

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 5, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, April 5, 2000 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Bill Hancock; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Shannon Clark, Supervisor, Emergency Communications; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Economic Development Specialist, Division of Community Development; Ms. Stephanie Payton, Assistant to the County Manager; Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Marty Hughes, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance; Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging; Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections; Mr. David 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. Bobbie Wines, Volunteer, YWCA, Women's Crisis Center/ Safehouse.
Mr. Chad Taylor, General Manager, Warlords Indoor Football Team.
Mr. Rex H. Morley, Jr., 5811 S. Preston Trail, Derby, Ks.
Mr. Wayne Youngers, President, Youngers and Sons Manufacturing, Inc.
Mr. Brad Leach, Regional Representative, Justice Benefits, Incorporated.
Mr. Pat Thomas, Social Studies Teacher, Valley Center High School.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. Buck Fischer of Kansas Masonic Home.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that all Commissioners were present.

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, March 8, 2000

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Hancock was absent at the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2000.

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

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 8, 2000.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

YOUR COUNTY SERVICES

A. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.

Chairman Winters said, "A couple of weeks ago we started a process of having an item of 'Your County Services' in which we take a minute to recognize a County Department and hear a bit from one of the people who work in those departments. So, welcome, and we're glad you're here."

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Mr. Shannon Clark, Supervisor, Emergency Communications, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'd like to take a minute this morning to speak to all of you about the Emergency Communications Department, the service that we provide to the citizens of Sedgwick County.

"I'd like to begin this morning by telling you about the mission of Emergency Communications. Our mission in our department is to provide citizens with a communications link to accessing public safety agencies, to maintain the status of public safety personnel and equipment and to join in the effort of government in bettering the quality of life and preservation of property for every person within Sedgwick County.

"At our Department, we're normally staffed with at least ten dispatchers and one supervisor, each shift, working 24 hours a day. During situations when our call load may be a little higher than normal, such as severe weather situations, we're capable of staffing our Center with up to 17 dispatchers.

"We answer an average of twelve to thirteen thousand 9-1-1 calls each day and we currently have 59 Dispatchers, 7 Dispatch Supervisors, 5 Radio Technicians and 1 Equipment Supervisor in our Department.

"Answering 9-1-1 calls is not our only responsibility at Emergency Communications. In order to successfully achieve our mission, we perform several different functions. When anyone within Sedgwick County calls 9-1-1 they'll reach our Center. The dispatcher who answers the call will question the caller to determine if any law enforcement, fire or EMS, once the need of the caller has been determined, they'll enter a call for the appropriate public safety agency. The dispatcher who receives that call will then determine what equipment needs to be responded, so that we can best serve the caller.

"After the call is dispatched, we send the appropriate personnel so that we can give people good service and all the dispatchers in our Center are capable of answering 9-1-1 calls and dispatching field units.

"We're responsible at Emergency Communications for dispatching law enforcement throughout all of Sedgwick County, including Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, Wichita Police Department and law enforcement agencies in the suburban communities, with the exception of Valley Center, Haysville, Derby

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and Mulvane. We also dispatch Fire Departments throughout all of Sedgwick County, including the Sedgwick County Fire Department, Wichita Fire Department and fire departments in the suburban communities, with the exception of Valley Center and Derby and Mulvane.

“We dispatch for Emergency Medical Services for all of Sedgwick County and all of our dispatchers are Emergency Medical Dispatchers, which is a benefit to the citizens of Sedgwick County because we can provide callers with emergency medical instructions, over the phone, and give them some medical help until emergency medical personnel arrive at the scene of the incident.

“Dispatchers at our Center can help you with everything from a broken finger to delivering a baby, or performing CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) right over the phone. We are equipped with a telephone device for the deaf equipment, which allows us to assist the callers who are hearing impaired and we also have language interpreters available 24 hours a day, so that all citizens of Sedgwick County are allowed prompt access to their emergency services.

“We work closely with many other dispatch agencies, including the Kansas Highway Patrol, the Kansas Turnpike Authority, BOE (Board of Education) Security and many private security agencies, so that all citizens of Sedgwick County are protected, no matter where they may be.

“Our department is active in the community by participating in community events and going to schools, giving presentations, participating in fairs and teaching children how, when and why they should call 9-1-1.

“In closing, I would like to say that we at Emergency Communications are very proud of our jobs with the County. We’re proud of our department and we take pride in the jobs that we do every day. We’re going to be here any time that you call, no matter what holiday or time of day or night it may be. I’ll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Shannon. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we are glad you’re there. You touched on something about when somebody calls, you often ask a series of questions. I wonder if people realize that maybe after the first or second question, you’ve already started activating somebody and you’re just trying to compile more information to help those folks, as they’re going out. I know I can remember calling

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one time. There was a wreck down at our corner and the person kept asking questions and I was confused as to why . . . here this person was injured down there and they kept asking me more and more questions, and I was thinking 'hey, why don't you just get in the car and go'. That's good information. Sounds like they are on their way, they're just compiling more information."

Mr. Clark said, "That's correct. As soon as we receive the call, depending on what kind of call it is, and what kind of response is going to be needed, we'll have emergency services personnel on their way. We're just getting more information, so that we can assist the responding units in making sure that they can locate the scene promptly."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you."

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Young man, I was very impressed by your presentation. If you have some sheets of paper in front of you and you just glance down and then can read a whole paragraph, making eye contact, that's tremendous. How long have you been with us, working in 9-1-1?"

Mr. Clark said, "I began my career in June of 1994."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, I always like to ask this question. What made you decide or get interested in this type of work. I don't know that that's something that a high school student starts thinking, 'I think I'm going to be a Supervisor in a 9-1-1 Center and take all the stress that I can possibly handle'. What got you interested in that?"

Mr. Clark said, "Well, I was 19 years old when I started and I was interested in 9-1-1 because I enjoy working with the citizens and I enjoy having a close communication with the public safety units, helping people. When someone needs help, we're the first ones they get, before the police department, fire department, EMS. We're the one who provides the initial contact and I enjoy just helping the public."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "That great. Well, if this gentleman is any indication of the type of people we have down there, I think that Sedgwick County can rest a lot easier. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Shannon. Very good job. If there are other members or other people from 9-1-1 here, could they stand and Shannon, could you introduce them and tell us who they are?"

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Mr. Clark said, "This is Diane Gage, Director of the department. George Scantlin, Assistant Director, Carol Cole, she's the Administrative Assistant for the department."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, very good. We appreciate your being at the Meeting this morning. We're going to take this time to try to become more familiar with other County Departments. You did a very good presentation this morning. So, thank you very much. Thank you all for being here."

"All right, next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

B. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 9-15, 2000 AS "KANSAS CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation that I'd like to read for your consideration."

PROCLAMATION

"WHEREAS, one violent crime is committed in America every 21 seconds; and

WHEREAS, 31 million Americans are victims of crime each year; and

WHEREAS, crime victims play an indispensable role in bringing offenders to justice; and

WHEREAS, victims of crime deserve respect, resources, restoration, rehabilitation and justice; and

WHEREAS, as we carry crime victims' rights into 2000 and beyond, we must Dare to Dream of a society that acknowledges and respects the victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, as a nation devoted to liberty and justice for all, America must increase its efforts to protect, restore and expand crime victims' rights and services; and

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WHEREAS, volunteers are joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas and America to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2000 as

“KANSAS CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK”

in Sedgwick County, and recognize Bobbie Wines, a tireless volunteer for the YWCA Women’s Crisis Center/ Safehouse since 1985.

Dated April 5th, 2000.

“Commissioners, that’s 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.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “I believe Bobbie Wines is here to accept the Proclamation. If you would please stand and just come over to the podium there. If you’d like to make a few comments, you’re certainly welcome to do that.”

Ms. Bobbie Wines, Volunteer, YWCA Women’s Crisis Center/ Safehouse, greeted the Commissioners

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and said, "I'm going to cry is what I'm going to do. I accept this with great honor and I know I'm a willing volunteer, but if I'm a better than average volunteer, it's because of this extraordinary group of young girls, who are all young enough to be my grand daughters who I'm honored to work with. Thank you so much."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you all very much for being here. Are the rest of you here with YWCA? If you'd all just stand, who were here to be a part of this. We certainly want to recognize all of you in a very special way. Dealing with victims of crime and being in that process is not easy work to do but it is certainly very important work. The community is just very appreciative of everything that you do. Sometimes these proclamations don't seem like they're near enough. We wish we could do a lot more but I think it is important for you to know that the Board of County Commissioners does recognize and support you efforts. So, thank you all for being here this morning.

"All right, next item."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2-8, 2000 AS "WICHITA WARLORDS INDOOR FOOTBALL WEEK."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, I have another Proclamation. We do have a new entertainment venue in Sedgwick County and I'd like to read this proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

"WHEREAS, indoor football is a new and exciting sport, bringing football action closer to the fans in an inside arena, and extending the traditional football season into the spring and summer months; and

WHEREAS, the Warlords Indoor Football team is the first expansion team of the Indoor Football League, making its home in Wichita, introducing thousands to the excitement of the sport; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County residents will have the opportunity to experience indoor football action with the Warlords close up at the Kansas Coliseum for the first time, providing the thrill of "wall to wall war" with local sports heroes; and

WHEREAS, Warlords fans are encouraged to keep any footballs that come into the stands, but throw players back to the field; and

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WHEREAS, the Wichita Warlords will play its opening game at the Kansas Coliseum on Saturday, April 8, 2000 against the Peoria Pirates, kicking off the season and another entertainment option.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2-8, 2000 as

“WICHITA WARLORDS INDOOR FOOTBALL WEEK”

in Sedgwick County and encourage everyone to come out and support the team and experience “wall to wall war.”

“Dated April 5, 2000.

“Commissioners, you’ve heard that Proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Chairman Winters said, “This morning we have Chad Taylor, General Manager of the Warlords. Chad, welcome, and we’re all excited about a new season.”

Mr. Chad Taylor, General Manager, Wichita Warlords Indoor Football Team, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you. Thank all of you for having me here this morning. Sedgwick County should be excited. We just got back from Casper, early in the morning yesterday, and I think that

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the folks that come out to the Kansas Coliseum on Saturday are going to be very pleasantly surprised at the excitement that they are going to be able to see, with their entertainment dollar that they choose to spend with us.

“A lot of local talent involved that a lot of folks in Sedgwick County were able to watch grow up and players such as Jimmy Dean and J.J. Smith and Zach Siegrest and some of the other local kids that will be playing for us. We anticipate a lot of excitement and as the proclamation did read, one of the most exciting things and one of the things I’m most excited about is to see how many of my IFL (Indoor Football League) footballs show up in classrooms around the Sedgwick County area for show-and-tell on Monday morning. That will probably be a very good way to drive ticket sales as well.

“I would like to, on behalf of the Indoor Football League, the Wichita Warlords, my staff and players, I’d like to say thank you for the support that the County has shown in us.”

Chairman Winters said, “Well, we’re looking very much forward to this season. I know John Nath with Kansas Coliseum is here and we’re certainly very proud of the work that he did, in helping us secure this franchise. A number of us did experience the exhibition game that was held last year. There was a lot of crowd excitement, with two teams that nobody knew or ever heard of. So, once we get a team that we can connect with, it will be just a great event. Commissioner Gwin.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chad, you mentioned a couple of things, I think, that will be a lot of fun for us. That’s getting to know the players, know who they are, but to go back and to meet some of those fellows, as you said, who we grew up watching play, either that sport or others. Dimitri Markham is a quick kid. He used to play soccer with my son. It’s nice to see that he’s . . . I saw his picture in the paper the other day. I’m excited to see him play. Jeff Beard has been a long time friend. Though kickers get a lot of grief, I know Jeff can put the ball between the goal posts. So, I’m real anxious to see the friends, the young men that I know from this community who will be playing on the team and look forward to getting to know the rest of the team and being there to encourage them.”

Mr. Taylor said, “I was going to say, one of the interesting things about . . . the IFL really tries to create a fan friendly environment. A tongue twister for you there and in doing so, thirty minutes after every home game, the Wichita Warlords will be on the field, signing autographs, so that you can go back and reacquaint yourself with all those players that you watched as they grew up in the Wichita area.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “That’s great for the kids, too. The kids love that time. So, I’m glad to know you guys are going to be doing that. I’ll be at the game, Saturday, and look forward to watching you all

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win.”

Mr. Taylor said, “Look forward to seeing you.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much, Chad. I’m sorry, Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I want a prediction. Are we going to punish Peoria, that’s what I want to know?”

Mr. Taylor said, “I’ll say Warlords 48, Peoria 44. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much, Chad. We appreciate your being here. Really, kind of two good proclamations, one supporting a good volunteer group and one promoting a new entertainment venue in our community. Madam Clerk, will you read the next item please.”

DONATIONS

C. DONATIONS (THREE) TOTALING \$1,214.34.

- 1. \$114.34 FROM CITY OF WICHITA EMPLOYEES' FRIENDSHIP FUND, TO BE USED FOR COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE'S (COMCARE) SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM**

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- 2. \$900.00 FROM ELI LILLY AND COMPANY, TO BE USED FOR COMCARE'S PARTIAL HOSPITAL PROGRAM**
- 3. \$200.00 FROM ANONYMOUS DONOR, TO BE USED FOR COMCARE'S WOMEN'S ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT SERVICES**

Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We have three donations that we have received. The first is \$114.34 for the City of Wichita's Employees' Friendship Fund. That will be used in our Suicide Prevention Program of our educational materials and presentations that we do throughout the community.

"The second one is \$900 from the Eli Lilly and Company. Those will be used in our Partial Hospital Program. Those will be used for materials for our wellness and recovery program, which is to help individuals with a serious mental illness control their symptoms, help them learn to do that themselves, and move forward towards their education and employment and living independently in the community.

"The last donation is \$200. That was from an anonymous donor. It was a couple, that's to be used in our Women's Alcoholism Treatment Services and again will be used for educational materials for individuals who attend that program.

"I would recommend that you accept the donations and send a letter of thanks. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, you've heard this presentation. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Accept the donations and authorize the Chairman to sign letters of appreciation.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

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

AWARD PRESENTATION

D. PRESENTATION OF AWARD RECOGNIZING VALLEY CENTER HIGH SCHOOL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE "KANSAS TO KAZAKHSTAN" STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN, RUSSIA.

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Today we have a group of Valley Center students here that are going to go to Kazakhstan. I'd just like to read a little bit of information about this and Pat Thomas, if you would come on up here.

"Valley Center students are receiving special recognition for participating in the Kansas to Kazakhstan project. Valley Center High School has been chosen as one of twenty-three schools around the country to participate in a student exchange program. Valley Center High School is the only school in Kansas that has been selected for this student exchange and has been matched with a secondary school in Astana, Kazakhstan. Eight students and two teachers will take part in this exchange and will spend the month of May in Kazakhstan, going to school with students there. The Kazakhstan students will, in turn, visit Valley Center later this year. Part of what they will experience is local, state and national elections and attractions

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here in Kansas. Pat, I hope you give us a call when they come and we'd sure like to have them come down here and visit county government and, as you say that they'd like to look at attractions in Kansas, we have several here in Sedgwick County we'd like to share.

“Also, for the viewing audience, (*map of Russia on screen*) Kazakhstan is right over here. Right above the ‘t’, I believe, is where you’re going. Isn’t that right? Well, I’m going to let Pat share a few words here, too, as he’s here and also I’d like to have the students stand up, if we could. Would you please stand. The students are here from Valley Center. You guys are off to an exciting land, I think. Are you all excited about it? Are your parents? Pat, what I’d like to do, in recognition of the Kansas to Kazakhstan team, we’d like to present you with this plaque, to hang at your school. We’re proud that we have a school from our community going there. Thank you very much.”

Mr. Pat Thomas, Social Studies Teacher, Valley Center High School, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Commissioners, thank you for this opportunity to share a little bit about what’s going on. To make a long story short, Commissioner McGinn said I only have five minutes and, for a teacher of social studies, that’s kind of tough to do. We had the opportunity to take this trip. We didn’t think we had a shot at it last fall. All the sudden, I get a call back from National Council for International Education in Washington, D.C. and they said we’ve been selected as one of twenty-three high schools from the United States. We are the only high school from the Mexican border to the Canadian border, through the Midwest, to be representing our Country, Sedgwick County, Valley Center, and Valley Center High School. The students that you saw will be going to a school called Lyceum Number 9. It’s much like what we would call a magnet school here. It is very selective on the students. It is a K through 11 school. They will be working in the areas of student government, student publications. One of the jobs they want us to work with is to go out and help register voter for their next election. So, this is going to be an outstanding thing. We will also . . . I just got an E-mail, we will be participating in a dialogue in front of their national TV, concerning the death penalty and how we perceive and use the death penalty here in the United States and how they work with it in Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan is a brand new country. It’s the ninth largest country in the world now. It has 28,000,000 people. So, fairly good size. It is in an agricultural area. Where we’re going is the steppes region, which is much like our northern Kansas. They tried to turn it into wheat fields, a few years back, but it’s very tough to do on 12 to 14 inches of rain a year. So, that will be interesting to see. We appreciate the Commission and the support. We are looking for support. The students are having to foot their own bill. The high school and school district are not paying anything. So, they’re having to raise money. If anyone out there is interested in helping support, please contact Valley Center High School and we’d be more

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than happy to take their donations. I'll take any questions if you have any."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Gwin."

Commissioner Gwin said, "Well, that was one of the first questions that I had. Certainly you need help. You don't go on this kind of trip, or that extensive a trip, free. So, I'm glad you got the plug in. I hope folks do call and contribute.

"What a neat opportunity for you all. If you don't understand that now, maybe a little later you'll understand what an extraordinary opportunity you have to go meet and interact with folks from so far away. I think the real treat will be when you come back and then you're able to host them as visitors to this community and start making a list of the things that you want them to do and see things you think are important to you, so that you can impart that information to them. As Carolyn said, when they do come back, or as they're getting ready to come back, and if you need any of our help at all, hosting events or getting into the venues that you'd like to go to, please call us and we'll do what we can."

Mr. Thomas said, "We're going to bring the Kazak students here the second week in September. They'll be here for four weeks. The reason . . . that way we can take them to the Kansas State Fair, a lot of other things. Our weather is usually pretty good at that time. They'll probably be enjoying it, because the temperature there gets to be 115 to 120 in the summertime. They'll enjoy our 90 degree weather here in September. They are looking to see how our election system comes off and what a better time to be here than during a nation election campaign."

Commissioner Gwin said, "That's right. That's wonderful. Well, it's a wonderful opportunity for you all and a terrific opportunity for us and for this County to be represented throughout the world. Thank you all and have a great time."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioner Sciortino has a question or comment."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Yes, having traveled in Russia, I can assure all of you, you're going to have a very interesting time. You're going to meet some really neat people but I suspect, when you get back, you're going to appreciate the fact that you can drink fresh water out of a water fountain anytime you want to.

"The one question that I had is, do you have a phone number if people are wanting to donate, who they could call or how could they get money to you?"

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Mr. Thomas said, "Any donations could be sent to Valley Center Public Schools, Kansas to Kazakhstan Team, 800 S. Park, Valley Center, 67147 or they can call the District office at 755-7100 and they will be more than happy to help. Anything that can be done by the Commissioners, the city, community, county would be greatly appreciated."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I've got to just ask one question? Does everyone that's going, can they speak Russian, or whatever? Da. Okay, that's it."

Chairman Winters said, "Could we just introduce the students? Would you introduce them?"

Mr. Thomas said, "Kristena Pennington, Cassie Norton, Layman Pierce, Sandy McGonnigil, Amanda Thomas, strange we have the same last name, my daughter. In the back Matt Allison, Lucas, I didn't see Lucas down there, Patrick Simpson and our co-host is Judy Hall, another teacher."

Chairman Winters said, "We hope you have a great trip and it was nice to have you here and we'll be anxious to hear about the conclusion of the trip, too. Carolyn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Well, and I think that when you bring the exchange students back, we'll test your Russian at that time. See how you did after you've been there for several weeks. Thank you all. Thank you very much for coming out today."

Mr. Thomas said, "What do you say when someone is getting ready to leave?"

Valley Center Students said, "Da svedahnya."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I guess one other thing, in case there are folks out there that do want to help contribute, if they didn't get all the information, they could probably call our office and Pat, you give that information to our office and we can pass that on. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you all for being here. All right, next item."

CITIZEN INQUIRY

E. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING APPLICATION OF ZONING ENFORCEMENT.

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Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you. At this time in our Regular Meeting any citizens of Sedgwick County who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners, can make arrangements to be on our Agenda by calling either the Commission Office or the County Manager's Office and requesting to be placed on the Public Inquiry Agenda. If you would please give your name and address, for the record, and please be reminded that you are limited to five minutes."

Mr. Rex H. Morley, Jr., 5811 S. Preston Trail, Derby Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I was born in Oketo, Kansas and I am what they call a fourth generation Kansan. I moved to this area when I was a small child, after living in various other places in this State. This has been the place where I've decided I want to call my home, Kansas. I've lived quite a few other places in the world.

"I'm here today because I'm concerned about my rights and the future I will have, along the same path with current zoning and codes and the current methods of Code Enforcement. Two weeks ago, I sat in here, at a meeting, and I watched the reaction to someone who was speaking similarly on the same subject that I'm about to speak on. It amazed me that it seemed like most of you folks would have just as soon the speaker would have been in a closed room, with no way of being heard or listened to. Some of you even acted, what I thought, shamelessly, rolling of the eyes and tilting your head back. That surprised me. I didn't figure to ever expect to see that type of reaction, when you're supposed to listen to the citizens.

"First off I'm going to talk about financially, how Code Enforcement affects myself and others like me. It's called the cost to defend. When we get a violation, it costs us time from our job, it cost us time from our pocket, to come down and defend whatever the Code Enforcement violation was. Then if we get found guilty, then there's the cost of the fines. Okay. Then there's something else, of which I'm quite sure the majority of the people don't realize that when you get these violations, there's also the possibility of a huge loss of future income, not only for the person himself, but their family.

"The Code Enforcement violation carries with it a Class C Misdemeanor criminal record. Most people don't realize that when they get these citations that they also get a criminal record, which can be held against them, should they, or their children, ever need to be bonded or get a security clearance or a lot of other things that people ask about. Most people don't know. They don't even put it on their applications, when they apply, and people lose their jobs, because they don't list the fact that they've got a criminal record.

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“People collect dishes, shoes, hats, pins, coins, remote control devises for their entertainment things. Some even collect marriages. Most of us that are being affected by your zoning enforcement collect cars or we collect some other item that may fall in that category.

“I’m going to talk about our rights. Now, I understand that if somebody has a \$200,000 home and I’m well aware of this, that they may not like a neighbor having trash all over his yard next door to him. You know what, I agree with them. I agree with them 100 percent. Somebody that’s got a \$200,000 home, doesn’t want to see the value of their property go down hill because somebody doesn’t take care of the neighborhood. That person rightfully should be forced to clean it up but they should not be forced to give up a hobby that is theirs. If that property was there before they moved into their \$200,000 home development area, those people have no more complaint rights, in my opinion, than the person that moves out by an airport and then decides the airport needs to move. That’s not right. That’s not fair.

“Most people move out in the County to begin with so that they wouldn’t be a bother and they wouldn’t have to put up with neighbors. They were there first. Even at that, I think we also have the right to be treated equitably and fairly in a court of law. I’ve been cited four or five times, I don’t even remember the count now. I asked Mr. Sciortino one time to do his job . . .” (*Buzzer sounded*)

Chairman Winters said, “Excuse me, Mr. Morley, how much longer do you have.

Mr. Morley said, “About two minutes.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, if you could conclude in just a minute or two, that would be fine.”

Mr. Morley said, “Well, I want to give you an example that in court, the court is not run the correct way and fairly. My first appearance in court, I was told by the judge, he asked me how many cars I had and I told him I had, at the time, 18, all of them operating, all of them taxed, all of them tagged, all of them titled and insured. He said you know the State only allows you to have 9 vehicles. I told the judge, I said ‘is that really the law’ and he says ‘yes it is’. I said ‘let me help inform you’ and I pulled out a copy of the State Statutes and the State Statutes says 9 inoperable vehicles. My point being is the judge was telling me one thing and the law is actually another. Two months later, I heard him tell another man the State only

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allows you to have 5 vehicles. Seven months ago, I heard him tell a man 'your travel trailer is not considered a recreational vehicle, therefore it does not fall into the recreational vehicle waiver because it does not have a motor in it'. In other words, it's not a motor home and yet the man pays taxes as a recreational vehicle.

"Basically, what I'm here for is to say that there are ways that you can allow us to have our hobby. That is, allow us to put our stuff behind fences, allow us to take, if we have car parts, to put the car parts on pallets, 6 inches off the ground and to maintain them in a manner to where they don't become an infestation of rodents. There's also money to be made. One of my cars has not run for 15 years. You people have never seen it in any picture, because I've been storing it for 15 years and I've been paying taxes on it for 15 years. You want people to get rid of cars that they're really not going to do anything with? Then make them comply to the law, pay the taxes on their vehicle that they've got in storage. People will make a decision then, whether they want to keep those vehicles or not but don't sit here and take away our hobby. Give us the opportunity to keep our hobby. A lot of your kids and everything go to our car shows. They enjoy the effort we put into it.

"Basically, since I'm so limited in time, I can't really get the full meaning of what I want out. Your laws are not being enforced properly. I have never been found guilty. I have never been able to find out why I was charged in the first place. Well, I do know. George Clark, a realtor, told me to my face that if I owned more than any car that I could drive, I had no right to own any more. He even called it immoral for me to own more cars than I could drive. If you look at the records that some people tout, of how they have such a huge increase in all these things going to court, you'll find out that a large portion of them are being called in by realtors and developers, trying to increase the value of what they perceive their developments they're putting up or the town people are moving out in the County.

"All I'm asking you is, don't take away our hobby. Work with us, because we're all mostly reasonable and what your zoning laws can do and the Health Department can do, you can clean up anything that is a hazard. I don't want a golf club in the back of my car, I want a car park. I hate to have someone tell me, without even looking into it, to sue him. I was told by one of your members, when I asked him to look into why I was never given my day in court, why I've been ticketed so many times because somebody just doesn't like me owning cars and all he wanted to do was spend the taxpayers money, by saying 'well, you

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don't like it, just sue us'. That's inconceivable that a person who represents the public would be so wishy-washy about the taxpayers money."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. If you're concluded, there are a couple of questions. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you. Mr. Morley, I'm going to take exception, because you're talking about me when you're talking about suing. What I said to you, in Topeka, is that if at any time at all you felt the County was doing something that violated your rights, that you had the right to, and that I would defend and encourage you, to take whatever legal action you felt necessary."

Mr. Morley said, "Mr. Sciortino, I tried to talk to you about my particular incident and the first three words, or actually the first seven words out of your mouth was, "if you don't like what we're doing, sue us'. Now, that doesn't sound like what you just told me. I got five witnesses, including the legislator up there, who was amazed at your deal and I'll be more than happy to call him and ask him to call and talk to you."

Chairman Winters said, "We've got another question, for clarification I think."

Mr. Morley said, "Can I show you pictures of my home, because I still would like to have an answer of why I was continually picked on."

Chairman Winters said, "We have one more question. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Morley, this is your handout, correct?"

Mr. Morley said, "Yes, ma'am."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I just need some clarifications here. It looks like, if I counted right, you own 18 cars."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, and then if I understood you earlier, they're all tagged and . . . ?"

Mr. Morley said, "They're all tagged, they're all titled. My insurance agent goes to Acapulco every year

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on my money.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. That’s all I had.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. There are no other questions. Mr. Morley, thanks for being here and as soon as we look at these pictures, we’ll hand these pictures back to you.”

Mr. Morley said, “Thank you, sir.”

Chairman Winters said, “Commissioner Hancock does not have any questions but he does have a comment to make. No questions, but he has a comment. Commissioner Hancock.”

Commissioner Hancock said, “I don’t have any questions for you. I just have a comment. I had the opportunity, last week, to go down to Code Enforcement and visit quite a while with Glen Witse about the car stuff that’s been going on. It wasn’t but a few years ago, we only had a few car calls, from time to time. Let me first tell you this. Those of us who have been around for a while understand that Code Enforcement isn’t in the business of going around, trying to find violations. They, for the most part, respond to calls and complaints by citizens. I think that we are certainly busy enough to not have to go out and look for trouble. We have enough problems that we are . . . as far as dealing with our citizen complaints. It’s very difficult, I know, that individuals like their cars and I know that they sometimes don’t understand why they can’t keep them all in one spot like this. I once had a case, in my district, where an individual had 33 cars in his backyard and he lived on three quarters of an acre. I’m not sure I knew how to get 33 cars on three quarters of an acre, plus a house and a front yard, but the individual did it. The amazing thing was that they all ran and all the tires were aired up and they were all tagged and there wasn’t a whole lot we could do about that, in that the individual did own 33 cars. There’s no limit how many you can own but there is a limit how many you can own and not run.

“You referred to 5 or 9 cars, whatever it was. I think it has something to do with the salvage laws in the State of Kansas but there is a concern, among neighbors sometimes, that we have to respond to and have to investigate. It’s only fair that we do, to everyone. Eighteen cars becomes a used car lot. It may be someone’s hobby but to another individual this is a used car lot. Where do we draw the line, in our community, and how do we serve everybody fairly? If my neighbor has 18 cars, and occasionally one of them comes in and one of them goes out. Is this a used car business or is this a hobby? I suppose you

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could call it both and that's what we're about. Trying to decide what is a hobby and what is a used car lot. Now, the laws in Sedgwick County clearly state that if you have a hobby car and it doesn't run and you're working on it, and if it's inside and . . . it can be . . . you can keep and you can work on it and I've seen individuals build large buildings on rural, residential properties to house a number of vehicles that they choose to work on.

"So, what Mr. Morley was talking about here was only half of the story. Certainly, Code Enforcement has difficulty deciding, along with County Court, trying to decide what's fair and what isn't fair. What appears to be fair to one individual won't appear to be fair to another. It all depends upon your perspective. I don't know what's going on in the County and I've been around here longer than any other commissioners and we all the sudden have a number of car complaints, over 400 a year now. It's hard for me to understand what's happening out there.

"I suppose there will come a time, shortly, that we may have to just have an individual dedicated to car complaints and that's a sad state of affairs. People should be more conscientious of their neighbors. Their neighbors should be able to say, come to them and say, 'you know, Mr. Morley, your place is really kind of junky, because I don't appreciate all the cars'. Now, Mr. Morley may say 'I appreciate my place and I think it looks just fine'. Very rarely do neighbors ever come to each other and state their complaints and get satisfaction and that's a sad state of affairs, so consequently, we have a guy who responds to 400 car complaints a year. A hobby is one thing. A used car lot is another.

"For those who listened to the presentation this morning, I can assure you, that's about half of the story. There is no side to that story. It's a very difficult situation and I hope gets resolved equitable, for both Mr. Morley and for the neighbors that live in that particular area. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you."

Mr. Morley said, "May I have a rebuttal?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "No you can't."

Chairman Winters said, "No, we don't get into any exchange at this period of time. You can certainly ask to be on the agenda again and make comments. The only comment I'd conclude with is I think we continue to hear enough continued questions about this. I'm confident that the Commissioners will continue to review, continue to think about how we handle this. I'm not certainly saying there's anything out of line with what we're doing now, but I think we'll continue to have some thought and concern about this issue.

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All right, thank you very much. Madam Clerk, call the next item.”

DEFERRED ITEM

F. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX EXEMPTION ON BEHALF OF YOUNGERS AND SONS MANUFACTURING, INC.

Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Economic Development Specialist, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m before you this morning at the request of Youngers and Sons Manufacturing Incorporated, to request an economic development tax exemption on approximately \$3,250,000 invested in machinery and equipment. Youngers and Sons has been located in the County, just outside of Viola, since 1973 and in 1987 began a series of expansions. Pursuant to these expansions, they have created jobs for Sedgwick County residents.

“This morning, I’m recommending that you approve the request for ad valorem tax exemption. I’m asking that you first conduct the public hearing and I would like to add that notice of the public hearing was published in the official County paper prior to the March 29th Meeting. The item was deferred for a specific amount of time, one week, therefore we did not have to republish the public hearing. So, I’m asking that you conduct the public hearing, and then approve the request for the tax exemption. I would add that Mr. Wayne Youngers, President of Youngers and Sons, is with us this morning, as is his Chief Financial Officer, Steve Ford.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you very much. Commissioners, if there’s no comments or questions to Louanna, I’ll open the public meeting. Seeing none, I’ll open the public meeting. Is there’s anybody here who would like to address the Commission regarding our Item F? Is there anyone here who would like to address the Commission regarding Item F? Seeing no one, we’ll close the public hearing. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First, I would just like some information on the business, just a little bit. Could the Youngers family come up? It says that you make parts for the original equipment manufacturers, I guess. What kind of parts? The reason I’m asking is because it talks about how your company is not affected by any downturn in the aircraft industry and I’m just curious of what kind of parts you make for who.”

Mr. Wayne Younger, President, Youngers and Sons, Manufacturing Incorporated, greeted the

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Commissioners and said, “No, we are not involved in the aircraft industry. Mainly construction equipment, agricultural equipment, hydraulics, oil field, mining equipment. It has been a specific target of the company to maintain our business flow outside the aircraft industry and we have been successful in doing that for a number of years. So, companies like Case Corporation, John Deere, even we’ve had CAP products through our company, so those are the type of companies that we would do business with.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “So, are you affected when the farm economy turns down?”

Mr. Youngers said, “Definitely so. We have, here in the past couple of years, seen some decrease in business, although it’s just economic, through the agricultural industry and the oil field, although we do see the oil field turning around at this time.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay, thank you. I have no more questions for you. I do have, I guess, a comment or so for Louanna and the other Commissioners. I think this is an excellent tool to help smaller businesses in our community and in the unincorporated parts of the County. We’ve had this policy, I understand, for about ten years, eight. I’m going to support this but I guess, I do have some concerns and mostly it has to do with how the schools are affected and the townships and that kind of thing, some of the dollars that, perhaps, they lose. What I’d like to do is, if we could, I’m fine with approving this and going forward. They’ve complied with everything accordingly. I’d just like to review our policy, maybe for future years. Thank you.”

Ms. Honeycutt Burress said, “Absolutely. We’ll do that.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also have problems with this. I will, with some reluctance, support this because I know it follows all our present guidelines but I wholeheartedly concur with Commissioner McGinn. I think that maybe it’s time for us to re-look at our policy, weigh the cost/ benefit relationship that the taxpayers are being asked to contribute and I think it’s something that . . . it’s time for us to do that but I will be supportive of this issue.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. I’m certainly going to be supportive of this. One of the

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reasons, I think, if I kind of remember back to the beginning, and as this kind of was done before I was here, we still are trying to figure out how we can get something out there that small business can utilize and it seems like there are some incentives, some advantages if you're the Boeings and the Raytheons of the world, but how do we really try to encourage small business. I would certainly be supportive of us spending some time having a workshop setting, venue or even at this meeting or at some kind of staff meeting and really walk through our current policy, what it all means. Commissioner Hancock, did you flip your light on?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "Yeah, just for a second. I was going to ask Louanna, when we do these, we have to do a cost/ benefit study?"

Ms. Honeycutt Burress said, "Absolutely, we do a cost/ benefit analysis when we receive an application, prior to any recommendation that is made to the Board of Commissioners. The State Legislature has imposed this requirement and it does make sense. It's considered a net benefit if the ratio is above one. If it's less than one it's considered a net loss."

Commissioner Hancock said, "It's my understanding, as I recall, that when we first started doing these, the cost/ benefit analysis wasn't part of the program until, what, a couple of years ago?"

Ms. Honeycutt Burress said, "In the early '90s we were required to do a cost/ benefit analysis and I think it's a good policy because we look at what we're getting from the company in return for what we're giving up, in terms of ad valorem taxes."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Wasn't there a change, though, a few years ago? Did a formula change or did it just become computerized?"

Ms. Honeycutt Burress said, "Well, initially, we used manual calculation, a formula, and over the last several years Kansas Inc., and the League of Municipalities have produced a computerized model. This allows us to take into consideration much more information and data than we could do through a manual calculation. So, what this does is it gives a more accurate reflection, as to what's actually going on in the economy."

Commissioner Hancock said, "All the calculation, though, according to legislative requirements, or

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statutory requirements, could we change any of that ourselves, and have, in addition to the statutory requirements, could we impose different requirement?"

Ms. Honeycutt Burress said, "What we can do is make the requirements more restrictive. We cannot make them more liberal than what the State allows."

Commissioner Hancock said, "I presumed that, but we can adjust them."

Ms. Honeycutt Burress said, "Yes."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Thanks, Louanna. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, we've had the public hearing. The public hearing is closed. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Louanna. Thank you, Mr. Youngers and Mr. Ford, for being here. Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

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G. AGREEMENT WITH JUSTICE BENEFITS, INC. TO PROVIDE FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT MAXIMIZATION SERVICES.

Ms. Stephanie Payton, Assistant to the County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This morning you have before you a contract for federal reimbursement maximization services provided by Justice Benefits Incorporated, hereafter referred to as JBI. JBI specializes in federal revenue maximization for local government entities. JBI’s objective is to help local political entities access new federal funding opportunities, by conducting the investigative work, along with the local jurisdiction.

“Federal revenue maximization is accomplished by identifying federal opportunities, applying governmental cost counting practices and utilizing JBI’s proprietary software. JBI will review the policies and procedures of Sedgwick County and identify any opportunities for additional federal and/or other revenue source maximization. JBI will meet with County departments who represent the sought after federal maximization programs and create a baseline report that distinguishes federal reimbursements that are currently being received and define the new and/or enhanced opportunities for reimbursement.

“Sedgwick County will compensate JBI only for new revenues received by the County that are expressly deemed to be a result of JBI’s efforts. JBI will be compensated for new and enhanced programs at a rate of 22% above the baseline. Commissioners, I would recommend that you receive the contract and approve it. Prior to doing so, however, in order to make sure that your questions are amply answered, we have Brad Leach, the regional representative for JBI in attendance, as well as our internal stakeholders in Ed Randels in the Legal Department, Marty Hughes in Finance and both Jan Heffner and Lieutenant James Woods in the Sheriff’s Department. Brad.”

Mr. Brad Leach, Regional Representative, Justice Benefits Incorporated, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’m really here as a resource. I don’t have a presentation to make. If we have questions, I’ll be happy to try to answer them.”

Chairman Winters said, “There are some questions. I’m not sure who they’re directed to but we’ll start with Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. This is directed to our legal counsel. Rich, I had some meetings with Stephanie and with some of our attorneys and my concern was that we had a favored nations clause imposed into the contract to guarantee us that, should this gentleman have maybe contracted with somebody in the past at a rate lower than us, I was just trying to make sure that we had the best deal

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that we could get for the County. I notice it's been modified here to read 'only if they enter into an agreement with a new person or entity during the term of the contract' but it was my hopes that we could . . . what makes me suspicious here is that maybe they've already entered into a contract, in the past, that is substantially lower rate and our rates higher. I don't know what we can do about that but that's what I'd asked for."

Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It was my understanding that Justice Benefits had reached an agreement with, I believe it was the City of Chicago, and that it was such a favorable rate that they weren't willing to offer that to us, on a most favored status but that they would offer everything else. Maybe that's not what the agreement says, and maybe Ed Randels can assist me in telling you about that. That's my understanding of what we did."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Maybe I could just ask the gentleman. Taking Chicago out of it, would you agree to a favored nations clause, just taking the Chicago contract aside, and any other contract that you've entered into, sans Chicago, would you agree to?"

Mr. Leach said, "Yes, that's my understanding of the way we have amended the agreement. As a lay person, let me just say that my understanding is that if we find, in the future, any other county that gets, we being Justice Benefits, offers anybody else a lower rate than that, that you get that rate."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "The correction is the agreements that you've signed prior to this agreement, with the exception of Chicago, would you be agreeable to commit to, if you've signed a contract with anyone else in the past, prior to."

Mr. Leach said, "My understanding is there are no others. There have been no others, there are no others and my understanding from my office is they agree to that. Now, if it's written that way, great. If it's not written that way, let's write it that way."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'm comfortable. Thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "We've got that answered. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "No questions."

Chairman Winters said, "No questions."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, "I think this has a lot of potential. I was just trying to see if we could negotiate a better deal."

Chairman Winters said, "It's kind of a late hour to be negotiating another deal."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "It's never late, until you sign the deal. That's the best time to ask for all you want. Right before you sign."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, are there other questions or comments? My only question was, and I think it's been answered, Ed Randels has reviewed this contract and Ed, as far as you're concerned, this contract is in order for our normal procedure and will work well for us?"

Mr. Ed Randels, Assistant County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, it is and in dealing with that, we limited the new, because we were guaranteed by this company that they had not done any other agreement but the Chicago one, just for reiteration."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "How many other entities are signed up with you? Chicago and us?"

Mr. Leach said, "Oh, no sir. I don't have a head count right now but my guess is we're around 120 to 150 counties in the United States."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you very much. Commissioners, are there other questions or comments regarding this?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much for being here. Thank you, Stephanie. Thank you, Ed. Next item."

H. AGREEMENT WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION FOR USE OF SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK MAY 6, 2000 TO HOLD A GREAT STRIDES FUND-RAISER.

Mr. Jarold D. Harrison, Assistant County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a repeat event for Sedgwick County Park. They've been holding this event for a couple years down at the park. The dates have been coordinated with the Park Superintendent. This is our standard form use agreement and it will be subject to receipt of a certificate of insurance. We would recommend your approval."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you."

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.

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VOTE

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

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

I. CONTRACT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO PROVIDE OPERATION AND FINANCE SERVICES TO THE EXPLOITED AND MISSING CHILDRENS UNIT.

Mr. Marty Hughes, Revenue Manager, Division of Finance, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This morning we have before you a contract for operations in Finance of the Exploited and Missing Childrens Unit (EMCU). The contract will be between Sedgwick County and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS).

"Historically, the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services has provided 1/3 of the cost share of materials, supplies and operating expenses for the Exploited and Missing Childrens Unit. This contract renews the cost share arrangement with SRS through the year 2000. The contract may be renewed annually, in writing, subject to mutual agreement to the parties.

"Based on the 2000 EMCU budget, 1/3 of the costs of operations of the EMCU in 2000 will be no more than \$32,000. SRS requested that we increase the compensation amount in the contract for this year to \$36,000, in anticipation of future normal inflationary increases in the program. This Assistant County Counselor has prepared this contract and approved it to form and 1/3 of the cost is the best deal we could get for today. I request that you approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, questions, comments? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

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MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Approve the Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

J. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. WAIVER OF POLICY TO HIRE THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN COMMUNITY SERVICES AT RANGE 27, STEP 4.

Ms. Donaldson said, "We are requesting your approval to hire a Director of Family Community Services at a range 27, step 4. I would recommend your approval."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, are there comments, questions? What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the policy waiver.

Chairman Winters seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

2. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MAIZE FOR DELIVERY OF USDA COMMODITIES.

Ms. Annette Graham, Director, Department on Aging, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This is a contract for the distribution of USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) donated commodities to the rural areas of Sedgwick County. It is an income based program that allows eligible consumers in the rural areas to receive commodities. There are no additional funds requested. This program is not limited to the elderly, but is open to anybody that's eligible, based on income guidelines.

"About 16 years ago, the Department developed a volunteer system to deliver commodities, and to coordinate the volunteer pick-up of the commodities. I would recommend approval of the agreement with the City of Maize."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

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VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

3. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

Ms. Graham said, "Kansas Department on Aging, annually, has required that the area agencies in the State submit reliable evidence of who in the organization's governing body is authorized to sign documents on behalf of the organization. We recommend that a notarized affidavit of the Chairperson of the governing body be submitted, which identifies the persons by names and titles. This affidavit allows only the Chairman, or Chair Pro Tem, to sign official documents, such as area plans, notification of grant awards, and other applications."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there questions?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the Signature Authority and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Annette. Keep up the good work. Next item."

4. ADDENDUM TO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OFFICE SPACE AT 1720 EAST MORRIS TO HOUSE JUVENILE JUSTICE'S PROGRAM SERVICES.

Mr. Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The purpose of the lease addendum is to acquire adjacent space to the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center at 1720 East Morris. The space is needed to co-locate two new Juvenile Justice Programs that will work closely with staff at that center and at the Juvenile Detention Facility, which is very close by. They are the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Case Management Program, which is being provided by the Kansas Childrens' Service League and the Detention Advocacy Service, which is provided by Legal Services of Wichita.

"This amendment adds 2,660 square feet of adjacent space to the north of the current premises. The monthly lease will increase \$1,170 through this addendum. The lease will commence on May 1st of this year and expire on December 31st of 2002. Funds for this lease amendment are provided in the State grant that we received. Be happy to answer any questions."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Commissioner Hancock."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Mark, how many folks will be moving in there?"

Mr. Masterson said, "I believe there's six with Kansas Childrens' Service League and two with Detention Advocacy Service, so a total of eight."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Okay, thank you. Thanks, Mr. Chairman."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Any other questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Approve the Addendum and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

**K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' MARCH 30, 2000
REGULAR MEETING.**

Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the March 30th Meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are four items for consideration this morning.

**(1) POLICE PACKAGE MOTORCYCLES- FLEET MANAGEMENT
FUNDING: FLEET MANAGEMENT**

"Item one, police package motorcycles for Fleet Management and the Sheriff. It was recommended to accept the only bid received of K & N Motorcycles, \$53,520.

(2) SERVER SOFTWARE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

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FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

“Item two, server software for the Division of Information and Operations. It was recommended to accept the low total bid of Insight, \$12,050.

- (3) **DATA SERVER ORGANIZATION SYSTEM- DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS

“Item three, data server organization system, also for the Division of Information and Operations. It was recommended to reject all proposals received. That project has been indefinitely postponed.

- (4) **RUGGEDIZED LAPTOPS- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & FIRE DEPARTMENT**
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & FIRE DEPARTMENT

“Item four, ruggedized laptop computers for Emergency Medical Services and the Fire Department. It was recommended to accept the only bid received of MicroSlate. That amount is \$35,892.50.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC ACTION

- (5) **YARD WASTE HAULING SERVICES- ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES**
FUNDING: ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
- (6) **INMATE & PAY TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM- SHERIFF, DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS & DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES**
FUNDING: SHERIFF, DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS &

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“There were two items that did not require action at that particular time. They were tabled for review. They include yard waste hauling services and actually no proposals were received for that service. Item six, inmate and pay telephone equipment and management system. Those proposals 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, “All right, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Yeah, just one quick question and then an observation. What do we do, like with the five motorcycles that they didn’t want to give us any money to trade it in, what do we do with those motorcycles?”

Mr. Muci said, “Those will go to our auction and actually we have two options there. The Sheriff has a disposition program for confiscated vehicles and materials or the County’s auction, from which we have sold other items before.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, and then just one observation. I had occasion to, along with the Chairman, to bowl at the Big Brothers and Big Sisters charity thing Sunday, and I just want to go on record as saying, if we ever form a bowling league, I want Darren Muci on my team.”

Mr. Muci said, “Thank you, sir. Lucky day.”

Chairman Winters said, “I’m not sure that he was the best County bowler but . . .”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “You were the best.”

Chairman Winters said, “I was a long ways from there. Darren is a great bowler. It was a great afternoon. We had a good time.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “I just wanted you to know, I assisted the team by not bowling. That was my contribution.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “We had a lot of fun.”

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Commissioner McGinn said, “We’re just saving you for the baseball game.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, we’ve got . . . no we don’t have a Motion. You have the report of the Board of Bids and Contracts.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

L. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Agreements.

- a. One Easement for Right-of-Way and one Temporary Construction Easement for Sedgwick County Project No. 632-32-2805; Bridge on 55th Street South

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between Rock Road and Webb Road. CIP #B-337. District 5.

- b. Two Easements for Right-of-Way for Sedgwick County Project No. 841-W-5255; Bridge on 159th Street East between 55th and 63rd Streets South. CIP #B-339. District 5.
- c. One Easement for Drainage for the Copper Gate Addition; north of 13th Street North and west of 143rd Street East. District 1.
- d. One Easement for Drainage for Rainbow Estates; south of 55th Street South and east of Rock Road. District 5.

2. Right-Of-Way Easements.

The following tracts of land have been granted by Easement for Right-of-Way at no cost to the County. The Director of Code Enforcement requested the Easement as a condition of receiving Platting Exemptions on unplatted tracts.

- a. Road Number 592-32, Owners: Marc C. Haynes and Sheryl L. Haynes, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, more specifically located on the east side of Rock Road and north of 109th Street North. Lincoln Township. District #1.

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- b. Road Number 825-BB, Owners: Richard D. Prestage and Judith Ann Prestage, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 29 South, Range 1 East, more specifically located on the east side of Hillside and north of 103rd Street South. Salem Township. District #2.
- c. Road Number 646-6, Owners: Jerry C. Rushing and Dannette Rushing, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 29 South, Range 3 West, more specifically located on the east side of 231st Street West and north of 111th Street South. Viola Township. District #3.
- d. Road Number 590-18, Owner: Katherine Webster, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 25 South, Range 2 West, more specifically located on the west side of 119th Street West and south of 117th Street North. Eagle Township. District #3.
- e. Road Number 801-K, Owners: Anthony J. Goebel and Wilfreda A. Goebel, located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 2 West, more specifically located on the west side of 151st Street West and north of 37th Street North. Union Township. District #3.
- f. Road Number 630-4, Owners: Kevin Jantz and Carolyn R. Jantz, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 28 South, Range 4 West, more specifically located on the east side of 359th Street West and south of 47th Street South. Morton Township. District #3.
- g. Road Number 775-V, Owners: Kevin Jantz and Carolyn R. Jantz, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 28 South, Range 4 West, more specifically located on the east side of 359th Street West and south of 47th Street South. Morton Township. District #3.

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- h. Road Number 773-S, Owners: Glen F. Chambers and Carolyn J. Chambers, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 4 West, more specifically located on the east side of 375th Street West and south of Pawnee. Morton Township. District #3.
- i. Road Number 811-I, Owners: Michael Zachariah Nicholson and Holli Rochelle Nicholson, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 26 South, Range 1 West, more specifically located on the east side of Ridge Road and south of 61st Street North. Park Township. District #4.

3. Floodway Reserve Easements.

The following tracts of land have been granted by Easement for Floodway Reserve at no cost to the County. The Director of Code Enforcement requested the Easement as a condition of receiving Platting Exemptions on unplatted tracts.

- a. Owners: Marc C. Haynes and Sheryl L. Haynes, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, more specifically located on the east side of Rock Road and north of 109th Street North. Lincoln Township. District #1.
- b. Owners: Glen F. Chambers and Carolyn J. Chambers, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 28 South, Range 4 West, more specifically located on the east side of 375th Street West and south of Pawnee. Morton Township. District #3.

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4. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Rent Subsidy</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V2027	\$126.00	Towanda Gables
V2028	\$68.00	Towanda Gables
V2029	\$117.00	Towanda Gables
V2030	\$80.00	Towanda Gables

5. 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>
V96030	\$444.00	\$444.00
V99014	\$273.00	\$291.00
V2002	\$245.00	\$176.00
V2021	\$221.00	\$299.00
V99025	\$301.00	\$200.00

6. Contract with Augusta Medical Complex, Inc. Home Health Care to provide Developmental Disability Community Service Provider status.

7. Agreement with Land Title and Abstract Service, Inc. to provide on-line access to Sedgwick County's electronic data.

8. Order dated March 29, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.

9. General Bills Check Register of March 31, 2000.

10. Budget Adjustment Requests.

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

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MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “All right. This is, perhaps, going to get a little confusing, but I’m going to recess the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. We are going to need to have an Executive Session in the Regular Meeting but we’re going to come back later for that.”

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed to the Fire District Meeting at 10:19 a.m. and returned at 10:56 a.m.

Chairman Winters said, “I’ll call back to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioner, Regular Meeting, April 5th, 2000. Is there other business to come before this Board?”

M. OTHER

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MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney/ Client relationship relating to pending claims and litigation, legal advice, personnel matters of non-elected personnel and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:26 a.m.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:56 a.m. and returned at 11:43 p.m.

Chairman Winters said, "I'll call the Meeting of the Regular Board of County Commissioners, April 5th, back to order. Let the record show there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Mr. Euson, is there anything else that you know of?"

Mr. Euson said, "No, sir."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. This meeting is adjourned."

N. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Second District

BEN SCIORTINO, Commissioner
Fifth District

ATTEST:

James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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