the east, but it is primarily an agricultural area. This shows the location, this is the future redevelopment plan, showing lots and a frontage road along Hydraulic. This area here is the proposed plant site so that is where the activity and the noise generation will be. That is about 1,000 feet from the north property line and then several hundred feet further to the nearest home. So, there is some buffer from the noise source to the area.

"There are 22 recommended conditions of approval for this sand pit as recommended by the staff and the Planning Commission. They deal with fencing, with buffers around the perimeter of the site, with requirements in terms of grading and erosion control. There is limitation on the hours of operation and also the term of this operation, which is to be no more than seven years.

"The Planning Commission held a public hearing and at the meeting, there were several property owners, mostly farmers in the area, who expressed concerns about what the effect of the sand pit might be on the local ground water in the area and their ability in the future to irrigate their land. It is a new issue that really hadn't been raised before, at the Planning Commission level, on a hearing like this. We recommended that the Planning Commission defer that hearing for a period of time, and they did, to get a representative of the State Department of Water Resources to their following meeting. So, at their second meeting, they did hear from the Department of Water Resources, who indicated to them that they do have a permitting process, that this area appeared to be an area that was of concern to them, so they probably would be looking very closely at issuing a permit for approval of this lake. The issue is that evaporation from the exposed ground water and the lake surface can have an impact of some kind, in terms of reducing the acre feet and lowering the ground water in the vicinity. They have a policy in the area of critical concern that in order to take out water, by a use like this, they would have to buy water rights from some of the property owner or else go through a public hearing process of their own. They have a half mile notification as part of that public hearing.

"So, what the Planning Commission understood is this issue would be reviewed carefully and would be decided by the Department of Water Resources and they felt that that is more properly where the expertise lie and that it shouldn't be a consideration, in terms of their land use consideration of this site. We do have policy in the plan that where resources are available, where it is not going to have significant impact on surrounding policies that a use like this would be appropriate in rural areas. The Planning Commission's vote was unanimous to recommend approval, subject to the conditions that are in your report.

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"There was a protest petition. Normal Conditional Uses are approved and are final by the Planning Commission, unless either the applicant appeals the action of the Planning Commission, or someone within the statutory notice area files a written protest. There was one property owner, it was one of those homes to the north, that did file a protest to this application and so therefore, under your code, it comes to you for a final decision.

"I'll walk through the slides of the site quickly. It was a little colder out there, about a month ago. This is looking north on Hydraulic, the site is to the left of Hydraulic. This is looking south on Hydraulic, so the site is on your right and 111th Street in the background. This is looking north up Hydraulic, site's back on your left. This is looking across Hydraulic at the agricultural land to the east and northeast. This is looking straight east. Looking southeast. This is part of the same property just to the south of where the proposed pit would be, but part of the same ownership. Next slide. This is the turnpike looking north, and so a couple hundred feet further to the right of this screen is where the lake would begin and extend almost to Hydraulic further to the right. This is looking up the road from the north edge of the site at the nearest homes to the north, on the west side of Hydraulic. Back to the aerial photograph and I think the zoning map follows.

"I'll try to answer any questions that you have. I think the, let me see, what does your motion say on the agenda. I think your motion does not state that the Planning Commission is recommending that you adopt the Resolution. If you decide that this Conditional Use should be approved, then the motion should be to approve the Conditional Use and authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Are there questions of Marvin at this time?"

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Marvin, go over that one more time about the Department of Water Resources. They are going to make a ruling on the evaporation and allocation?"

**Mr. Krout** said, "Right. Apparently the law changed, over the years, in terms of how sand pits are handled and are they exempt or not from the water rights laws of the State. The last understanding that I have is that everything from a little bit east of Wichita, and including this site to the west, is considered an area where they will look carefully and they may have a public hearing. If this property owner obtains water rights equivalent to the evaporation that his sand pit is going to cause, acquires water rights from another property owner within about a two mile radius, then there doesn't need to be a public hearing.

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It is like he is transferring those rights and he is buying away that person's right to pump the water. So, the overall situation should not be negative.

"Also, in a pit, as opposed to a well, you don't have the same kind of cone of depression so you don't have the same localized impact that evaporation is more wide spread and slower over the whole year instead of more during the heavy pumping season in the summer. We have a little less concern with that than we might with wells that would cause the same amount but they still say if in this area as we understand it, unless they are going to buy the water rights, there will be a public hearing and they will determine whether or not there will be an adverse effect on the surrounding property or not. Those property owners in the vicinity will be notified."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Will that be determined before the sand extraction begins?"

**Mr. Krout** said, "It would be illegal, as the official from the State said, it would be . . . even if they have a Conditional Use locally that is approved by you, it would be illegal for them to do their operation and uncover the ground and the ground water without first getting that permit from the State. So, they will not be able to begin and I think they have no intention of beginning. The applicant's agent is here to answer any questions. I think they have no intention of beginning until that permit is approved."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Will we be notified, the County Commission, during this period of public hearing?"

**Mr. Krout** said, "Normally, I don't think any local officials are notified, just the adjoining property owners. David Spears is nodding his head, like he knows some more about it, and maybe he has some additional comments."

**Mr. David Spears**, Director, Bureau of Public Works, said, "That has been my experience, Marvin, that they just notify the adjacent property owners."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "So how far away would the water table be effected that they estimate? You said that one time before."

**Mr. Krout** said, "They'll do a notice of ½ mile is what they told the Planning Commission."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Okay."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. This is not necessarily a public hearing, but it is our policy to listen to anyone who would like to speak concerning these kinds of issues. So, if there is anyone here who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners, please come forward. Please state your name and address and comments will be limited to five minutes."

**Mr. Gary Wiley**, Consultant, Professional Engineering Consultant, 303 S. Topeka, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm here on behalf of the applicants today. I would just like to reiterate that we are in complete agreement with all the 22 conditions of approval that the Planning Commission did impose on this. We are understanding that we do have to have a permit from the Division of Water Resources. This is nothing new. Every sand pit has to have this and has for years. Mr. Cain presently has one at Aggregate Sand on 63rd Street South today. We won't go into it, but there is some question of the Division of Water Resources authority on this. It is an area of non-use, but like I said, we will comply with a permit there.

"I would just like also to bring out that they're in this particular operation, the plant site will be about 1,000 feet from the south of the north property line, some 1,600 feet from the south property line. Along the north property line is a mature hedge row that buffers the whole area from any of the residences to the north. I'd just like you to understand that. Be happy to answer any questions.

"I might also say that this is an area of high ground water. The ground water is about six foot two, so it is in an area of high ground water. There will be some evaporation, some 56 acre feet a year. With this high ground water, I think it would do nothing but help the residential around the area, as far as lowering. I know Mr. Cain's son, Jason has a sump pump that goes practically all winter long, until the farmers start irrigating in the summer time. It is in an area of very high ground water."

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "Mr. Wiley, that is precisely the reason I was commenting on that. I know that Forrest Butts and Steve Butts, their livelihood depends upon the availability of ground water in the

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area. As you probably know, I irrigated in the area until 1991 and we shut down the farm operation. The ground water, or the lack thereof, has never been a problem. In fact, in the last ten years, it has been a big problem, there is too much of it. I'm currently in the process of figuring out ways to lower it in some areas because of the problem it has created in the last ten years that didn't exist before. It has cycled up and it is extremely high.

"That is why I would like the opportunity, when I asked the question if we would be notified, I'd like the opportunity to comment on that particular aquifer. It is unique, lying between the Cowskin and the Arkansas River, it is a unique aquifer and its rechargability is phenomenal. It goes up and down. I've had years pumping, when it was difficult and I didn't get the volume that I wanted through the turbines that I used, not necessarily the other kinds of pumping mechanisms like centrifugals, but the turbines uncovered, but I got the job done. I was a little bit surprised about the comments, relative to the water table in the Minutes I read and I read all the Minutes concerning it in the second meeting in February. It seems to me that the Representative from the Department of Water Resources, he was kind of the focus of the whole meeting, as I recall."

**Mr. Wiley** said, "With some erroneous facts."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "It was a little surprising to me. I think the Department of Water Resources . . . I have had them down in the area, reviewing the high water table and how we can deal with it. That isn't to say that it will always be high and I understand allocations and it is important to Steve and Forrest in their operation. We want to be careful. There has to be some common sense here, in this particular aquifer. It is not like any other that I know of in this community, in the County in fact."

**Mr. Wiley** said, "We'd be more than happy to notify you, Bill, at such time as any hearing would happen."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I want to balance and I want the water to be available, but I want everybody to be aware that we have problems now that we never had before. In the area that I am particularly talking about, the irrigators have gone away. As a mater of fact, certain irrigators have not

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been allowed allocations in the area because of public comment during that process. I know now, with certainty that those folks making those comments wish they could take them back, because it is adversely affecting their homes. Anyway, I wanted you to be made aware that I was aware of it and work very hard to strike a good balance with everyone."

**Mr. Wiley** said, "Like I said, we'd be happy to notify you Bill when the public hearing is heard."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I've kind of been, for the last ten years, the clearing house on the drainage and water table down there. Of all the problems I've dealt with, in the last ten years or so, it has been by far the largest. I have a deep concern with it. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Mr. Wiley. Is there anyone else who would like to address the Commissioners on this issue? Is there anyone else in the meeting room who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners on our Item G, this Conditional Use Permit. Seeing no one, we'll limit discussion to staff and Commissioners. Commissioners, are there other questions or comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to concur with the findings of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and approve the Conditional Use, subject to the recommended conditions, and adopt the recommendation and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, "Yes sir, do you have a comment? I asked for comments and nobody stood up. Do you have a comment concerning this?"

**Unknown Speaker in audience** said, "I do not have a comment on any of the current issues. There was a gentleman here that spoke before you that I'd like to make some comments on his conversation that he has with you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "We do not take public comments in response to that. If you wish to address the Commission, you can contact the County Manager's Office and request to be on the Agenda, just as

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he had done. But we do not open up those comments to public discussion at that time. So I would just suggest before you leave the building, if you'd like to get on a future Agenda, you need to stop at the County Manager's Office and do that. We've passed on from that discussion. That is the County Manager and he could show you to the place that they could help you, right over there. Commissioners, we have a motion in front of us concerning this Conditional Use, is there any other discussion concerning this Conditional Use? Are we prepared to vote? Madam Clerk, call the vote."

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. MAPD MONTHLY REPORT.**

**Mr. Krout** said, "Commissioners, in February the Planning Commission considered 28 zoning and subdivision items. It continues very active. A couple of those cases were Conditional Uses for cellular towers. One was east of Ridge Road and south of K-96. The other was south of Kellogg and east of 159th Street. Both of those were approved. The case of Kellogg and 159th Street, though was protested and originally scheduled to be heard by your Board next week. However, the applicant is reapplying for a relocated site, somewhat to the west of where the protestors have their properties. So, that will be heard by the Planning Commission in a couple of weeks instead and hopefully that issue will be resolved.

"We're continuing to work on the redrafts of the wireless master plan and zoning amendments and hope to have that to you within the next couple of weeks. Current Plan Staff also has assisted in preparations for the Country Living Workshop that is going to be held next week, I believe it is, out at the Extension Service.

"The Land Use Division, we received draft plans for the plans that were worked on last year for the Hilltop and Midtown North neighborhood. We also received proposals from a couple of consultants, local consultants who would like to prepare plans for the South Wichita/Haysville area, the Delano area, and the Oaklawn area. All those are on our lists to be looked at this year. We intend to interview those

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consultants later this month.

"In transportation, the transportation planners were busy working with the consultants who were doing what we call the MIS (Major Investment Study) update. This is the update of the transportation, it looks at crossing the Big Ditch. Just last week we had our first task force meeting, to discuss some of the issues that are related to that. We continue to rework and provide more detailed projections, turning movements, and other information that will help the consultants evaluate what their options are on that project.

"We also hosted a meeting with the County Engineers and KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) and Andover officials, on possible alternatives for upgrading Kellogg to freeway standards. That would be, eventually, all the way to Augusta. We're continuing to work with them. Andover has submitted to KDOT a System Enhancement Proposal for upgrading Kellogg in place and KDOT was telling them you needed to look at some alternatives before we decide on whether or not that is the best option or not. So, we assisted their engineers in looking at some alternatives and will continue to do that.

"We also have been working with the City Engineer, with KDOT and with a traffic consultant on a large scale development, the largest commercial rezoning that I can remember in my time here, of about 150 acres on the north side of Kellogg, between 127th and 143rd Street East. The Planning Commission held their public hearing on that but there are a lot of complicated traffic related issues and involved improvements to Kellogg that KDOT would need to approve. That case is on its way to the City Council, although there are still properties in the vicinity that are not annexed into the City limits yet that are still County residents.

"Transportation also prepared their Unified Work Program and they will be bringing that to you in the next month or so. That is for an 18 month period this time so we go to a calendar year. It will be from July 2000 until December of 2001, that identifies transportation planning needs and funds for planning and for KDOT and for the Transit Authority to all be involved in those activities.

"We met with various individuals and groups over the past month on the Comprehensive Plan. I think we have developed a process for how to wind our way through and continue to have a discussion in the future because planning is a continuing process. Had a little discussion with the township members, at their annual meeting, and also with ALARM last month, officials, on a Saturday morning, to discuss the status of the plan. The Planning Commission did act, just last week, to approve the Comprehensive Plan and the transportation element. That means officially we are in the Federal good graces, by having the Planning Commission who is the metropolitan planning organization that the federal agencies look to adopt an up to date plan. It is important for us to have one plan, though, that is consistent between the governing

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bodies and the Planning Commission and not be looking at different sets of plans. So, our intention is to bring those plans to you, have discussion, and then continue a dialogue even after you decide to approve the plan. I'd be glad to answer any questions that you have on that issue or any of the other planning activities."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Sounds like a good report, Marvin. Commissioners, are there any questions or comments? Thank you, Marvin. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board concerning this item?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**H. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.**

**Mr. Euson** said, "In 1995, the Board of County Commissioners established a settlement policy for claims against the County. That policy is pretty straight forward and it is subject to the following rules: It requires you to settle claims in a manner that allows the public to know how claims are settled and who was involved in the settlement. The policy says that there are no confidentiality agreements. In other words, as a condition of settlement, we will not agree to enter into an agreement that would hide the terms of the

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settlement from public view. Third, department head or elected official involved in the settlement is required to appear at Executive Session to discuss the matter and if the claim is approved then that department head or elected official is required to appear before the media and answer questions. Currently, there is an exception to this policy that allows the County Counselor to settle claims not exceeding \$5,000. We have done that on occasion over the years.

"It has been our experience, over the past couple of years, in looking at workers compensation claims, that some of them tend to be reoccurring routine claims that could be settled under the County Counselor's authority, if you would decide to extend that to the County Counselor. For instance, in 1998 and 1999, we settled 24 workers compensation claims. Twenty-two of these were settled in the range of \$750 to \$15,000. They were just routine matters, where the opposing medical expert opinions were pretty much substantially similar and the only disagreement was the percentage of impairment or the possibility of continuation of medical payments.

"All of these cases, of course, were discussed in Executive Session and announcements were made afterwards but it has been our experience that there does not seem to be a great deal of interest in these routine types of cases. They are not reported in the media. I have not been asked questions about them. We have received no records requests for them. I believe the spirit and intent of the settlement policy would not be compromised by an addition to the existing policy to permit the County Counselor to approve workers compensation claims in an amount between \$5,000 and \$15,000, while leaving other types of claims, a cap debt of \$5,000 under the County Counselor's authority. That is the Resolution that is proposed and is before you and I would be glad to answer any questions."

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

#### **MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

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

**I. SEDGWICK COUNTY AND LAKE AFTON PARKS.**

**1. AGREEMENT WITH RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH (YOUTH HORIZONS) FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK APRIL 22, 2000 TO HOLD AN EASTER SUN RUN.**

**Mr. Jarold D. Harrison**, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This agreement is with the River Community Church, specifically Youth Horizons, who have conducted several similar events at the park since 1994. This is a standard form agreement. We have received a certificate of insurance, coordinated use dates with the Park Superintendent, and would recommend your approval."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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**VOTE**

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

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

**2. AGREEMENT WITH MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION, KANSAS/WESTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER - WICHITA DIVISION FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK APRIL 29, 2000 TO HOLD A WALK AMERICA FUND-RAISER.**

**Mr. Harrison** said, "This agreement is a repeat with the March of Dimes, the same event they've done in prior years. This is a standard form agreement. We have received their certificate of insurance, coordinated dates with the Park Superintendent, and would recommend your approval."

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin 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**

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

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

- 3. AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS ORGANIZATION FOR SPACE MODELING FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK JUNE 3-4, 2000 TO HOLD A REGIONAL MODEL ROCKET COMPETITION; AND APRIL 2, MAY 13, JULY 8, AUGUST 13, OCTOBER 7 AND NOVEMBER 5 TO HOLD ONE-DAY EVENTS.**

**Mr. Harrison** said, "These next two agreements relate to Lake Afton Park. The KOSMO group has been at Sedgwick County for several years conducting these model rocket competitions. This is a standard form agreement. We've coordinated the dates and have received their certificate of insurance and would recommend your approval."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

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**4. AGREEMENT WITH WICHITA BAR ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF LAKE AFTON PARK JUNE 3, 2000 TO HOLD A DUATHLON AND 5K RUN.**

**Mr. Harrison** said, "Again, this is a repeat event for Lake Afton Park. This is with the Wichita Bar Association. We've received their certificate of insurance, coordinated the dates, and recommend your approval."

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, "Can you tell me what a Duathlon is?"

**Mr. Harrison** said, "It is a combination race that involves a segment of bicycling and a segment of running."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "So is this a triathlon? You have a duathlon and a 5K run? So that is a triathlon?"

**Mr. Harrison** said, "No, a triathlon is a three event."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I understand, but you say duathlon is biking and running, and then you say a 5K run."

**Mr. Harrison** said, "They have a duathlon and they have the opportunity to participate in the 5K run."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Call the vote."

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin

Aye

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Jerry. It has been requested that we take a short five minute break. So we're going to take a recess here for a few minutes. We're in recess."

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed at 10:32 a.m. and returned at 10:50 a.m.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "I'll call the meeting back to order. Madam Clerk, Item J."

**J. AGREEMENT WITH THOMAS KUPIEC, PH.D. TO PROVIDE TOXICOLOGY SERVICES.**

**Mr. William Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have before you an agreement with Thomas Kupiec for the toxicology position at the Forensic Science Center. This is on a part-time basis and will provide us the expertise we need to proceed to continue providing services from the Center with the toxicologist."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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



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centers and senior clubs both in Wichita and in the surrounding rural areas of Sedgwick County. These are funds which have been awarded in the fiscal year 2000. The total amount of the contract awards is \$366,123."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much, Annette. Commissioners, are there questions?"

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "What is the difference between contracts and awards?"

**Ms. Graham** said, "Senior centers are larger centers and they receive contracts if they receive funding above \$5,000. The awards are less than that and they are usually very small senior centers or senior clubs."

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

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Contracts and Awards and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. CONTRACTS (17) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 AGING MILL LEVY FUNDS TO**

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**PROVIDE VARIOUS AGING SERVICES.**

- ! CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC., ADULT DAY SERVICES: \$10,000**
- ! CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC., FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM: \$42,800**
- ! E. C. TYREE HEALTH CLINIC, HEALTH SCREENS: \$3,000**
- ! GOOD GRIEF OF KANSAS, INC., GRIEF SUPPORT: \$9,372**
- ! GUADALUPE CLINIC, HEALTH SCREENS AND PRESCRIPTIONS: \$17,190**
- ! KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES, INC., PUBLIC BENEFITS OUTREACH: \$6,518**
- ! KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES, INC., PROTECTIVE LEGAL SERVICES: \$31,075**
- ! MEDICAL SERVICE BUREAU, MEDICAL VOUCHERS: \$25,000**
- ! MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS, ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION: \$9,865**
- ! RIVERSIDE HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC., SENIOR COMPANION: \$26,000**
- ! SENIOR SERVICES, INC., MEALS ON WHEELS: \$170,000**

**CONTRACTS (Con't)**

- ! SENIOR SERVICES, INC., NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS: \$22,500**
- ! SENIOR SERVICES, INC., RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEERS: \$22,000**
- ! SENIOR SERVICES, INC., ROVING PANTRY: \$51,750**
- ! SENIOR SERVICES, INC., SENIOR EMPLOYMENT: \$47,250**
- ! UNITED METHODIST URBAN MINISTRY, COMMODITIES: \$5,770**

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**! WICHITA INDOCHINESE CENTER, ASIAN OUTREACH: \$12,568**

**Ms. Graham** said, "These 17 contracts are for programs that are currently in existence for Aging Services and, once again, have been awarded 2000 funding in the 2000 budget. One of the contracts is an agreement for a new provider to provide health screening in the area. There are 17 contracts and some of the services that are provided in this, the Kansas Legal Services provides protective legal services. That is where they assist by providing legal consultation for individuals age 60 and older. They assist this population with durable power of attorneys, wills, guardian conservatorship, and nursing home issues, and they assist with adult protective service issues.

"For the Medical Services Bureau, this is a program which provides medical vouchers for prescriptions and medical services for supplies for the elderly. The Senior Services Meals on Wheels Program provides in-home meals for home bound elderly in our community. They provide usually five days a weeks. For some that are in the greatest need, they can provide weekend meals also."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**L. GRANT APPLICATION TO KANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR STATE CRIME VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE FUNDS.**

**Ms. Jeanette Clary**, District Attorney's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "For the record, I appeared before the Commission last week, on behalf of the District Attorney to request approval to make application for grant funds for continued year funding for a full-time Restitution Coordinator within our division. You approved that application, contingent upon approval by the Human Resources Division and the Finance Division. I have provided both of those divisions copies of that application and each have provided their approval of the application. Thus, we went ahead and filed the application with the Attorney General's Office. It did have a May 20 deadline, and we have done that. So, I am here just to update you and be available for any questions that you may have."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Jeannette. I think all we really need to do is receive and file."

**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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

### **M. DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS.**

#### **1. PRESENTATION REGARDING RECENT ENHANCEMENTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE COURTHOUSE.**

##### **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

**Ms. Kathleen B. Sexton**, Director, Division of Information and Operations, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, I have a brief presentation for you this morning regarding some of the recent security measures that have been taken in the courthouse and some of the planned ones, the ones we have on our Agenda now. If you'll turn your attention to the presentation about public safety. What we have today is a need for more public safety in courthouses than we've ever had before. You might say, 'why is that'? You'll recall that during the early 1990s, the courthouse violence incidences across the country really started happening. You'll recall, in the early '90s there was concern expressed by district court judges, by members of the bar, other folks who work in the building. So a study was done by the National Center for State Courts, actually several studies during that time period of how we would implement more security in this building, recognizing that we had not had major problems in the Sedgwick County Courthouse, but they've been happening across the country.

"What we finally ended up with is a plan to add security guards to the building out front to scan using X-ray scanning equipment, all members of the public coming into the building, we also required employee identification. I have mine in my pocket here and don't have it on, but you'll remember we required everyone to start wearing their badges if they work here, so that they would circumvent that scanning because we knew we'd have too much congestion if we had everyone doing that.

"I think what you'll find after two years of implementation of these security methods, the result has been, for example in 1999, those security guards actually confiscated over 2,000 weapons. Now I have to tell you, most of those were not guns. Most of those were knives, they were mace, they were more of a minor thing. We call it a weapon but only a couple of those items were guns, so I am very happy to report that but they did also make over 400 arrests from both the front of the building when people came in or when there were disturbances, when the judges asked for or issued warrants for arrest, they would go up to the court room and arrest people, that type of thing. They also assisted in the court rooms more than 900 times when they were called in. As you know, this security force does not provide court room security,

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it is for the public areas of the courthouse. The court rooms are secured by the Sheriff's Department when they transport inmates back and forth from the jail but, your security force, the County courthouse security team, actually did respond to requests from judges more than 900 times in 1999. That was significantly more than in 1998.

"They also responded to nearly 300 disturbance calls, thefts and alarms throughout the entire courthouse complex and also down at the juvenile complex. Remember, we do have a security force down there at juvenile court with x-ray scanning equipment down there, too. So, these numbers do include both courthouses, the main courthouse and the juvenile courthouse.

"Just to review, we added the x-ray scanning, and you'll see that this picture shows you what the scanning equipment looks like in the front lobby of the first floor of the courthouse. There are two scanning equipment and there are two others, as well, on the other side of the building in the lobby there. People put their items through and the x-ray scans their purse and bags and that type of thing. Of course, when we added that scanning, it added to the congestion of the front lobby. You can see, in this visual, that there are a lot of people that go through the scanning equipment. One of the first things we've done to reduce that congestion is we've rerouted the jurors. What I'm saying here is that in the mornings when the jurors come to the building, they come in the front, they go through the scanning equipment, they go directly in, right turn there, to the jury room. Once they've been assigned to a specific court room and such, they go out the back door, down the back hallway, up back to the elevators to get to the courtrooms upstairs. We don't route them through the lobby any more because of the need to get some folks out of there. It is just too congested with the security guards and scanners and that type of thing. So, that is what we've done so far, but we still have a great deal of congestion in the lobby.

"I wanted to tell you a couple more things that we're planning to do. As mentioned, we added the security guards, we rerouted the jurors. One of the next things we are going to do, or we are currently in the middle of doing, is eliminating the jail inmates from being transported through the first floor lobby. What we're talking about here is when municipal court, that is the City of Wichita Municipal Court, when they need to have someone come to court over in City Hall across the street, those people are sometimes in the Sedgwick County jail. When they are, they send their officers over to get those folks from the jail and take them over to the city hall for that court appearance. What they've been doing, in recent years, is

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transporting those folks from the jail out the back hallway through the courthouse lobby and through the tunnel under the street over to city hall.

“They have graciously agreed to change that practice. They are picking those folks up now in the sally port of the jail, which, as you know, when you built the addition to the jail this past year, we added a nice sally port, which is basically a building with a big door on one end and a big door on the other end. The police car comes in, locks the back door they just came in, then they load the prisoners and then open the door and let them out the other end. It is highly secure and there will be no more orange jumpsuits in the County courthouse lobby. I think you will find this will reduce our congestion even further and also reduce what is considered today to be the most significant security risk in this building. That is one current effort.

"Another upcoming effort that will be on your agenda as a bid board item here in a few weeks is to update the employee identification badges and we'll show you some samples of those. What that is, these old badges I mentioned to you are being made on a really old machine and they're not good, clear badges that the security guards can really make sure that I'm using my badge and not Rich Euson's or Bill Buchanan's badge when they come in.

"A third thing we're doing that will also be coming to your agenda in a few weeks as a bid board item is adding cameras in and around the historic courthouse. As you know, we do not have the scanning equipment and security guards full time in that building as we do in this building and in the juvenile building. So what we're doing is we received a grant recently and we're adding some cameras around that courthouse to help secure that building as well.

"A couple of examples, in eliminating the inmates from the lobby, as this picture shows you, we bring the people back from the jail through this throng of people standing there waiting for elevators, which as you know is the way that lobby looks a good part of the day. People are waiting for elevators there. So, you have to make those folks sort of step back and walk the inmates through and then they walk through over to the tunnel at the far back of this photo. That is the thing we're currently eliminating and as I said, we asked the City of Wichita to eliminate that by March 30, and we don't have any photos with orange

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jumpsuits because these photos were taken last week and they've already eliminated that practice. They have a van that they're using now and they've been real cooperative in that effort.

"Here is an example of the old identification badge or the current one we're using. You can kind of see the person's picture, but it is very hard to read their information and what department they belong to. The new badge will be much more clear, have fewer numbers and letters on it with a nice white background, be very clear, and also provides us the opportunity to enhance our technology in this. We can have bar coding on this, we can also do some things on the back of this card. So not only will they take a picture of you and you have your badge, now when we take a picture it will be a digital photograph and will be in the computer system over at Human Resources. So if you ever lose this badge, they'll print you out another one. If there is ever any issue with a specific employee, we can easily come up with a current picture, which has been an issue in the past.

"The cameras at the historic courthouse, this is just a little example to show you what we're going to do. Put some cameras that are focused on the entrances of the courthouse. So the folks in the security center over in the north part of this building, they have various screens that they watch from various cameras. This will add to the security of both the courthouse and the monument that is under restoration on the south side. That is the end of my presentation. I'll be happy to take any questions you might have."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much, Kathy. Commissioners, question so comments on the presentation?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

**Chairman Winters** said, "The only comment that I'd make and I'm sure not looking for places to spend some money, but we could still, if the congestion really gets too bad down there, we could reconsider that proposal of moving part of the lobby out further in front of the courthouse. Someday, I think that will be a good plan. The lobby of the courthouse is really a very unique place. You see lots of activities and a lot of people are here over very emotional events. It is almost like I wish there was a place where they could stretch out and still not have just come out of some kind of a hearing or court proceeding and then

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go right out into the cold, but someplace to kind of debrief with family and friends. It does just become very congested in the lobby with all kinds of human event stories. The more comfortable we could make it for citizens, I think, it would be a big plus."

**Ms. Sexton** said, "Commissioner, I think you have a really good point because the people here are not only emotional, they are often times on both sides of a particular issue or a particular court case. We may have the family of the victim of a crime, we may also have the family of the accused. When they are in such cramped quarters, it just incites problems. I would also agree with you on the lobby. I didn't mention that one because it is a ways off. It is still in our Capital Improvement Program a couple of years from now to work on the lobby some more and improve our first floor. We have some projects this year to improve the jury room and the Treasurer's area but next year I believe it is still planned to extend the lobby and help the congestion even more."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you Kathy. Commissioners, we have a motion, any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote."

**VOTE**

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

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

**2. AMENDMENT TO THE 2000 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)  
TO UPGRADE THE AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT THE REGIONAL  
FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.**

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**Ms. Sexton** said, "Commissioners, as you know, this past summer there were several days when the air conditioning in the Forensic Science Center was inadequate. Basically, we engaged an engineering firm to determine the problems and they gave us a report with various solutions recommended. We have been implementing many of those solutions that we were able to adjust the current mechanical equipment, adjust the air intake, those types of things but we do need some money for the final enhancement. That is the proposal before you today for \$42,902 to set up a Capital Improvement Program amendment that we could purchase these couple of cosatron units and purchase installation of those units. What we hope to gain by this is to take in less outside air that is high humidity and high heat during those peak summer days and take in less outside air and so we can then clean this air better, recirculate interior air more often, instead of taking in as much outside air. We believe this will really help the problem. If you have questions, I'd be glad to respond to them. Otherwise, I recommend your approval."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. Commissioners, questions or comments? I think you explained it well. I see no questions. Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

### MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to approve the CIP Amendment.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I noticed there were some other options, are they down the line or are we going to try this?"

**Ms. Sexton** said, "This is simpler, cheaper, we think it will work. We're going to try this first."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "A few years ago there was an idea to remove the retaining wall around it. Is that still under consideration?"

**Ms. Sexton** said, "We already did that sir. We did that during the summer when we were experiencing the problems. It was one of the first things. What we found is that just wasn't enough. That was part of the problem, but until we had the engineering study, we didn't really understand the complexity of the

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problem. It was the wall plus a number of other issues."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "You did it last summer?"

**Ms. Sexton** said, "Yes. I can't remember the exact month, but we took the brick wall down and replaced it with a wrought iron fence so the air could come through better."

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "I went by there, I guess it was before you did the work, and it wasn't done last year. I wondered why they hadn't done that. Very good."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Anything else, Commissioner Hancock?"

**Commissioner Hancock** said, "That's all."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you. We have a motion and a second, any other discussion? Please call the vote."

**VOTE**

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

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

**N. WAIVER OF POLICY TO HIRE A SENIOR MAINTENANCE WORKER AT RANGE 16, STEP 8.**

**Mr. Mark Sroufe**, Superintendent, Lake Afton Park, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm before you today to request your approval of this item so that I can attempt to find a qualified and experienced applicant for this position. This position has been open, on and off, since August of 1998 and I really need to find a good, qualified person to fill this position. That's all I have and if you have any questions, I'd be more than glad to try to answer them for you."

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the policy waiver.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

**O. ESTIMATE FROM SEDGWICK COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3 FOR THE RELOCATION OF AN EXISTING WATER LINE IN CONNECTION WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 632-32-4452; BRIDGE ON 55TH STREET SOUTH BETWEEN ROCK ROAD AND WEBB ROAD. CIP# B-338. DISTRICT #5.**

**Mr. David C. Spears**, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Bureau of Public Works, said, "Item O is the approval of an estimate from Sedgwick County Rural Water District No. 3 for the relocation of a water line at a cost of \$1,930. This relocation is in connection with a bridge project on 55th Street South, between Rock Road and Webb Road, designated as B-338 in the Capital Improvement Program. The line is located in a private easement. I recommend that you approve the estimate."

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**MOTION**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the estimate.

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	Absent
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

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

**P. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' MARCH 16, 2000  
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**Mr. Darren Muci**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the March 16 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are 12 items for consideration.

**(1) YARD WASTE COMPOST SERVICES - ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES  
FUNDING: SOLID WASTE PLANNING GRANT**

"Item one, yard waste compost services for Environmental Resources. It was recommended to accept the low proposal of Wood Recycle and Compost Center, that for the pilot program estimated at \$17,000 during 2000. There are two pages of recommendations from Susan Erlenwein, the director of that department, following.

**(2) CS-2 CRUSHED STONE - PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

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"Item two, CS-2 crushed stone, also for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Ritchie Sand, Inc., that amount, \$45,800.

**(3) CM-E CHAT - PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

"Item three, CM-E chat also for Public Works. It was recommended to accept the only bid received of Bingham Sand & Gravel, that amount \$41,370.

**(4) LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE - PUBLIC WORKS**  
**FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

"Item four, liquid calcium chloride, also for Public Works, It was recommended to accept the only bid received of Scotwood Industries. That amount is \$12,358.20.

**(5) PERSONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE & SOFTWARE - DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**  
**FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**

"Item five, personal computer hardware and software for the Division of Information and Operations. This is the second of the extensive buy of personal computers. It was recommended to accept the low bid of Gateway Companies. They are third from the right. That amount, for an estimated quantity of 300 is \$329,700. You'll note that the price does hold through, if we need additional quantities up to 400.

**(6) OFFSET MOWERS - FLEET MANAGEMENT**  
**FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

"Item six, offset mowers for Fleet Management and Public Works. It was recommended to accept the only bid received from Wichita Ford Tractor, \$22,986 and does include trade-in.

**(7) LAWN/GARDEN TRACTORS - FLEET MANAGEMENT**  
**FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

"Item seven, lawn and garden tractors for Fleet Management and Facilities Management. It was recommended to accept the only bid received of Western Implement Company. That amount, also with trade, is \$25,564.

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**(8) OFFSET MOWER - FLEET MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

"Item eight, offset mower for Fleet Management and Public Works. It was recommended to accept the only bid received from Wichita Ford Tractor. That amount with trade, \$8,976.

**(9) ARCHITECTURAL & DESIGN SERVICES - OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING & REMODELING  
FUNDING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

"Item nine, architectural and design services, interior design, for the Office of Facility Planning and Remodeling. It was recommended to accept the proposal of Andra Design Associates, this is for the Sheriff's Department on the third floor, \$17,250.

**(10) BELL & HOWELL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT - DISTRICT COURT  
FUNDING: DISTRICT COURT**

"Item ten, Bell & Howell maintenance agreement for the District Court. This is a piece of microfilm equipment for the District Court. Bell & Howell is the manufacturer of this. Their cost for the years 2000 is \$17,676.

**(11) MOTOROLA RADIOS - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

"Item eleven, additional Motorola radios for Emergency Medical Services. It was recommended to accept the sole source bid of Motorola, that amount is \$12,400. These radios match the existing equipment.

**(12) AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES - DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS  
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**

"Item twelve, aerial photography services for the Division of Information and Operations, GIS. It was

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recommended to accept the alternate proposal of Markhurd, that amount \$332,556. That is a shared amount between the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. The County's portion of this is \$198,542. Again, noting for the record, this was a cooperative venture and there are two pages of a recommendation from Scott McBride, our GIS manager, attached.

**ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION**

**(13) SQUAD TRUCK - FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**(14) RUGGEDIZED LAPTOPS - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & FIRE DEPARTMENT**

"There are two items that do not require action at this particular time. They were tabled for review. Squad Truck for the Fire Department and ruggedized laptop computers for Emergency Medical Services, this is part of the M.C.T. project. Those bids are being reviewed. I'll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes from the Board of Bids and Contracts."

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

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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Chairman Thomas G. Winters                      Aye

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Darren. Thanks for being here, Susan. Next item."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Q.     CONSENT AGENDA.**

**1.     Right-of-Way Agreements.**

- a.     One Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 833-I, J, N½ K; Webb Road: North Wichita City Limits to K-254; Payne Township. CIP #R-238. District #1.
  
- b.     One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 624-11-3516; 23rd Street South between 231st and 247th Streets West. CIP # B-344. District #3.
  
- c.     Refile to Correct Film 1939, Page 2110: one Easement for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 646-1-5165; Bridge on 111th Street South between 391st and 407th Streets West. CIP # B-293. District #3.

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

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>District Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V2022	\$197.00	3	Nina J. James
V2023	\$119.00		Sunflower Apartments of Andover
V2024	\$398.00	2	Linda and/or Larry Gaddy
V2025	\$201.00	2	Connie Fleming

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V2026            \$182.00            3            Mt. Hope Community  
Development, Inc.

- 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>
V94034	\$211.00	\$213.00
C97031	\$232.00	\$230.00
C99018	\$199.00	\$181.00
C99031	\$400.00	\$375.00
V94081	\$201.00	\$170.00
V99066	\$223.00	\$306.00

- 4. Agreement with Community Housing Services Wichita/Sedgwick County to act as General Contractor of the HOME Program Rehabilitation Project for Tornado Victims.**
- 5. Agreement with Clears Corporation to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.**
- 6. Agreement with Taylor Drug providing Developmental Disability Community Service Provider status.**
- 7. Plat.**

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

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Hillside Park Addition

8. **Order dated March 15, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
9. **Payroll Check Register of March 15, 2000 and Pollworkers Payroll Check Registers (two) of March 7, 2000.**
10. **General Bills Check Register of March 17, 2000.**
11. **Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "There is no need for an Executive Session today, is there any other business to come before this meeting? Seeing none, the Regular Meeting is adjourned."

**R. OTHER**

**S. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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

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**BILL HANCOCK**, Chairman  
Second District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Chair Pro Tem,  
First District

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

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Commissioner,  
Fourth District

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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Commissioner

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Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**James Alford**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_, 2000