

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**July 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, July 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 Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Ms. Veronica Pyles, Fiscal Assistant, Election Office; Ms. Allison Ohlman, Communications Coordinator, Communications Department; Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress, Economic Development Specialist, Division of Community Development; Mr. Glen Wiltse, Director, Code Enforcement Department; Ms. Deborah Donaldson, Director, Division of Human Services; Mr. Mark Reed, Director, Sedgwick County Zoo; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Darren Muci, Director, Purchasing Department; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Joe L. Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.  
Mr. Charlie Schaefer, Owner, United Warehouse Company.  
Mr. Darrell Downing, Veteran, United States Air Force.

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Reverend Sally Fahrenthold, Lutheran.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of June 7th, 2000.

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review the Minutes of June 7th.

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What's the will of the Board?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to Approve the Minutes of June 7th, 2000.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**YOUR COUNTY SERVICES**

**A. ELECTION OFFICE.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Each week we take a few moments, at the very beginning of each of our meetings, to talk a little bit about one of the services that are provided by a different County department and today we're going to hear from the Election Commissioner's Office."

**Ms. Veronica Pyles**, Fiscal Assistant, Election Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are located at 510 North Main, suite 101, on the ground level of the Old Historic Courthouse. I am here today with the Election Commissioner, Marilyn Chapman, and her Chief Deputy, Beverly Exley. In addition to the three of us, there are nine other permanent employees.

"I have worked for the Election Office a little over nine years. During this time, I have been a part of a lot of changes. When I first started, the registration cards were the size of a postcard. Anyone wanting

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to register other people had to swear their life away and it was rare for any two Kansas counties to have the same registration application.

“On May 1st, 1996 Kansas officially implemented the National Voter Registration Act, also known as NVRA. With NVRA, a lot of changes were made, including using a much bigger registration card, allowing anyone to pass out the cards, or to register people without being sworn at and a uniform application for every Kansas county. In addition to volunteers passing out registration cards, people can download the application from the Internet, come to our office, have the form mailed to their homes, change their registration when they update their drivers license or they can go to one of our temporary or permanent locations. And because the application for each county is the same, individuals from other Kansas counties can register here and the card is forwarded to the proper county.

“I feel these changes have definitely made it much easier and more convenient for people to register. Since registration is so accessible now I have seen our counts of registered voters go from 185,238 in July of 1990, to 204,601 as of June 30th, 2000, which is an increase of 23%.

“Registration wasn’t the only place changes occurred due to NVRA. What used to be known as absentee voting changed to advanced voting. Under the old system, one needed to be out of the county or state on election day to receive an absentee ballot. Now, anyone can vote in advance and no reason is needed. In fact, the application to apply for advanced voting can also be downloaded from the Internet.

“To keep up with the demands of NVRA and with technology, our workstations have been updated and we no longer use the huge voting machines or our old rotary files. In 1995, after a study of other voting equipment, we purchased suitcase sized electronic voting machines. These machines allow us to better educate people on how to use the machines, mainly because we can take them with us to the different sites. As for our rotary files, we now batch the applications in bundles of 50 and image that card, so that the signature and everything else is on the computer when we need it. This has alleviated the need for alphabetizing and filing the cards away.

“In addition to advanced voting and registration, we are also responsible for: programing the voting machines, getting the polling places, obtaining and training over a thousand workers to work at the 275 voting locations, educating people on the importance of not only registering, but also voting, filing candidates for various offices, surviving annexations and making sure that everyone has a pleasant voting experience.

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“So, for all of those people who think we only work two days a year, I’m sorry to disappoint you. Thank you very much for your time and it was a pleasure to be able to enlighten you on what we do at the Election Office.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you, Veronica. Commissioner McGinn has a question.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’m glad you brought up all the things that have happened in the last five, six years. Changes in making it easier to register and that kind of thing. And so, we’ve come a long way. I notice we have a primary coming up here in less than a month. I’m sure things are just . . . you guys probably don’t have a lot to do down there right now. Just working six to eight hours, huh? How many hours are you putting in, when we do get close to a big election.”

**Ms. Pyles** said, “This is our last week of actually working a regular eight hour work day. Starting next week, we will start working some overtime, starting with a half an hour lunch and we’ll work Sundays and Saturdays and we won’t see our families very much during this season, because we’re working till nine o’clock a couple of nights and seven o’clock most nights, but then on election day, we’re here from sunup till sunset. So, we have a lot of work ahead of us.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “It kind of reminds me of farmers, when it’s around harvest time. I think I heard you say, about a thousand people you have to train to work at the polls. Did I hear you right?”

**Ms. Pyles** said, “Yes, we train over a thousand people for the primary. We will train a little over a thousand people for the primary, and for the general election it will be over 2,000.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Are you still getting enough people to come forward and want to work or are you needing workers?”

**Ms. Pyles** said, “Well, that seems to be a struggle. A lot of people don’t realize that their responsibility as citizens is also to make sure that the voting process is carried out and we do have a lot of problems getting people to give the time, on election day, to work. And it’s not a volunteer thing. We pay our people to work on election day. It’s not a lot. You’re not going to get rich or anything but, for your time, we do pay some money. But it’s hard getting people to do that. Yes, it is a service, just like jury duty.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Thank you, Veronica.”

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

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Veronica, getting a lot of cookies this time of year?"

**Ms. Pyles** said, "Well, you know, a certain Commissioner has not been bringing us very many cookies, Ben."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I'm not running this year. The question that I wanted to ask you is I notice that there is a hotline that people can call, if they have any questions about are they eligible to vote, are they in the right precinct, or what have you. You might share that number, if you have it."

**Ms. Pyles** said, "Okay, if people would like to reach us concerning either registering to vote, checking their party affiliations or receiving an advanced ballot, they can reach us at 383-7101 and your call will be forwarded to the proper person."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, that's all. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you very much. Veronica, thank you for the report. It was very well done and Marilyn and Beverly, we're glad to have you. We know this is your time of year. Marilyn, come forward."

**Ms. Marilyn Chapman**, Sedgwick County Election Commissioners, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm very proud of Veronica. She's one of our star employees. I'd like to remind everybody that if you need to register of vote for this primary election or if you're interested in changing your party affiliation, or declaring a party affiliation, the deadline is July 17th. That's less than two weeks away. So, you might be interested in doing that. If you wish to vote in advance or volunteer to work on election day, please call our office; 383-7101. Thank you."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I think that's a real important point. You have to declare a party affiliation in order to vote in the primary, is that correct?"

**Ms. Chapman** said, "Yes, that's correct. The primary is to nominate Republican candidates and Democratic candidates and in order to vote for these candidates, you need to belong to one of those parties. So, if you belong to another party, you're not eligible to vote for candidates and if you want to change your party, you need to do it by July 17th."

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**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you. Marilyn, could you give that phone number one more time, just in case anybody has an unanswered question about where to vote, how to vote, whether they're registered. Who should they call?"

**Ms. Chapman** said, "The number is 383-7101."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you very much. Appreciate your being here and Veronica, thank you. Beverly, thank you for being here this morning.

"Do I have a Motion to receive and file this report?"

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you all, again, for being here. Next item."

**PROCLAMATION**

**B. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEDGWICK COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 639-30-690 AT 83RD STREET SOUTH AS "THE PURPLE HEART BRIDGE."**

**Chairman Winters** said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation and I'd like to read that proclamation and have you vote on the proclamation and then we'll hear just a bit more about this bridge.

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**PROCLAMATION**

**“WHEREAS**, on July 5, 2000, Sedgwick County Bridge No. 639-30-690 at 83rd Street South will be known as “The Purple Heart Bridge” and;

**WHEREAS**, the order of the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was developed by George Washington as a way to honor Revolutionary War Heroes. Until that time, those soldiers who did outstanding tasks for our country went unrecognized; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is an American Decoration. It is the oldest military decoration in the world and was the first decoration to be made available to the common soldier; and

**WHEREAS**, what Washington wrote in his orderly book on August 7, 1782 still stands today: “The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all. This order is also to have a retrospect to the earliest stages of the war, and to be considered a permanent one.”

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Sedgwick County Bridge No. 639-30-690 at 83rd Street South as

**“THE PURPLE HEART BRIDGE”**

and encourage citizens to learn more about the honor of the Purple Heart and the sacrifice of our veterans.

Dated July 5th, 2000.

“Commissioners, that is the Proclamation. What is the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

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Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Today, we have someone here to accept this Proclamation.”

**Ms. Allison Ohlman**, Communications Coordinator, Communications Department said, “Darrell Downing is here to accept the Proclamation. He’s going to be involved in the dedication ceremony this Saturday and I think he would like to speak a little bit about that.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Okay, thank you. Welcome, Darrell.”

**Mr. Darrell Downing**, Veteran, United States Air Force, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Let me start by saying I am not a Purple Heart recipient. I am a 27 year veteran of the United States Air Force. But I have Allison’s job on Saturday. I’m trying to help those folks who were awarded the Purple Heart to have a good and honorable dedication on Saturday. It will start at ten o’clock. We do have some World War II folks who are going to attend, as well as some folks from the other wars that have occurred since that time. We have a fly over by the Oklahoma Air National Guard and some other things, hopefully, will materialize in the next couple of days.

“So, we invite those of you who might be interested in that kind of an activity to come out at 10 o’clock on Saturday, at the bridge on the west edge of Derby.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, very good. Well, thank you very much. We’re pleased that we could provide this proclamation and we encourage all citizens who have any interest to attend your dedication. It’s ten o’clock on Saturday on the bridge on 83rd Street, just west of Derby.”

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**Mr. Downing** said, "In conclusion, I'd like to thank the Commission for providing this proclamation. It will be very meaningful to the veterans and the proclamation will hang in some appropriate place where veterans frequent frequently. Thank you."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, sir. We appreciate your being here. Next item."

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **C. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION REGARDING INTENT TO ISSUE UP TO \$5,000,000 OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNITED WAREHOUSE COMPANY.**

**Ms. Louanna Honeycutt Burress**, Economic Development Specialist, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Sedgwick County has been approached by United Warehouse Company. The company is requesting that the County indicate its intent to issue not to exceed \$5,000,000 in Industrial Revenue Bonds on its behalf."

"The County was asked to issue these bonds because the proposed facility will be located between Wichita and Park City, in the unincorporated area of the County. Because of the location, we have received letters from both Park City and the City of Wichita requesting that the County issue these bonds."

"I have with me today J. T. Klaus of Triplett, Woolf, and Garretson. He drafted the documents and provided the notice of the public hearing to the affected school district and he is here to answer questions, if you have specific questions regarding this project."

"Also with us is Lori Usher, who is the contact with the Wichita Chamber on this project and Joe Norton is here, with Gilmore and Bell."

"As I said, the notices were given to the affected school district, and notice of the public hearing was given to the official County paper. If you have questions, we will attempt to answer those. Following that, I recommend that you conduct the public hearing and then adopt the resolution, which will indicate the County's intent to issue the Industrial Revenue Bonds."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you very much. Commissioner McGinn has a question."

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**Commissioner McGinn** said, "You said the school districts and perhaps townships have been notified and nobody protested."

**Ms. Burress** said, "Well, the school district was notified. We have to notify the school district, by State statutes so that they can have a representative present at the public hearing. That's the reason that we give notice and I, frankly, don't know whether there's a representative from USD #259 or not."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "So, it was just one school district involved?"

**Ms. Burress** said, "That's the one school district."

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

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you. Louanna, is this an existing company, or an expansion or a new company?"

**Ms. Burress** said, "This will be an expansion. The company currently has three separate locations, located within the City of Wichita. They currently have a total of 23 employees at the three locations. And this will be a sizable expansion. It will be both a warehouse facility and a distribution center. I've been told by the Chamber that there's a need, in this part of the County, for such a facility."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And when do they estimate completion of this expansion?"

**Ms. Burress** said, "I think I will let the representative from United Warehouse, Charlie Schaefer, who's president of the company is with us. Perhaps he would want to . . ."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Mr. Schaefer, would you just come up to the microphone. Please identify yourself with name and address."

**Mr. Charles Schaefer**, President, United Warehouse Company, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We've been in business in Wichita for 85 years, to answer your questions, providing distribution services. It should take us six to eight months to complete the project, once we start."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "I believe you've indicated that there could be about 30 new jobs within

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the next three years?”

**Mr. Schaefer** said, “Yes, we believe that’s going to happen, because of the way the distribution logistics process is evolving, because of e-commerce and other things like that.”

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Schaefer. Are there other questions before we open the public hearing? Louanna, the proper notice has been given that this will be a public hearing, is that correct?”

**Ms. Burress** said, “Yes, Mr. Klaus has given notice.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Very good. At this time we will open the public hearing. Is there anyone here who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners on our Item C, our intent to issue taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for the benefit of United Warehouse Company? Is there anyone in the audience who would like to address the Board of County Commissioners on our Item C on today’s agenda? Anyone here who would like to address the Commission? Seeing no one, we will close the public hearing, limit discussion to Commissioners and staff. Commissioners, you have other questions or comments? Louanna, do you have anything else to add?”

**Ms. Burress** said, “I do not.”

**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	Absent

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you, Louanna. And gentlemen, thank you for being here with us this morning, in case we had any questions, which we did have at least a couple. So, thank you. Madame Clerk, would you read the next item please.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDED 2001 BUDGETS.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. William P. Buchanan**, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “You have before you the proposed 2001 budget and it comes in a document that looks like this. Let me just review with you this document a bit and then we will get into the specifics of the recommendation.

“You will see that this is . . . in past years we’ve had more than one document. It all fits in . . . we don’t have more than one this year. It all fits into this one. There’s a Manager’s message, which is an overview of what the new items are in the budget and some of the emphasis that you have helped direct us with. You’ll see that we also have produced a fast fact sheet, which is available to the press and the public and for your distribution for your constituents and friends who may be interested in what’s occurring in our finances.

“In the reader’s guide, everybody who wants to know about how to put together a budget, it details a lot about the County, where we fit in similar sizes in the region. It talks about the largest taxpayers. It also discusses who are the employers, the largest employers. It talks about our history, values, and as for policy wonks, it talks about the budget process itself, about your setting priorities last spring, about the financial plan development and your approval of that, the Technology Review Committee, the Capital Improvement Program Committee, the strategic planning process that each of the divisions and departments went through, the revenue estimates and environmental scans that were required and is an ongoing process. Finally, the base budgets were delivered. Departments made their recommendations and the reader’s guide talks about that process.

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“It also talks about, in the reader’s guide, and, clearly, my favorite section, it talks about the County budget summary for each department totals from last year to this year and gives the last two pages, which are . . . or the last several pages of that document, 37 and 38, gives you an employee count, of where we were over the last several years for each of the functional areas of Sedgwick County.

“Also this section has a financial plan and then it goes into the financial plan details, our revenue expectations and expenditures over the next several years and what we plan to do to the mill levy over the next three years. And then it gives details for each of the departments. It gives not only the departmental issues but it also gives goals, missions of each department, how we’re going to measure those goals, how we’re going to measure their effectiveness, and then it talks about the revenues and the expenditures that we distribute for their delivery of quality public service.

“The last several tabs in the budget book are about the information budgets. Information budgets are those internal budgets that we use for accounting purposes: the Special Highway Tax, the Risk Management Reserve, and then lots of grants. The Capital Plan is in this document. It’s the next to the last tab. It not only details what we plan to spend in the next five years, but it also details specific projects, when they’ll start, how much they’ll cost, what years they’re funded and the source of that revenue. And the appendix for all of the glossary terms for the revenue source descriptions, for all our revenue accounts and, finally, for all our expenditure accounts, by code number, for those who are interested in that.

“So, for those who are interested in how we do business, this is a document that certainly allows us to . . . you and the public and anybody else who is interested.

“The budget is based on several premises and the first premise is that our mission, as described here, is to assure the quality public services that provide for the present and future well being of citizens of Sedgwick County. To be the best that we can be. And from that mission, our goals are clearly, those goals that we’ve talked about before, to establish and maintain and nurture partnerships and we do this in several different ways, to insure effective delivery of services. This partnership is not only with the State and the federal government, but with our partners in local governments throughout the community, throughout this County. It is also partnerships with private, non-profit agencies, who become our partners and the public’s and the private sector, who assists us in delivering service. It’s to train and encourage and recognize employees for hard work, creativity, innovation and delivering quality public service. You and I have spent time, in the past year, trying to do that in ways in which it makes sense. We’ve had issues about salaries and we’ve had issues about people’s jobs and how involved they are in this organization and we continue to work to make sure that we have a trained work force that is effective.

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“We continue to foster two way communications with citizens and employees through the media outreach, some newsletters that you are providing. We’re also trying to work with using the Internet in ways that we have not. This year, for instance, the budget is on-line. It will be at noon. Anybody who has a computer and has an interest can see what we’re doing and how we’re doing it and then communicate with us about their ideas.

“One of our goals is to build trust and confidence and teamwork and to insure that decisions are made from information, to insure that informed decisions are made. It’s not only for you to make informed decisions and our task to make sure that that occurs but also for division directors and department heads and employees.

“And finally, it’s to allocate the use of resources for basic and essential services that are responsive to the challenging needs of our community. These needs continue to change and they continue to change in ways that we don’t anticipate. Our task is not only to develop a financial plan, a spending plan that addresses issues that we’re aware of, but also to address issues that we know that are going to change, that we’re not aware of, that will be challenges for us.

“The budget process begins with division directors who prepare strategic plans and technology plans and capital project requests. The Budget Department sets the base budgets. Departments make supplemental requests. The public hearing, you and I have sat through those with the staff, and today is the recommendation made by me, you will review those recommendations, modify the budget, and hopefully, on August 9th, approve those.

“Perhaps . . . this is the time that’s most . . . while we’re talking about the process, we need to recognize that not only have you, the other elected officials, division and department directors, been heavily involved in these first five steps but that the department . . . Division of Information and Operations staff, Stephanie Knebel through the CIP, the printing of the document, Lori Westphal, Ben Brehon, Terry Masters, Tony Rich have done yeoman work over the weekend to make sure that we have copies. The Communications staff, Kristi Zukovich and Allison Ohlman and Joe Renfro to get it on the computer, to get it on the Internet to let the press know what we’re doing. Certainly, all the members of the CIP and the Technology Review Committees who’ve advised us and, finally, the Financial staff, Chris Chronis and Tammy Brandt, who reviews the material, the budget analysts, who are most popular this time of year, Mary Orr and Phil Hanes and Phil Ross and of course the Budget Director, who’s labor and sweat and tears we couldn’t have done this without, is Renfeng Ma. And for them we’re thankful for this process.

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“The budget overview simply is we’re recommending a 2001 total spending of \$287,398,641. It’s a modest decrease in the mill levy, tenth of a mill. One would ask why even waste the print of the ink for such a modest decrease. It gains you nothing politically. Certainly, the County could put that money in reserves and be flexible. So, why go through the process. Simply, we don’t need it. It’s not our money. It’s not the right thing to do, to keep it.

“This budget allows us to address our priorities. The revenues, by source, the \$287,398,641 is the revenues by source. Now, when I use the \$287,000,000 we’re talking about not only generated County money, but we’re also taking into consideration, this is the first year we’ve incorporated all the grant money that comes through the County and monies that you are responsible for. You are accountable for \$287,000,000 worth of services to be delivered to this community and our department heads and division directors and elected officials are also responsible, and that’s in excess of a quarter billion dollars of services. Forty-four percent of those comes from taxes. You can see that over here on the right hand side. Intergovernmental is 5%. Intergovernmental means simply the City and County revenue sharing that the State gives to us, the sale tax that we share with the State. Charges for service, there are fees that we charge, are about 10%. Cash is about 6%, investment in our income is 3%. Interfund transfer are the monies that we transfer to Division of Operations, Information and Operations, Motor Pool, Sales Tax Fund for highways, those are the Interfund transfers and others are about 2%. Grants and reserves are 28%, down on the bottom, and you can see what a high portion of grants that we receive from the State, mostly for social service delivery: aging, mental health, mental retardation, physical disabilities.

“Expenditure by function, again, \$287,000,000. Public Safety and Justice are 31 cents. Thirty-one percent of that goes for us maintaining the high level of care that we give in the public safety and justice area. Clearly, a big chunk of that is the jail and operation of the Adult Detention Facility and Juvenile Detention Facility. Human Services, those services to some of the people who are less fortunate than us in the community, are 21 cents. Fiscal Management, which includes the bonds and interest payments, are 19 cents. Public Works, maintenance of our facilities and roads and bridges, are 13%. Information Operations is 5 cents, and that is the electronic and technology things that are occurring. Culture and Recreation is 5 cents. Community Development, those investments in the community that we make, are

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about 3 cents. General Government is 2 cents, and that's elections and Treasurer and Clerk and Appraisal and those kinds of issues and Human Resources are 1 cent on the dollar.

"This is an expenditure by category. This is County funds only. We've now taken out the grant funds, because we thought it would be a better way in which to show how we spend our money. Forty-six percent, at the top of the graph, 46.7% almost 47% are personnel. That's a still healthy number, but not nearly as high as some local government agencies or local governments and so we need to keep our eye on that. Make sure that that's in proportion. Vehicles and Equipment are a little over 2%. Commodities, the goods and services, the pens, the paper, the pencils that we purchase are 4.5. CIP and debt service, this is the money that we spend for Capital Improvements and the debt, 14%. Contractual services, 22%, gas and electric, insurance, those sorts of contracts that we have and 9.8% of others that don't fit anyplace else.

"So, what are the highlights for the spending of this current year, the year 2001? Well, our priorities for 2001, the Commission directed the staff, last spring, to concentrate on five areas. They are youth services, process improvement and collaboration, demographic, economic development and quality of life and let me talk about each of those.

"For youth services, Sedgwick County will continue to explore, promote and support educational prevention and intervention and where warranted, detention and correctional measures aimed at the community youth. We're going to do that through community prevention funds that are continuing. We're going to continue that program. We have planned, in the CIP, to bond for an expanded Juvenile Detention Facility and those are the two big changes this year.

"For process improvement, Sedgwick County will explore new and expanded opportunities for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of services we provide, through both internal efforts and collaboration with other local governments. Collaboration with other local governments are as simple as talking to the City of Derby about an on-line electronic application that we're going to share so that people who want to work for either them or us can file one application and we're going to share information, electronically. It can be as simple as those sorts of things.

"Some other items are Technology. You've heard about ERP, and that's the system whereby we're looking at our finances and our human resources system and making sure they're integrated. It's about cleaning one's closet. It's boring and not very interesting, but it will make our life better and it will be holding us more accountable and we can get information in a timely, reasonable fashion that will help us be better managers. It's about imaging and using the electronics of today to file documents and make sure

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that the Register of Deeds and others in this community can have up to date information the way the rest of the world gets it. It's increased administrative capacity and it's about holding us accountable and being accountable yourselves so that we can look the taxpayers in the eye and share with them and make sure that they're aware that we're doing everything that we can to get the biggest use out of their dollars.

“Demographics: it's about Sedgwick County will endeavor to adapt the mix of services we provide to reflect the needs of changing population. We'll continue with our program for seniors. We will continue with our program for the disabled. We'll continue our program for those that are mentally ill. We're facing a transportation problem, as you know, in one category for the disabled. That's come up recently. We don't have a solution for 2001 yet. We're working on it. You have a plan, before you adopt this budget, about how we will address that, but that points out the flexibility that's needed in our programs. We are going to continue, as you graciously approved last week, the Olds Program, which will allow us to intervene in family's lives of first time moms who haven't completed high school, to help intervene in their lives, so that babies will be born with more of a chance to be healthy, lower pre-natal fatality rates, higher percentage of more functioning children, less opportunity to be in trouble with the law, less problems with juvenile delinquency.

“We're committed to deal with some drainage programs, Cowskin flooding, not the past Halloween but the Halloween before. We are assisting, in this budget, with those studies of almost a half a million dollars. You are aware, we're looking at other drainage district possibilities in the County.

“Project Access provides those in this community who are underinsured, Sedgwick County, along with the City of Wichita, provide funds for us to make sure people have the right drugs that they need and the right prescriptions that they need to cure their illnesses and get well. This is the program that we're going to continue, in this next year.

“Economic developments about Sedgwick County will invest in technology and infrastructure and support

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our work force and to support an economic base which is diverse and globally competitive. We'll continue in our program and our partnership with the City of Wichita and the Chamber of Commerce. We have a program to deal with some neighborhood revitalization and we don't have neighborhoods picked yet, but we are in discussion with Brad Snapp and others about how to do that and how then do we do that in a way that's not interfering in other local governments or communities. It's certainly going to be a lot easier to do that in the unincorporated area than in incorporated areas.

"We continue with \$14,900,000 for roads and bridges, which continues to be an ambitious program for us to continue to build.

"Quality of life issues: we'll continue the support of the Zoo and we'll continue to pay for the debt on the Exploration Place. We will devote our resources to being safe and help the community for our residents, economically, socially, environmentally and physically. And this year seems to be the environmentally and physically issue. Solid waste, we'll develop the new system in 2001. We are providing, and I'm recommending, a staff individual for water quality issues throughout the community, especially in the unincorporated areas. We need to start addressing what's going on with the Ark River and what's going on with Lake Afton and some other places and how to make sure that we understand what's going on and provide ways in which to clean it up and prevent it. The restoration of the Ark Valley Lodge is also included in this budget.

"There are other issues in this budget that you will be asked to deal with, between now and when we adopt it. One is Truth in Taxation, one is maintaining top quality staff, one is continued investment in technology, roads and facilities.

"Truth in Taxation is an attempt by the legislature to restrict growth to increases from new construction and changing property use. The attempt was to notify the public if you're going to use monies, besides these two things. For instance, assessed valuation grows in three ways. One is for new construction, someone builds a new house and it's assessed, that's new construction. One is change property use. It was farm land, agriculture, now it's commercial and so that would increase the assessed valuation. And third, is the economy is so good that the people's cost of housing continues or businesses continue to increase. The State's suggesting that that third method, if it increases at a rate that's higher than normal growth, that we

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need to tell the public that, if we're going to use that growth. This year, despite the tax decrease, we're going to have to do that to continue our level of service.

"This Truth in Taxation by the State Legislature was an attempt to prevent us from taking advantage of growth and assess the valuation on real estate and so we need to pass a special resolution, during the budget process, to continue providing priority services to our citizens.

"Employees, I'm recommending an increase of salaries, a general across the board increase of 3% and that we continue to maintain the quality health insurance programs that we have.

"The new technology is for enhanced and increased services of Sedgwick County that we will institute. This is the new Enterprise Resource Planning system. It's a \$3,200,000 system that we have talked about previously and it's, again, an imaging system for key documents. And this is an intensive process also.

"The Capital Improvement Program for 2001 to 2005 is a facilities investment of one point six point four [sic] million dollars. That includes beginning discussions and monies for the Kansas Coliseum, infrastructure investments of \$98,700,000 for a total CIP five year program of \$205,000,000 and specifically for 2001 it's a 54,000,000 almost \$55,000,000 program.

"The CIP this year will provide several things. Improves some new sirens for our Emergency Management folks and for our citizens who are outside when tornadoes approach. Historic preservation, we are . . . on the Historic Courthouse we need to do some tuck pointing and maintain the structural integrity of that landmark building and that will be a slow and expensive and important job. We'll . . . and simply for some routine and regular maintenance, it will replace elevators here to insure safe and convenient movement of customers. You have noticed the increase in trials and the increase in jury trials and increased use of this building because of that process, and elevators are one of the things the wear and tear is being noticed on.

"Our road and bridge improvements for this coming year will be to widen 39th Street south, by Lake Afton, to widen the Kansas Turnpike Authority bridge on East Central and to widen East Central, from 143rd Street East, 159th Street. We will also widen 13th Street North and 63rd Street South. You'll see the widening of West Street and the widening of 21st Street North, at K-96 and 159th Street East. And, finally, the replaced bridge on 13th Street North. This is only a couple of the highlights of the road and bridge improvements. There's many more but they are the most significant ones.

"So, in summary, the general fund budget for Sedgwick County government for 2001 is recommended

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to have \$287,398,641, a .105 mill levy reduction.

“The Fire District budget: a total of \$10,403,719. There’s a zero mill levy increase and the mill levy will remain the same, at 15.631 mills. We will maintain the levels of services as we have in the past. Vehicle replacement program will continue and three positions will be deleted.

“The Sewer District budget is \$1,100,000. A mill levy decrease of .346. Here’s the chart that indicates the mill levy reduction over the past several eight years. You’ll see there’s a steady decline and we would anticipate that will continue that steady decline.

“So, what are the opportunities for the public to comment about our spending plan for this coming year and for the next five year CIP. Well, the 2001 recommended budget will be available on-line by noon today, for public feedback. We’re excited about that possibility. We think that technology and intervening and having folks interface with us, local governments, in ways that they haven’t in the past, we need to keep exploring those ways. It is their government. The day after the Fourth of July it is about how do we get the public to participate in the democratic process. Well, here’s an opportunity of which they can talk to us about spending priorities.

“Copies of the budget, as usual, are made available at the Wichita Public Library branches. For those people who want to spend time reading all the materials in the standard post-Gugenheim way, not Gugenheim . . . they can do that. Public hearings will be held on July 26th and 29th. The public can come to Sedgwick County, this room, and talk to you about their issues and what they think we should spend our money on and how would they like us to proceed. The budget was anticipated to be adopted on August 9th. That will allow then the Clerk and others to do whatever duties they need to do to get the tax bills ready for January.

“So, that’s our spending plan for the year 2001 and you have the document in front of you. I have no other comments and that’s the recommended budget and I’d be happy to answer any questions at this time or wait for conversations with you later.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you very much, Mr. Buchanan. There are a question or two.

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Commissioner Sciortino.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill, you had indicated something about the on-line application, sharing that with Derby. I think that is a tremendous opportunity for both governmental entities to have one central pool. Will the other cities within Sedgwick County be able to access that or is it just . . .?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Some are interested and some have suggested they didn’t want any part of it.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay, so anybody that was interested, we would be willing to work with. Okay, great, thanks. I have a lot of other questions but I’ll wait until later to talk to you about them.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Okay, thank you. Commissioner Gwin.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “The only other question I have, or comment has to do with the on-line feedback that we’re going to get. Will those comments come to the Communications Office or will they come to your office or will they come to us?”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “People have a . . . because it’s all interlinked, they can choose pretty much to whom they want to send the comments. On the budget, that would come to the Communications Office and they will, as soon as they get it, will share with all of us.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Okay, and, Allison, will you be listing our individual e-mail addresses or were you just going to make a compilation of all the folks who contact us?”

**Ms. Ohlman** said, “I think, at this point, what we plan to do is to have all of them come to the suggestion box and then we will disseminate those. Your e-mail addresses are available on the County Commission page and people can access those as well.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “All right, thanks. Look forward to seeing the feedback that way. That’s interesting. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Just a follow up with Commissioner Gwin. Like maybe one

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Commissioner might get something on a certain topic. Can we get something to where we can all see, kind of to get an idea of what's most important to folks? I mean, I might get something on a certain issue . . .

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Commissioner, what we intend to do, and what we would hope that you would do also is once you receive those that you will copy staff and the rest of the Commissioners and that way we will be able to address those issues and everybody will be in the information loop."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "The other question, and I don't know if you touched on this, I was looking at some of the increases in personnel. Does that include the 3%?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you. And I have other questions but I'll wait till later."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioners, any other questions of the Manager at this time. I would like to say, there are a number of staff and department heads and folks here in the audience that have worked on this budget long and hard and we certainly appreciate all of your efforts to get us to this point. And now it will be our task to listen to public comment and move forward. Mr. Manager, would you repeat those dates again for public comment, if the public would like to attend one of our meetings, personally, and then what date the adoption of the budget will be?"

**Mr. Buchanan** said, "July 26th, which is in three weeks, there would be a public hearing that day and then, two weeks after that, is August 9th and that will be the day at which we'll receive some more public comments and then, a little later in that day, we will ask you to adopt the budget."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you very much. Commissioners, do we have a Motion to receive and file this recommended budget?"

### **MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFER FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A, 2000 AND TEMPORARY NOTES, SERIES 2000-1 OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS.**

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

**Mr. Joe L. Norton**, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., greeted the Commissioners and said, "For your consideration today is a resolution which starts the process of financing various Capital Improvement Projects that you have previously approved.

"In the bond issue there are 22 projects, all of which relate to special assessments, and you may recall, we went through a series of hearings earlier in the spring for these 22 projects. All except project number four, are assessed 100% to affected property owners in the street or sewer district that's listed on the screen before you. As you may recall, project number four is K-96 and Greenwich Road interchange project. That is a joint venture between the County and the property adjacent to that equally sharing the cost. That will become apparent here in just a moment.

"This year, we are financing only those 22 special assessment projects, which results in a Bond Issue size

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of \$3,970,000. There are no road and bridge projects for which you are providing capital financing with Bond Issuance during this calendar year. As you can see, there were about \$11,000 worth of special assessments paid in by the property owners during the pay-in period and the \$602,000 number is the County's share of the K-96 and Greenwich interchange, which is, again, being paid from sales tax funds and not being financed over long term. Those special assessment projects being financed, along with the cost of issuance, again, total the amount of funds we have available for the Bond Issue.

"The second part of the project is the financing of new Capital Improvement Projects which you have previously approved and are contained in the Capital Improvement budget. There are 13 projects that have been authorized and are about to get under construction this summer. Public Works has indicated they need approximately \$1,400,000 to provide interim financing for these projects during this summer and fall construction phase and so we are proposing to issue \$1,400,000 in temporary notes for these 13 itemized projects.

"Time schedule, some of these dates you just heard about, but as you may recall, back in April, we went through the assessment hearing process, had the public hearings on May 10th, on the 17th adopted the assessment resolution, which levied assessments for these Capital Projects. Today, we are asking you to adopt the resolution, starting the process of selling the bonds and notes at competitive sale. We anticipate receiving bids on those two issues on July 26th. Again, that's in advance of the budget being adopted, so you will have the information about the exact interest rates and financing information prior to your considering the budget, and then we anticipate actually exchanging securities for money on August 24th, or closing.

"There are a couple of different wrinkles this year in how we propose to sell the bonds and the notes that might be interesting to you. I know you've been furnished copies of these documents, but the things that you're asking to do in the resolution are threefold. One, to approve a notice of bonds sale, which sets forth the parameters under which the bonds will be sold. One thing new this year that we are doing, in addition to our standard 15 year level debt service, is this spring the legislature adopted or modified legislation allowing for electronic bids to be received on bond issues. That law became affective July 1 and to my knowledge we may be the first, or one of the first entities in the State of Kansas to take advantage of this process. We're providing that as an alternative method. Prior law required that we

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receive sealed bids, here in person, which made it cumbersome for some of the national bidders to actually get their bids in and we're trying to attract as much interest as we can, obviously, in this process. So, now with the change of law, we're allowing not only the sealed bid process, but for bidders to fax in their bids, as well as utilizing one of the on-line bidding services. And those people will take bids on behalf of the County, on-line, so a bidder can decide, up to a few seconds before the deadline, what the market is and what best interest rate they can bid and we will have that information. So, this will be a first time for us and so, I think everything will go smoothly, but there might be a bump or two along the road in the new process and we're going to try and work it out and be the guinea pig in the State of Kansas.

“Additionally, on the note issue, we will sell those notes with a maturity date of one year from the time of sale and closing. Again, these will provide these Capital Projects. We have the opportunity then, next summer, to take those notes out in our permanent financing.

“The third thing that we're asking you to do is to approve the preliminary official statement, which will be disseminated, along with the two notices of sale to prospective bidders and, again, we will disseminate these in a normal fashion, as well as providing it on-line through the services of this same intermediary, which will permit those entities that wish to review these documents on-line have the opportunity to do so. I think this will, eventually, cut down on a lot of publication and distribution costs, maybe save a few trees and again, we're trying to be the guinea pig in the State of Kansas on this so, as normal, you're trying to be out front and be the leader in these kinds of activities.

“The preliminary official statement, which I think you have a copy of in your packets, a pretty large document, it's a document which we're asking you to approve and it's probably, if you had one document to look at that gave a broad overview of the demographics and financial condition of the County, this may be it, because included in the appendix to this document, in addition to describing the details of the bonds, are statistical and operating data of the County, the demographic information about its population, changes in valuations, things like that, as well as attaching a copy of the financial report and the auditor's letter, as well as summaries of other documents that will be adopted by you at a later date to authorize the issuance of these bonds. So, it's a pretty comprehensive document and we're asking you to approve that today, so that that document, plus the two notices, will be disseminated in the near future to allow bidders an opportunity to respond by the 26th.

“One thing that we're also intending to continue, as you're probably aware, the County has a very high financial rating that has been issued by the three large rating agencies in New York. Moody's Investor's Service has a double A1 rating on the County, triple A being the highest, which is very, very difficult to get. Double A plus by Fitch, and double A by Standard and Poors. And we anticipate requesting a

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reconfirmation of those ratings, as well as the ratings on the notes, and the County has received the highest rating categories for its temporary financing.

“So, a brief overview of what we intend to do over the next few weeks, with your consent. I’ll be available to answer any questions. Members of the Finance Department are here. They’ve worked extensively, along with the Financial Advisor, in getting these documents put together and ready for dissemination and they’re also here and available to answer questions, as you might have, prior to considering the resolution.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you very much, Joe. A couple of quick questions. On the ratings that Sedgwick County receives by the rating agencies, when you say double A1, are these next to the highest or are there several more above? Could you just clarify the rankings for us and for the citizens?”

**Mr. Norton** said, “The general rating category, the highest is triple A, then double A, then single A, you get down to the Bs. Within each category of A and double A, there is also gradient of the highest and lowest within that range. With respect to Moody’s Investors Service, 1 being the highest, 2 being the middle, and 3 being the lowest. So, the double A1 that we have there is the next highest rating to triple A. Likewise, for Fitch Investor Service, we have a double A plus. They use a double A plus, a double A and a double A minus. We have the double A plus, again, being the next in line to a triple A category. And it’s very, very difficult to get that triple A. There was just a handful across the country that have achieved that status.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “So, those are very good . . . we wish we had triple A ratings, but we’re at next to the highest rating level.”

**Mr. Norton** said, “Right, I think they have reviewed again this year and we don’t anticipate any problem in reconfirming those. The Finance Department staff will coordinate with those people and we’ll get that feedback before the 26th.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you. I have a question for Chris Chronis. Chris, if you’d please come forward.

“Chris, I know that we all realize that, as Commissioners, it is our responsibility to make sure that these disclosure and everything is in proper order and that everything that is presented here, on behalf of Sedgwick County, is correct. That’s our responsibility. I guess I’d like to ask you again for your

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assurances of the compiling of all of these documents and the accuracy therein and that all of these disclosures are proper and accurate, as far as you're concerned?"

**Mr. Chris Chronis**, Chief Financial Officer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, sir. They're accurate and thorough to the best of our ability. You sign the preliminary offering statement, as the Chairman of the governing body and I sign it as the Chief Financial Officer, so I'm on the hook as well."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Okay, very good. And then, just a question for you, Joe. You concur with that, that these disclosures and all of this information seems to be in the best form possible?"

**Mr. Norton** said, "Yes, I do and we're gradually updating and improving that document on a year by year basis and I think it's getting better all the time and I think we also have a responsibility, if anything comes to our attention that we believe is misinformation, we'll point that out. We've had several conferences, the Finance Department staff working with the Financial Advisor, getting this document ready to go. So, I'm very comfortable with the process."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you. Commissioner Sciortino."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is probably to Joe, and it's probably in the form of a comment. I just want you to tell me whether my feeling is correct. I sat in on a couple of those bond sessions, where we were talking to people about our rating, and the sense that I got is probably the one big reason why we didn't quite get the triple A was our dependence on one industry heavily and that's sort of out of our control. Is that not true? That was the sense that I got from those meetings."

**Mr. Norton** said, "I believe I concur with your analysis. It seems like the first question we get every time we talk to those folks is 'are you still as dependent upon the aircraft industry, what's going on with Boeing'. As you probably are aware, over the past several years the economy has diversified greatly, becoming less dependent on one industry, but still a major factor and I think, because of that, they are a little hesitant to do the triple A, although as I say, there might be a handful of triple As around the country. That's very unusual to get. So, I think we probably have the highest rating that we can reasonably expect to get for a community of our size."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Great, thank you. That was all I wanted to know."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Thank you, Commissioner. This does not require a public hearing but just

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adoption of the resolution.”

**Mr. Norton** said, “That is correct.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, Commissioners, any other questions regarding this resolution authorizing the offer for sale of General Obligation Bonds? Any other questions?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you, Joe. Thank you, Chris. Next item.”

**F. AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF BENTLEY, KANSAS FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY TO PROVIDE CODE INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.**

**Mr. Glen Wiltse**, Director, Code Enforcement Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “This agreement is for Code Enforcement to provide building inspection, electrical, plumbing and mechanical inspections with the City of Bentley. This is the first time Bentley has ever requested that service from us, so this is a new contract, not a renewal. They currently have one small subdivision that there are some new houses being built in and I believe they have plans for one more subdivision that they’re requesting our services in.”

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**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you, Glen. Commissioners, questions or comments?"

**MOTION**

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

Chairman Winters seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**G. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

- 1. CONTRACT WITH STATE OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE) AS A PARTICIPATING MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.**

**Ms. Deborah Donaldson**, Director, Division of Human Services, greeted the Commissioners and said,

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“This first item is our yearly contract with the State, establishing COMCARE as the participating mental health center. In that contract we provide services to a targeted population, which are adults and children who are at risk of State hospitalization or returning from a State hospital. Through that contract we provide a variety of services, many of which are non-traditional services, such as case management, attendant care, respite care, or quite frankly, any service that will benefit the consumer and their families to help them stay within our community.

“The amount of the contract is \$5,987,374. I’ll be glad to answer any questions.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. Commissioners, questions or comments? Seeing none, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Next item.”

- 2. AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM M. MERCER, INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION SERVICES DESIGNED TO EVALUATE COMCARE'S CURRENT BUSINESS PRACTICES AND INFORMATION SYSTEM.**

**Ms. Donaldson** said, “Commissioners, this particular agreement deals with what we are finding as

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increasing complex financial management in behavioral health and we're anticipating that it has become more complex and will probably do that, increasingly so, over the next five to ten years. William M. Mercer is a company that deals with behavioral health on a national level, has worked with some of the best mental health centers in this country, in terms of helping them put business practices in place. They will work with us, in terms of our current business practices and work with us to develop a RFP for new software which will help in terms of managing all the financial aspects of the organization.

"The amount is \$231,000, over the next year. Those are State funds. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you. Debbie, in your experience, you're confident that William Mercer Incorporated is a good, reputable company and the best we could be using on this kind of a project?"

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "I think they're one of the best in the nation."

**Chairman Winters** said, "Very good. Well, it is apparent that our COMCARE system is really approaching that of a medium sized health care delivery system in this world. I mean, this is a big deal and we need to make sure that we're using the best financial practices possible and the best monitoring possible. And you're confident that we can get that from this company."

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Yes, they work with some very large mental health organizations and systems, so they've already kind of . . . they've been there, they've already done this for many other organizations, where states have been ahead of us, in terms of their financial management."

**Chairman Winters** said, "And you've done personal interviews with them, you've talked to this company?"

**Ms. Donaldson** said, "Yes, we have. In fact, they have come and spent time with us, including our Financial Department."

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

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think this is just in a form of a compliment. I want to compliment you for realizing that the department is growing and that maybe there is now a need for some outside help or evaluation, to see how you can do your job better. I've had personal experience,

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in my past life, where sometimes a department head could get defensive and you know ‘why are they doing this’ etcetera and so forth and I just want to compliment you and your staff for looking at this project as a way to grow and a way to improve. And I just want to compliment you on that.”

**Ms. Donaldson** said, “Thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, you’ve heard the report on this item. What’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, “Next item.”

- 3. AGREEMENT WITH DERBY RECREATION COMMISSION TO PROVIDE PREVENTION FUNDING FOR A DERBY OUTREACH PROGRAM PROVIDING AND MANAGING ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN THE OAKLAWN COMMUNITY.**

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**Ms. Donaldson** said, “Commissioners, this particular item involves Derby Recreation Commission, who will be providing a number of activities for children in the Oaklawn community. They will be providing those services to 300 youth, ages kindergarten through eighth grade. The amount is for \$22,267, and these are out of the County’s prevention fund. I would recommend your approval.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, questions or comments?”

**MOTION**

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**H. ADDITION OF ONE DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES POSITION, RANGE 21, TO THE SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO STAFFING TABLE.**

**Mr. Mark Reed**, Director, Sedgwick County Zoo, greeted the Commissioners and said, “We are asking

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for a request to add the Director of Volunteer Services range 21, to the Zoo's staffing table. Presently, this position is currently an employee of the Sedgwick County Zoological Society. The Zoological Board of Trustees has approved this request and I mistakenly said unanimously in our notes and it should be noted that Commissioner Betsy Gwin abstained from this vote, pending this Commission Meeting this morning, to shift funding to the County side of the zoo operation. This job supports more accurately the operational aspects of the zoo. This position recruits and provides volunteers for all operational departments. In fact, presently, with about 950 active volunteers, this position oversees the equivalent of 20 full time equivalency for the Zoo's operational departments. This seemed like a good time to bring this forward, as we have a vacancy in this position at this time.

"There is actually no financial impact, as the funding to the Zoo comes in a form of block grant. While, in the next year and a half, this does equal \$65,000 worth of salary and benefits, this will lessen the amount of the County's contribution from this block grant, as all monies surplus to the employee benefits and salaries goes to our infrastructure repair. It is my pledge and the intent of the Board, the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee of the Zoological Society to make up this difference so that the infrastructure funding will continue at its present rate of about a half million dollars a year.

"If you have any questions, I'll be glad to go over them at this time."

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks for the clarification, Mark. I wanted them to know that I had abstained so I could participate in this aspect of the discussion.

"The Zoological Society has employees and the County has employees at the Zoo. Remind me again what the differences are."

**Mr. Reed** said, "Under the agreement, it is determined that the employees of the County should be those that provide direct operational support to the operating of the Zoo on a day to day basis. The Zoological Society employees are those that deal with the development, marketing, public relations, special event aspects of the Zoo, the guest services, which means the restaurant and the gift shops and the rides and the

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security of the guests/ visitors and then the financial department, which monitors the money that the Society brings in. Jointly, we have about 99 full time employees, of which about 19 are Society and the rest are Sedgwick County Zoo employees.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Well, in the analysis of this position, then, I would think that a volunteer services position would certainly have a lot to do with operations. If this person is going to oversee 950 volunteers, and you point out, which would be 20 FTEs (full time employees), if you hired them. I’m assuming that’s a savings of several hundreds of thousands of dollars, because volunteers do the work and we don’t have to hire the employees to do it.”

**Mr. Reed** said, “It equates out to about a quarter of a million dollars worth of savings and it’s a program that we’re greatly proud of. It is looked upon by other zoos. We just had the Baltimore Zoo out to come and do an assessment on our volunteer program and we have had an active department and we’ve helped a lot of other people, in other non-profits here in town, take a look at their volunteer services, too.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Well, the volunteer services person who’s leaving is a wonderful person. We’ll miss her but this individual, I think, will fill her shoes very well because she’s familiar with the program. I certainly believe this is an appropriate addition to the staffing table. This person is an integral part of the operations of the Zoo, in overseeing those wonderful people who give their time to help make it better. So, I would recommend that we support Mr. Reed’s request.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, very good. Are there other questions or comments? Seeing none, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the addition to the Sedgwick County Zoo Staffing Table.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Absent

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

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

**I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' JUNE 29, 2000 REGULAR MEETING.**

**Mr. Darren Muci**, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have Minutes from the June 29th meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts and I would note that the County Manager has a counter-recommendation regarding Item #6, which we'll get to. First, there are six items for consideration.

**(1) PAVING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS  
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS**

"Item 1 is paving and drainage improvements for Public Works Suncrest Addition. It was recommended to accept the low bid of APAC- Kansas, \$149,407.20.

**(2) HELPDESK PROBLEM/ CHANGE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS  
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**

"Item 2 is a helpdesk problem/ change management software for the Division of Information and Operations. It was recommended to accept the only proposal received of Goldmine Software Corporation, at \$43,506. And Commissioners, I would note that is actually a typo. That amount should be \$44,506.

**(3) ELECTROMECHANICAL SIRENS- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

"Item 3, electromechanical sirens for Emergency Management. It was recommended to accept the only bid received of Blue Valley Public Safety. That amount is \$19,422.

**(4) T-1 CIRCUIT- DISTRICT COURT**

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**FUNDING: BYRNE GRANT- IMAGING**

“Item 4 is the line lease of a T-1 circuit for the District Court. This is Byrne Grant money from Southwestern Bell Telephone Corporation. That amount, over a three year period, is \$10,912.

- (5) **MULTI-CHANNEL DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEM MAINTENANCE-  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS  
FUNDING: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES**

“Item 5 is a multi-channel digital recording system maintenance agreement with Dictaphone Corporation. Dictaphone is the provider and manufacturer of this current system. It was recommended to accept the only proposal received of \$25,333.

- (6) **PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES- BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
COUNTY COUNSELOR, TREASURER AND DIVISION OF FINANCE  
FUNDING: DIVISION OF FINANCE & TREASURER**

“And item 6 is the publication of legal notices. This is the selection of the official County newspaper. The original recommendation was to accept the proposal of the Derby Daily Reporter. There are four pages in your backup that supports that recommendation. After some discussion, however, it was moved to accept the proposal of the Wichita Eagle. I’ll be happy to take questions, and again, there are four pages of backup that follow.

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- (7) **TOILET TISSUE- DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS  
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**
- (8) **FIRE GEAR- FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

“And I’m sorry, Commissioners, there are two items that were tabled for reviewed. Item 7, toilet tissue for the Division of Information and Operations and fire gear for the Fire Department. Both of those bids are being reviewed.

“Commissioners, I’ll be happy to take questions and recommend approval of the Minutes of the Board

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of Bids and Contracts. I expect some discussion on Item 6.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right, thank you, Darren.”

**Mr. Buchanan** said, “Mr. Chairman, if it would please the Commission, there is an issue regarding Item #6 that I think needs to come to your attention. The process of developing the Bid Boards, almost a decade and a half ago or longer, of the Board of County Commissioners was to use employees of Sedgwick County to review bids and make recommendations to you what they thought was the best purchase for this organization. And the Bid Board process has served us well. As you know, the Director of Purchasing staffs the Bid Board process, and so it is an awkward position for him to come to you on a precedent that we don’t want to change. For him to come with an alternative recommendation from the Bid Board.

“In Item #6, the vote was about our official newspaper. There is no law, that we could find, that requires it to be a daily publication. We have found that the daily publication is the most effective and helpful way for us. We have, since I’ve been here, on several occasions, one had to do with a budget publication, so that we could get the budget adopted, one had to do with a tax publication, a notice on taxes. I’ve been in situations where timeliness had to do with zoning resolutions and developmental . . . someone wanted to do some development and we needed to adopt . . . put things in the newspaper, advertise the public hearings, so that we could get on with the process. There are systems in place to do that thoughtfully and with lots of planning ahead of time. But systems don’t always work, especially when there’s folks involved, and so to wait a whole week for publication is sometimes not helpful or effective. Now, that’s a flexibility that we could give up, but what would be the benefit to do that? Would the benefit be a lower cost? Would the benefit be more readers? Which gets into the whole issue of readership and how legal publications are used in newspapers.

“We know that in the last several years the readerships of newspapers have decreased significantly. It’s an industrial . . . it is an industry standard. Newspapers continue to struggle. We know that the newspapers that have done surveys, including a newspaper recently, that I’m aware of, they own some small newspapers, some smaller market newspapers in Michigan and Florida, and Alabama, concluded that the least read section in the newspaper. . . Newspaper readership is going down. The least read section is the legals. That people get the legal notices through other means. That this is a requirement, based in State law, so that the public could be officially notified. You and I know that if we want to notify the public of our actions we either have to buy an ad, create a story, do a news release, send letters, do something else. If we waited for just the newspaper to do that for us, the public would not be informed.

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“After taking all of those factors into consideration, and because of price, I am recommending to you that you consider continuing business with the Daily Reporter. They continue to serve us well. It’s a relationship that’s developed over several years. It’s the lowest price. People are used to that, finding the legal notices in that newspaper and therefore, I would respectfully disagree with the majority of the Bid Board and recommend the Daily Reporter.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “Thank you. You know, since I’ve been a Commissioner, I think the Bid Board has served us well over the years and I rely on their judgment and their recommendation a great deal and I think it really takes away any kind of bias or favoritism that one Commissioner may think about a particular product or service. This is really a pretty challenging Bid Board item and maybe one of the most challenging since I’ve been a Commissioner. We’ve got some newspapers here, the Daily Reporter has done a fine job but you’ve got newspapers that are in other Commission districts that Commissioners have a special attachment to, a relationship over the years and, you know, to me the Bid Board process, in this case is . . . maybe didn’t meet all of the expectations that I’d hoped they would but I don’t know how comfortable I am in making those kinds of changes. I guess, as I talk here, I’m trying to decide if this is an item that we need to take action on today. If we need to defer this while we think. If we need to send this back to the Bid Board for further consideration. So, I’d be open to any kind of comments. Commissioner McGinn.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is very difficult, if you look at the different items that were in the matrix. Some were very positive and some were negative and then trying to balance it all out. Darren, what is the frequency of reporting, right now, on average? We put it in on what day?”

**Mr. Muci** said, “We have items, Commissioner, that are submitted for publication daily. Not all of those items come from the Commission or the County Counselor or the County Manager’s Office. We have publication items from the District Court as well. In fact, they are a sizable contributor of items. So, I would suggest that a majority of what we do here, being in this room, would come down on a Wednesday or a Thursday but that would not be the case, and our County Manager, Mr. Buchanan noted that there are times when we have to have things done immediately. And that may be a Monday or a Tuesday or a Friday.”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “Well, in looking at the matrix, also, I guess, I’m a little uncomfortable with the matrix and then I’m also a little uncomfortable with the distribution. I was real surprised to see that the Times Sentinel is at 3,600 and the Daily Reporter is at 2,000. Times Sentinel also has a very good price that they quoted. On the matrix, have we ever published on a weekend?”

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**Mr. Muci** said, "Not to my knowledge, Commissioner."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "So, given the Eagle a three on that really isn't a factor because we don't ever take advantage of the weekend."

**Mr. Muci** said, "I would hate to say that we never have. I do not recall that we ever have, during my tenure here."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay, and then on item B, I see here that the Ark Valley News, or the Mount Hope Carion, they have a little different sizing, without seeing it, you couldn't determine if it would make a difference. Did you ask them to send that to you?"

**Mr. Muci** said, "No, ma'am, I did not. We were very clear, and these are based upon statutory requirements in the actual sizing that's required, so that score is based upon that."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Okay, but with an unknown they received a lower score."

**Mr. Muci** said, "That's correct. They are required to respond to the request for a proposal and the proposal guidelines. We've identified that."

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Because we have those papers and size, just another question that I had . . . I don't know, I guess I would like to have one more week on this because, given the distribution rate and given the cost of the differences between some of these and also I see that one paper said that they would even be willing to do a special publication, if needed. Another thing is, a lot of these papers are on-line now. I don't know if we take advantage of that. The fact that people can get that information that way as well. So, that's kind of where I'm at."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you. I'm going to take just the prerogative of the Chair, here, to make a comment and a suggestion. I see Commissioner Sciortino and Gwin both have comments. If I had my . . . kind of thinking out loud, I'd like to see us return this to the Bid Board. Tell them that we're not going to accept the high bid and that they need to deal with this issue of weekly versus daily. It's just a suggestion. Commissioner Sciortino."

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**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll go along with what the majority of the Board wants to do on that, as far as deferring it. But the reason that I would be supporting changing it and going with staff's recommendation of the Daily Reporter is based on two factors. One, I'm convinced, from hearing from staff, that there are times that, not only this Board, but other entities within this governing body, need a timely insertion for their publication and at least they're convinced, and I'm certainly not going to try to override what the professionals tell me, is that a daily publication is very advantageous to have. Now, that leaves us, if that premise is correct, if the majority of us believe that, that leaves us with two choices, the Wichita Eagle and the Daily Reporter. There's no question about it that the Wichita Eagle has a much larger circulation than the Daily Reporter but I don't know that circulation of legal notices is that important. I, for one, and I would challenge any of you, I have never picked up my newspaper and said 'oh, good, there's five pages of small printed legal documents, I can't wait to read these'. So, I don't think any casual viewer, if we could say it was exposed to 'x' number of more people, is going to get legal publications read.

"The second thing, and I guess it goes along with the message we're trying to convey to the people that serve us, this company has done a very, very commendable job for us for years. I've heard from staff that, I think, over . . . how many years have we used the Daily Reporter?"

**Mr. Muci** said, "It's more than fifteen, probably close to twenty."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "Okay, close to twenty years and if I understand it correctly, it's only probably been two or three times, in that twenty years, that we've had to ask for a reprint because of an error."

**Mr. Muci** said, "That's probably correct."

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, "And I think that the difference . . . well, even if we were looking at a weekly, the difference in prices between the Times Sentinel and Daily Reporter is \$1,400 a year, but my reason for wanting to go with the Daily Reporter is based on the fact that we do need a daily paper and I think their price is very reasonable, plus the fact that they've served us very, very well over the last twenty years and I think we should continue staying with them. I'm prepared to vote for it. If the will of the Board is to defer it back to Bids and Contracts that would be fine, as long as maybe staff could convey to them the needs for a daily paper and maybe emphasizing maybe there isn't a need for that much emphasis being done on circulation."

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

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I concur, generally, with Commissioner Sciortino. I think what the Bid Board did, in giving us this recommendation, I think they debated. I think they probably determined it needs to be a daily paper. I think by . . . you wouldn't choose the most expensive one if they didn't understand that it needed to be a daily publication. So, I think they get that part. I think about the things that come across this Bench, as we make decisions on Wednesdays, but then as Darren and Bill pointed out, there's a lot of important information that needs to be legally published that come from the courts in this building and they work every day and those publications of divorces, estates, whatever else that come in and out of here, that folks need, legally, they don't need to read it, as Ben said, in the small print, but they need it to be done so that they may proceed with their lives and go about their business. I feel strongly that needs to be done on a daily basis, as the courts and others need it to be made. I don't think I want to hold up anyone for a week, when a lot of times they need that answer today, they need that publication today and they need to move on to the next step.

"I also understand the Bid Board looking at a circulation that says, my goodness, if the taxpayers are going to pay to meet the guidelines that the State has set, maybe we ought to make sure that that publication get to as many people as possible. That's a noble idea if the cost were the same. Since it is not, and by quite a bit, I would agree with the Manager and with Commissioner Sciortino that I think this Board needs to, whether it's override the decision or whatever, but to select the Daily Reporter because it's a daily paper and I think that's integrally important. It's the least expensive of the two daily papers and again, it's not so much that folks clamor to go reading this. So, it's not so much the circulation for me as it is the complying with the statutes that govern this publication notice and I think we need to be as frugal, in complying with that State requirement, as we can be and yet as efficient, and to respond as quickly as we can. So, I would agree with the Manager and Commissioner Sciortino. I think it needs to be the Daily Reporter. I don't know if we have a majority here and I guess I can wait and see.

"I do have a question of Rich Euson. Once we've . . . I know we send things back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration and I know we've deferred discussion or decisions on recommendations from the Board of Bids and Contracts but at least two of us have sat up here and said what our opinions are. Is it appropriate that we send this back to them for reconsideration, if we don't feel like we're comfortable voting on it today?"

**Mr. Rich Euson**, County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I just don't see that there's any down side or inappropriateness to sending this back to the Bid Board. Obviously, they struggled with

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it and I just don't see that there's any problem with doing that."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "All right, I just wanted to know. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

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

**Commissioner McGinn** said, "Thank you. I think what this really boils down to is the subscribers versus the frequency of distribution versus the cost and I think I can understand the frequency of distribution, having that available to you. So, now we're down to subscribers versus costs and I think that's the thing I kind of toyed with. We are trying to get as much information out to as many people as possible. The other side of it is Wichita Eagle is thirty some thousand dollars more expensive than the other. Too bad that can't be more of a public service announcement price range, but it isn't. I guess, this is a big change for us. We've used the Daily Reporter for 20 years and if we could put it off one more week, just to think about it one more time, I would like to be able to do that."

**Chairman Winters** said, "All right, thank you. Well, I would support deferring this for another week. So, if I count that's kind of two to two. If someone would like to make a Motion, one way or the other, we'll see which way we head."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "May I ask the County Counselor something?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "Yes."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "If we would consider a Motion that ends up in a two/ two vote, how does that affect the recommendation of the Bid Board? What I'm saying, it doesn't take . . . we wouldn't be approving it if we set this one out. Could we approve the rest of the Bid Board and set this aside and vote on it?"

**Mr. Euson** said, "Yes, I think you can do that and if you have a two/ two vote, it's just a failure to take action and there's nothing that says that the Bid Boards recommendation takes precedence over your failure to take action, if that's what you mean."

**Commissioner Gwin** said, "Okay, that's where I was going with that. So, first may I make a recommendation to approve the . . . ?"

**Chairman Winters** said, "Let me just see if there's any other questions? Are there any other questions

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of clarification concerning Item 6?”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have one also of Mr. Euson. I think it’s good that we maybe set this one aside, vote on the rest of the bids and contracts, so we can get that out of the way but then, if it goes two to two, what happens then? Say we don’t get the Motion to approve, we don’t get the Motion to send it back to Bids and . . . I’m just asking. Then what happens? It just stays in limbo?”

**Mr. Euson** said, “It really stays in limbo until it comes back up on the Agenda and it’s up to somebody to place it back on the Agenda.”

**Commissioner Sciortino** said, “Okay. All right, thank you.”

**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. If there are no other questions concerning the Bid Board, what’s the will of the Board?”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the recommendations of the Board of Bids and Contracts with the exception of Item 6.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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**Chairman Winters** said, “All right. Concerning Item 6, what’s the will of the Board?”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Well, Mr. Chairman, in the interest of not having us take any action, I’d be comfortable, I guess, making a Motion to defer it a week.”

**MOTION**

Commissioner Gwin moved to defer Item 6 for a week.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

**Mr. Chairman** said, “Would the Motion include sending this back to the Bid Board or for their reconsideration?”

**Commissioner McGinn** said, “To me, it’s more my comfort level and, I mean, if we don’t want to send it back to them, I’m okay with that. I think it more of us just filtering through it.”

**Commissioner Gwin** said, “Okay, that’s what I was thinking. That it may take us a little while to kind of get to where . . .”

**Chairman Winters** said, “This Item then will be deferred for one week, depending on the outcome of this vote. We have a Motion and a Second to defer for one week. Any other discussion. Seeing none, call the vote.”

**VOTE**

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

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**J. CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

- a. Two Temporary Construction Easements for Sedgwick County Project - Brookhaven Sanitary Sewer - Phase I; Minneha Township. District #1.
- b. One Sanitary Sewer Easement for Sedgwick County Project - SE Corner, US-54 and 151st Street West. District #3.

**2. 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>
V99045	\$138.00	\$205.00
V98029	\$82.00	\$142.00
C94064	\$155.00	\$138.00
C95092	\$258.00	\$284.00
V96065	\$147.00	\$142.00
V74001	\$270.00	\$283.00

**3. Order dated June 28, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**

**4. General Bills Check Register of June 30, 2000.**

**5. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

**MOTION**

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

**Chairman Winters** said, "We have no Sewer or Fire Agenda. Is there other business to come before this Board?"

**K. OTHER**

**MOTION**

Commissioner McGinn moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into Executive Session for 60 minutes to consider consultation with Legal Counsel on matters privileged in the Attorney/ Client relationship relating to legal advice in personnel matters of non-elected personnel and that the Board of County Commissioners return from Executive Session no sooner than 11:50 a.m.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

**VOTE**

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

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

**The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners recessed into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. and returned at 12:10 p.m.**

**Chairman Winters** said, "We're back to order. Let the record show there's four Commissioners here. Let the record show that there was no binding action taken in Executive Session. Is there other business to come before this Meeting? Mr. Counselor? Then this Meeting is adjourned."

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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

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

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**CAROLYN McGINN**, Chair Pro Tem  
Fourth District

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**BETSY GWIN**, Commissioner  
First District

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**BILL HANCOCK**, Commissioner  
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**BEN SCIORTINO**, Commissioner  
Fifth District

ATTEST:

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**James Alford**, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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