

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 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, September 20, 2000 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Bill Hancock; Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Dr. Timothy Rohrig, Director of Forensic Science Laboratories; Mr. Mark Clark, Assistant Chief Deputy Appraiser, Appraiser's Office; Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, Comprehensive Community Care; Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum; Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department; Mr. Jerry Phipps, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department; Mr. Rodney Horton, Telecommunications Manager; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Connie Pace, Conference Coordinator, Inter-Faith Ministries

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Reverend Tom Harder of the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, August 16, 2000
 Regular Meeting, August 23, 2000
 Special Meeting, August 29, 2000

The Clerk reported that Chairman Winters was absent at the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2000, that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2000, and the Special Meeting of August 29, 2000.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've had an opportunity to review the Minutes. What's the will of the Board regarding the Minutes of August 16?"

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MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2000.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "The Regular Meeting of August 23rd and the Special Meeting of August 29th."

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 29, 2000.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

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YOUR COUNTY SERVICES

A. REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, each week we take a few moments to take a special closer look at a particular County department. This morning we're going to hear a bit about the Forensic Science Center."

Dr. Timothy Rohrig, Director of Forensic Science Laboratories, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The Forensic Science Laboratories is a component of the Regional Forensic Science Center. I'm fairly new back to Kansas and when I'm walking around meeting new neighbors and new people and they ask where I work, I say 'Well, I work for the Regional Forensic Science Center'. Sometimes I get this kind of blank stare, well what is that?"

"Well, the Regional Forensic Science Center, when I explain it to them, I use other terms they become more familiar with. That is the coroner's office or the crime or the crime laboratory. The Regional Forensic Science Center is that but much more. We're a relatively small department, however, we do a lot of work within the County and also outside of the County. When I talk about the coroner's office or the crime laboratory, that kind of describe's the two divisions that we have within the center.

"The Coroner's Office or our Pathology Division, their main charge is to investigate unnatural, unusual violent deaths that occur within our County. The center is headed by Dr. Mary Dudley and she is also our District Coroner that oversees all the death investigations within the County. In many cases at scenes of violent death, our medical investigators will go out and, in concert with law enforcement, will investigate this death. Now some people are questioning why do we have the police out doing an investigation and our medical investigators out doing the investigation. Well, they have kind of different roles. Our medical investigators function is to collect the medical evidence. They are the eyes and the ears of the pathologist, to help us understand what occurred at that scene.

"But sometimes we think of the Coroner's Office as dealing just with the dead. The pathologists have another function, and a very important function. That is, they are consulted on a frequent basis on cases of child abuse that does not necessarily result in death or elder abuse which does not necessarily result in death. So, many times they are called to examine a patient to determine pattern injuries and things like that. We provide not only services to the deceased, but we also provide services to the living. That is a public health role for our agency.

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"Now, the crime lab is actually a component of the Forensic Science Laboratories. The Forensic Science Laboratories are divided into three major sections. We have toxicology. This is the laboratory that does the drugs and poisons, if you will. We provide service to the coroner, the medical examiner. That is, we take specimens retrieved at autopsies and look at them for drugs and poisons to determine whether or not these items played a role in the death.

"Also, another major function is we assist in the enforcement of our driving laws. That is driving under the influence of alcohol or driving under the influence of drugs. A lot of our case work that comes in, we assess blood samples removed from drivers to determine whether or not they were intoxicated by alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, or a variety of other drugs that can significantly impair driving and cause a wreck. Also, kind of a new venture for the tox lab, is drug facilitated sexual assault is becoming more prominent nowadays. It is nothing really new. It has been around for many many years in the sense that alcohol was the drug of choice. But now, other drugs are being used to intoxicate victims and then to assault them.

"The next section in the laboratory is the Forensic Biology or the DNA laboratory, where we perform sophisticated DNA analysis to identify whether or not an individual, through blood analysis and other bodily fluid analysis, was present at a crime scene, donated the samples that were collected during a sexual assault. Sometimes we get focused on the lab's focus is to get the bad guy. We also play a very major role to make sure that we don't get the wrong guy. A lot of the stuff we do will exonerate a particular individual, saying this isn't the guy that committed that crime. This isn't the guy that was there at that scene. We kind of have this unbiased role. We just go in and use our scientific tools to determine whether or not this individual was present, donating his bodily fluid at that particular crime scene.

"The third section of the laboratory is the criminalistic section or what most people commonly think of as the crime laboratory. We have a firearm section where we will examine firearms to determine functionality. We will look at projectiles and casings to see if material found at this scene was the same as the material found in another crime scene to see if the same gun was used in a serial crime. Or if we find projectiles or casings at a scene and a suspect is arrested with a weapon, we can determine whether or not that weapon was used to fire these projectiles that were found at a particular scene.

"Another section within the criminalistic laboratory is our arson analysis, where one of our arson chemists will examine fire debris to determine whether or not an accelerant was used in this arson fire and aid in the prosecution in that particular case. We have the drug identification section, which if somebody gets arrested with a bag of white powder we think it is cocaine. We can do chemical analysis to prove that yes, in fact, this is cocaine or some other dangerous controlled substance.

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"Finally, within the crime lab is of the criminalistic laboratory is our trace evidence section. This is kind of the catch all section where we will examine evidence retrieved from a crime scene and look for very minute pieces of information, hairs or fibers, or maybe a very small piece of glass. A lot of this stuff can only be detected and found by utilizing a microscope. We're looking for very small pieces of evidence that sometimes can make a major lead in a particular case investigation of a crime.

"We service a lot of users within this County, law enforcement, public health. We work closely with the S.A.N.E. program, that's the Sexual Assault Nurse Exam, collecting evidence, training them on the proper collection of evidence. Our health department and a variety of other agencies that on occasion we do work with and consult with to make their jobs easier and allow them to do their jobs in a better fashion. That is kind of a real quick brief overview of the Forensic Science Center, and I do thank you for the opportunity to talk a little bit about our small department."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Tim. I guess I'd like to know just a little bit about your background and where you came from. You mentioned you're back home. Were you originally from this area and gone and back. Where are you from?"

Dr. Rohrig said, "I claim I am from Kansas, and that is home. I grew up in the Kansas City area and I have family down here in Wichita. People ask if I know Wichita and I tell them I've been coming to Wichita for 44 years. I'm quite familiar with the city and this is like my second home. My parents grew up here, so Wichita is kind of my annex home.

"I actually started my career in forensics in the State of Kansas. I worked for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in their forensic science laboratory and didn't leave too far from home. I went down as the Deputy Director and then Director of the Medical Examiner's laboratory for the State of Oklahoma. I ventured into the private arena for a few years and found that I liked public service better than the corporate world, but the corporate experience was still in the laboratory business. Then I was asked to help consolidate and direct a regional forensic science center in upstate New York. I was there for two years, but the opportunity to come back home presented itself so I jumped on it."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. I appreciate that. I think I'd like to ask you for kind of an

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unbiased opinion. I know working for Sedgwick County and working at the facility you probably have some biases. Eight years ago we had no such facility as where we work now in the Forensic Science Center. We're very proud of that facility because we did start from scratch. Before that, our coroner was working in a quonset hut building. I think sometimes we forget what kind of a facility that has been to the community and a plus as we look at the issues that you clearly talked about, whether it's crime or public health or safety. As you've been around the country, how do you rate this facility? Maybe there are lots of ways one could rate a facility, but I know we continue to improve and add to the DNA laboratory. We continue to make it better. What is your opinion of this facility, with the experience you've had from looking at other facilities around the country?"

Dr. Rohrig said, "I think, going back to my academic experience, I would probably put us right now at a B+. The reason I say that is we have some room to grow, to expand, to enhance. There are no secrets in the forensic community. People knew about Wichita. When I was with the KBI, there was talk of this creation of this center many, many years ago. It was thought of as a very, very good idea. I worked with Dr. Eckhart, who was the coroner that worked out of the quonset hut over the years. There are very few facilities that actually have the forensic laboratories and the coroner or medical examiner in one building. That collaboration, I think, enhances the ability to do a good job just orders and orders of magnitude. In many areas of the country, you'll have the coroner/ medical examiner here, you'll have the crime laboratory here, and a lot of times you lose that communication. In many cases, we'll have our trace analyst actually go and assist at the autopsy, processing the body, looking for very specific things that he or she is trained for. That close collaboration is great.

"When I was a teacher, I hated to give our As, because I always thought there was room for growth. I think we have room for growth at our center here. As far as providing a quality service for our County, but also being good community neighbors, that is providing this service for the outlying regions on a fee for service basis, so we don't use our tax dollars to supplement other counties. None the less, have services available to them, so they can do a quality job for their citizens and be a good neighbor for this part of Kansas."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much. I don't know how you could have come up with a more diplomatic answer. A B+ will probably keep your boss happy and keep us thinking we're on the right road. Very good job. Commissioners, any other questions or comments? We appreciate your being with the facility. We have a lot of confidence with Dr. Dudley. We think there is certainly a good operation, a good physical building and facility. We appreciate the opportunity to get to know you as an employee of Sedgwick County a little better. Thanks for being here today."

Dr. Rohrig said, "Commissioners, thank you."

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Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Commissioners, do I have a motion to receive and file this report?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

B. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2000 AS "CONSTITUTION WEEK."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have a Proclamation I will read for your consideration.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, did ordain and establish a constitution for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it is of the greatest importance that all citizens full understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution in order to support it, preserve it and defend it against

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encroachment; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution provides an historic opportunity for all Americans to learn about and recall achievements of our Founders and to reflect on the rights and privileges of citizenship, as well as its attendant responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the independence guaranteed to the American people by the Constitution should be celebrated by appropriate ceremonies and activities during Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2000 as designated by proclamation of the President of the United States of America in accordance with Public Law 915;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2000 as

"CONSTITUTION WEEK"

and urge all Sedgwick County citizens to pay special attention during that week to our Federal Constitution and the advantage of American Citizenship.

"Dated September 20, 2000.

"Commissioners, that is the Proclamation. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

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

Chairman Winters said, "The people that were going to be here were not able to be here, so Kristi will forward this Proclamation to them. Next item."

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2000 AS "HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, the second Proclamation for your consideration."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, despite a "roaring" economy, levels of low income Kansas families which do not have sufficient food resources remain persistently too high; and

WHEREAS, members of those families suffer from serious adverse health, educational and developmental consequences of hunger and food insecurity, as well as daily emotional stress; and

WHEREAS, data released September 8, 2000 by the U.S. Census Bureau reports that 'children are nearly twice as likely as adults to be living in hungry or food insecure households (16.9% vs. 9.5% of adults);' and

WHEREAS, most of these citizens have not escaped poverty, but continue to struggle with a high cost of living; and

WHEREAS, childhood hunger can be ended through beneficial programs like Women Infant Children, School Breakfast Programs and Pilots; and

WHEREAS, Inter-Faith Ministries' Campaign to End Childhood Hunger is sponsoring the first statewide conference, 'Hunger in the Heartland, It's Up to You and Me' in Wichita on September 23, 2000 to unite Kansans and fight this persistent problem;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of

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Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2000 as

"HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK"

in Sedgwick County, Kansas and encourage all citizens to tell others about this problem, to participate in community anti-hunger activities during this week, and to support the Campaign to End Childhood Hunger in Sedgwick County, and in the State of Kansas.

“Dated September 20, 2000.

"Commissioners, that is the Proclamation. What's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Here to accept the Proclamation is Connie Pace, the Conference Coordinator with Inter-Faith Ministries. Connie, welcome to the Board of County Commissioners meeting and would you like to make a couple of comments about your conference this weekend?"

Ms. Connie Pace, Conference Coordinator, Inter-Faith Ministries, greeted the Commissioners and

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said, "I'm pleased to be here this morning and to, by my presence, just point out that we still do have a problem with hungry children in our State, in our County and in our City. I heard from one of the school nurses, who is involved in the universal free school breakfast pilot that we were awarded through USDA this past may. It is being implemented this fall in Sedgwick County schools. Although they had more than a 400% increase in the number of children attending the school breakfast at that particular school, she is still seeing children with headaches and stomach aches, which indicates that they're coming to school without their breakfast and not attending the school breakfast before they go to class. This points out that children are the innocent victims of circumstances that are beyond their control and we appreciate your signing the proclamation for this week of hunger awareness. We'd invite you to come out and stop into the conference at Rhatigan Student Center, 3rd Floor, Wichita State University, from eight until six on Saturday, the 23rd."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. Is that open to the public or is that an invitation only conference. If people have interest and want to get involved, are they invited to this meeting?"

Ms. Pace said, "Absolutely. It is open to everyone within the State of Kansas and outside. You can just come to the door and if you want to stay all day, we can register you. If you just want to drop in for a session, we have five segments, community, government, schools, families and faith community. You're welcome to sit in at my invitation."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you very much, Connie. We appreciate your being here and good luck this weekend. Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item please."

NEW BUSINESS

C. AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH A. DENGEL & COMPANY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE APPRAISER'S OFFICE.

Mr. Mark Clark, Assistant Chief Deputy Appraiser, Sedgwick County Appraiser's Office, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Today I am bringing before you a contract regarding services provided by Joseph A. Dengel, a nationally renowned appraisal firm. The Cessna Aircraft Company has disputed its 1998 and 1999 values and has contracted with a nationally known appraisal firm to conduct an appraisal of its Wichita facilities.

“Therefore, Joseph A. Dengel & Company will be performing a review appraisal of the Cessna

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appraisal and will testify, if necessary, before the Board of Tax Appeals. The funding for this contract has been budgeted for under Other Professional, in the amount of \$23,700. Currently, within the aircraft manufacturing industry, there is uniformity. The other firms that comprise this industry have accepted their values and therefore we are requesting, respectfully recommending, that the Board approve this contract so that we can maintain uniformity within that industry."

Chairman Winters said, "Thanks, Mark. We have a question. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The cost, I see you have three phases. That covers all three phases. It says two and three are contingent upon the successful completion of one. So, if something happens there, then not all the dollars go out."

Mr. Clark said, "That is correct."

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

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

D. COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE (COMCARE).

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1. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS TO PROVIDE CHILDRENS RESPITE CARE AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES.

Ms. Marilyn Cook, Assistant Director, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said, "This contract sets the rates and conditions for the provision of respite care and psychosocial groups. The contract is with the Mental Health Association and is a renewal of the contract that we had with them previously. Respite care, basically, provides direct care service and supervision to children with severe emotional disturbances. Its intent is to provide relief for the care takers, primarily the parents, from time to time who need some respite from the children who they've been dealing with night and day. Respite care activities can be provided in the child's home. They are typically provided after school or in the evening. Sometimes they involve transporting a child somewhere for the parent.

"This contract also includes sibling respite care, which is a service that many of our families asked for last year during our town hall meeting. They were finding, prior to last year, that while we were providing some relief for the child with a severe emotional disturbance, they never really got a break from all of their children. So, sibling care is part of this contract and involves a four block of time maximum, for all the children to be away from their parents for that amount of time. The contract is for \$60,000. There is no increase in the contract from last year. We're recommending you approve the contract."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin 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

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. ADJUSTMENT TO THE COMCARE STAFFING TABLE TO CHANGE A SOCIAL WORKER POSITION, RANGE 22, FROM .75 TO 1.0 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT.

Ms. Cook said, "This contract involves a contract between and a collaborative effort between USD259 and COMCARE. The contract is called Wrap-Around-Wichita. This was a project that originated last spring, a year ago, after the Columbine incident. The project has a focus on violence prevention. It works to address three components with kids in schools. One is anger management activities. They work to increase empathy on the part of the kids, so they understand what other people are dealing with internally, and to increase impulse control. The Wrap-Around-Wichita project came through the legislative funds that came down the pike last year after legislative session and was supposed to be for three years. There is a requirement that we reapply for this grant every year. Last year, the program was in three schools, in Stanley, Lincoln, and Horace Mann. This year, we decided that we were not as effective as we could have been in three schools. So, we are going to be only operating in Stanley and Lincoln. We selected these schools because of the very strong presence of Communities in Schools in these schools.

"We're looking at increasing the range 22 social work position from a three quarter time position to a full time position and having that individual spend their time 50/50 in both Lincoln and Stanley. We are recommending that you make the change to the COMCARE staffing table and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the adjustment to the COMCARE Staffing Table.

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Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "This person has been at this process and, as you mentioned, this was a result of the Columbine incident and grant money that was received. Could you tell us a little bit about what this person might be doing?"

Ms. Cook said, "They're called school liaison. Their job would be to sit in the child study teams, which are weekly team meetings that teachers and their support staff have at the schools. Each school has identified 15 kids who are at most risk of having violent behavior or out of control behavior in the classroom. Initially, the school liaison will help the teachers and the principle and support staff identify who these kids are. Then will act as a liaison between the school district and COMCARE. Last year, we did an intake on a number of these children and got them into service. In fact, several of the children, 13 of them to be exact, are still in services at COMCARE as a result of that. So, their job would be to connect kids to community services, if they need mental health services, and many of these kids do, to connect them with our system and to go back and forth between our system and the schools and report progress."

Chairman Winters said, "This probably even fits well in with, as we went through our juvenile justice community planning process, one of our areas of concern and one of our focus of our prevention funds has been this anti-social, violent behavior of very young children. I would assume you are probably working with multiple ages here. This program seems to fit well with that community planning team's . . ."

Ms. Cook said, "Absolutely, these are all elementary age kids that we're working with in a preventative kind of way."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. I'm glad to know we're about this project. This is a three year program and this is going to be the second year of the program. This is money from the State?"

Ms. Cook said, "Right."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Commissioners, we've got a motion. Any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote."

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Marilyn. Marilyn, just a moment. We have a State-wide conference going on out at the Airport Hilton. Do you want to make a comment about what all is going on out there?"

Ms. Cook said, "Sure. I'm anxious to get out there. We have every year, the Association of Community Mental Health Centers, which is an association of all 29 mental health centers, holds an annual conference and draws in clinicians and staff from mental health centers and from the private sector all over the state. We alternate that conference between Wichita and the Kansas City/Topeka area every year. So this year it was our turn to host it here. It is at the Airport Hilton and it will be today, tomorrow, and half a day on Friday. There is always a variety of topics on mental health issues. There will be something on HIPA this year for the Health Care Information and Portability sessions on suicide prevention. I'm going to one on emotional intelligence. There is always a wide range of topics."

Chairman Winters said, "Good, we're glad all of those folks are in Sedgwick County this week. We hope it is a successful conference. You and your group of folks at COMCARE are very important to Sedgwick County and any way that you can participate in these state wide events I think is very important. I hope you have a good meeting."

Ms. Cook said, "Thanks, I look forward to it."

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

E. KANSAS COLISEUM.

- 1. RESOLUTION REGARDING USE, DISCHARGE OR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS OR ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AT ANY COUNTY LAKE, PARK**

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OR RECREATIONAL AREA.

Mr. John Nath, Director, Kansas Coliseum, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Currently, there is a prohibition about using archery or firearms in any of the County parks. What this Resolution will do will allow us to allow that if it is an event related activity. For example, the Renaissance Festival we have scheduled for the end of the month. There is the possibility of demonstrating some very very antique firearms. We're working on an outdoor activities expo for next summer where we'd allow the use of some archery exhibitions. We've been talking with several of the school districts to hold a cross country meet that would allow the use of the starter pistol to start the races. So we recommend approval for this. It will only be event related and it will only be in effect if there is a legitimate license to have the event on the property."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. We have a couple of questions. Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. John, I was looking at the back-up material on this and I guess I'm not seeing a time of day constraint or anything. Can we write that in?"

Mr. Nath said, "We can or we certainly could if that's what you like. The first event coming up, the Renaissance Fair is scheduled to be over by 6:00. There is really no nighttime activities planned. They would be sometime during the day."

Commissioner McGinn said, "I thought if you had like two day events going on and folks were camping out, would we have constraints as to . . ."

Mr. Nath said, "This is only for a demonstration during public times and that would be during daylight hours. We can certainly set that in our license when we license the event."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you. John, I guess the only question I would have, I would assume that the reason these prohibitions were first enacted was for the safety factor."

Mr. Nath said, "There could have been some hunting way back then, that's possible."

Chairman Winters said, "I'm talking about how a prohibition against them got on County parks in the beginning. I would think someone would have to be thinking about the safety issue."

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Mr. Nath said, "Safety is always our first concern."

Chairman Winters said, "I'm going to be supportive of this Resolution, but somehow I think we still need to have safety as absolutely the key factor here. I don't know whether it will be up to the discretion of each park director or the manager of each of the parks or facilities to be responsible for that or will there be some guidelines that will be enforced? How will the Commission be confident that we still have this safety factor out there?"

Mr. Nath said, "Commissioner Winters, our intention is to manage this much like we manage the use of indoor fireworks, pyrotechnics in an event. In that case, we have the Sedgwick County Fire Marshall come up and actually have a demonstration of what is going to be used and he either approves it or disapproves it. We plan on doing this with the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department with this instance."

Chairman Winters said, "It won't just be one of your guys, which I'm sure they're all very good, but one of your guys out in the back is going to decide whether this is a safe deal or not?"

Mr. Nath said, "No, we have the experts come and take a look at that."

Chairman Winters said, "Makes sense. I'm happy. Commissioners, other questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin	Aye
Commissioner Bill Hancock	Aye

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

2. MONTHLY REPORT.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Nath said, "For the month of August, of course it winds down our summer and almost really starts to set off the beginning of our season. If there is a theme to this month's report, it may be a little bit of behind the scenes on what the public doesn't see and not everybody has an appreciation of what goes on sometimes behind an event. We started the month with the U.S. Weapons Gun Show, with over 3,000 people in attendance. We had a new event, which was the National Computer Expo, which we set up on the floor of the arena and had over 3,000 people attend that event.

"Then we had the WCW Monday Night Nitro. This is another live televised event that goes nationwide. We had over 4,000 people come to that show. People really get excited about wrestling. They really like it. Occasionally, something happens behind the scenes that really puts everything into perspective. Occasionally, things work out. This came from the public relations department at WCW. The little girl got to meet her hero, Goldberg, their number one wrestler. It is nice to be able to make a kids day that way. That sometimes happens. It doesn't happen all the time. It is really nice to have those kind of things, so you know about it.

"Behind the scenes with the circus. Of course we had the Sedgwick County Fire Department out there helping the elephants get their annual bath, or their daily bath I should say. That is usually a good time. We usually get a pretty good crowd to watch the firemen come out and hose down the elephants. Of course the elephants really enjoy it.

"One of the value added things, what our business is about is expanding the event experience. We do group sales programs along with a lot of the family shows. One of the things that we came up with this year was the ability to have lunch with the animals. We keep the animals in Pavilion I for

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the circus. This way we sold a block of tickets to a company so they could bring their employees and have a value added experience. This became a little more interactive. It is a little bit more about the event. They had about 300 people come over and had lunch right next to the elephants. It was fun having lunch with the animals.

"The circus drew over 20,000 people, one of our better events of the year. It is always fun to have the circus in town. Very good show. Very good family entertainment. We really enjoyed having them around. Of course he doesn't look like he's too pleased with life, but I thought the expression was worth a picture.

"Speaking of expressions, we finished off the month with the Kiss concert, one of the top touring concerts in the country right now. We're real happy to be able to secure that. It looks like this year, and all the numbers aren't in yet, but Elton John, Kiss, the upcoming Dixie Chicks concert and the Creed concert, it looks like we have a very good chance of doing four out of the top ten concerts this year for arena type events.

"Big light show, big smoke show, big pyro show, which the Fire Department checks on prior to the use, but a little behind the scenes, we presented the members of Kiss with Wings jerseys. Of course the Wings now have the opportunity to get a little mileage out of that, like they did with the Elton John presentation. Had 7,000 people in attendance for the Kiss concert. We're very happy with that. That is the end of my presentation. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at this time."

Chairman Winters said, "Questions of John or anything going on at the Kansas Coliseum. John, it was a good report."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

Commissioner Betsy Gwin

Aye

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

Chairman Winters said, "Thanks very much, John. Next item."

F. METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Mr. Marvin Krout, Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Just a monthly report this morning. We had 41 cases filed with the Planning Department in August. Twenty-five of them went to the Planning Commission. They had their usual wrestling matches and circus shows at their meetings in August. The Planning Commission appointed a new Chairman. For your information, it is Chris Carraher, who is an appointee of Bill Gale from the City Council, and Jerry Michaelis who is an appointee of Council Member Pisciotte was appointed as Vice-Chair. So, we have new officers for the Planning Commission.

"We have reviewed, internally, with City/County staff major amendments to the zoning code and are prepared in the next week or so to meet with the subcommittee of the Planning Commission to begin to discuss those items. We also submitted, in August, the wireless master plan and associated ordinance amendments to the City Council and the County Commission and those were both approved as recommended. The land use research division continues working on several neighborhood plans in Delano, Midtown North, and the South Wichita/Haysville area. We also received late notice about the availability of a federal grant to, if we work quickly, by the end of this month, we would be able to create a video on neighborhood planning. We're in the process of doing that. It will help let neighborhoods understand what the benefits are of neighborhood planning and how to go about the process of planning.

"For the County Commissioners' interest, I don't know if you have the information formally yet or not, but the City of Wichita has requested that the County Commission hold a public hearing to consider annexing an island of property in the 45th and Oliver area. We'll process that item for the City Manager's Office and so should be on your agenda soon. We're also proceeding with negotiating with prospective consultants, sending our requests for proposals for assistance with the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.

"In transportation, let me just touch on one item that may be of interest. We prepared for what is called the tri-annually review. It is an audit of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, which is the MAPC as designated by the state and federal government back in 1974. Federal highway

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administrators and transit administrators come in and basically audit the program. Their concerns are with finance and spending, but also with the public involvement program and whether or not the MPO is meeting, in general, all the goals of the federal transportation program because we get a lot of money both for our planning funds and also for construction projects with transportation money. They spent 2 ½ days here in Wichita. They met with the Planning Commission. They held a public meeting in late afternoon, not very highly attended, which I guess is good news in terms of satisfaction.

“We talked about a number of issues and I think that one of the things that they see and we see heading into the future that we're going to begin to look at options for is how the Metropolitan Planning Organization may need to be restructure and expanded in the future to meet future needs. There are a variety of things that are probably going to happen over the next year or two. One is the new census information will be coming out. The chances are that Andover will become part of the official urbanized area as defined by the federal government and need to be a part of the decision-making for federal transportation funds into Butler County. There is also a good chance the Sumner County, by the new definitions of metropolitan statistical areas, by its commuting pattern is likely to become a part of the metropolitan statistical area. There is also the possibility that the area may not continue to meet its air quality standards as proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency for ozone. If that occurs, then EPA is likely to identify a multi-county area for the Metropolitan Planning Organization here locally to look at air quality and how that relates to transportation issues.

"There is going to need to be some rethinking and restructuring about how we do regional transportation planing in the future in the 21st century and I think we should be doing that. We'll keep you posted on that."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay. When will census data begin to come forth? Is that something that takes them a year to do?"

Mr. Krout said, "I don't think we'll see initial results until about a year from now. Then we'll only be seeing some of the totals and not the small area information and demographic information right away. It kind of dribbles out."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay. Commissioners, any other questions of Marvin?"

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to receive and file.

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Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

G. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH CORNEJO & SONS, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT - 809-J, K, L; TYLER ROAD BETWEEN 29TH AND 53RD STREETS NORTH. CIP# R-217. DISTRICT #4.**

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item G-1 is a modification of plans and construction for the road project on Tyler Road between 29th and 53rd Streets North, designated as R-217 in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has been constructed and is ready to be 'finalized out'. There will be a net decrease of \$44,375.65, due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

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Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

- 2. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH RITCHIE PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT - ZOO PARKING LOT. CIP# R-249. DISTRICT #4.**

Mr. Spears said, "Item G-2 is a modification of plans and construction for the Sedgwick County Zoo parking lot project designated as R-249 in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has been constructed and is ready to be 'finalized out'. There will be a net increase of \$6,570.90, due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. Recommend you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

3. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH RITCHIE PAVING, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT - BM-1 OVERLAYS. CIP# R-175. ALL DISTRICTS.

Mr. Spears said, "Item G-3 is a modification of plans and construction for the 2000 BM-1 overlay project designated as R-175 in the Capital Improvement Program. We overlaid 36 miles of roads this year. This project has been constructed and is ready to be 'finalized out'. There will be a net decrease of \$61,417.50, due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

4. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE AND FINAL, WITH UTILITY CONTRACTORS, INC. ON SEDGWICK

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COUNTY PROJECT - 598-92240: BRIDGE ON 85TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN 263RD AND 279TH STREETS WEST, CIP# B-320; 602-12-1782: BRIDGE ON 69TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN 215TH AND 231ST STREETS WEST, CIP# B-321; AND 791-F-1944: BRIDGE ON 231ST STREET WEST BETWEEN 77TH AND 85TH STREETS NORTH, CIP# B-323. DISTRICT #3.

Mr. Spears said, "Item G-4 is a modification of plans and construction involving three bridge projects. The first bridge is located on 85th Street North, between 263rd and 279th Streets West, designated as B-320 in the CIP. The second is located on 69th Street North, between 215th and 231st Streets West, designated as B-321 in the CIP. The third bridge is located on 231st Street West, between 77th and 85th Streets North, and is designated as B-323 in the CIP. These projects have been constructed and are ready to be 'finalized out'. There will be a net overall decrease of \$15,700 on the three bridges combined, due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements. I recommend that you approve the modification and authorize the Chairman to sign."

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

H. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' SEPTEMBER 14, 2000 REGULAR MEETING AND SEPTEMBER 19, 2000 SPECIAL MEETING.

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Mr. Jerry Phipps, Senior Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have the Minutes of the September 14 meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. You also have the Minutes of the September 19 special meeting of the Board of Bids and Contracts. There are two items for consideration from the September 14 meeting. They are as follows.

**(1) MEDICAL COLLECTION SERVICES - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
FUNDING: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

"Medical collection services for EMS for Kansas Counselors at 23%. They moved to accept the low proposal of Kansas Counselors.

**(2) REMODEL 3RD FLOOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SHERIFF
FUNDING: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

"The remodel on the 3rd floor, Sheriff's Department, for Capital Improvements is Item two. It was moved to accept the base bid of Bauer and Son Construction for \$18,848.17.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOCC APPROVAL

**(3) CURRICULUM SOFTWARE TRAINING - DIV INFORMATION/OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONS**

**(4) TELEPHONE CONTRACT PROVIDERS - DIVISION OF
INFORMATION/OPERATIONS
FUNDING: DIVISION OF INFORMATION & OPERATIONS**

"There were two items that did not receive consideration, curriculum software training for the I.O. Department and telephone contract providers for the I.O. Department.

**(1) TELEPHONE CONTRACT PROVIDER- DIVISION OF INFORMATION/
OPERATIONS
FUNDING: VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

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"We have one item on the September 19 Special Meeting. It was moved to accept the low proposal of Southwestern Bell's Agent Communications Technology Associates for a five year contract to provide plexar services and trunks for Sedgwick County in the amount of \$15,381.75 per month. I would be happy to take questions and would recommend approval of the Minutes of the Board of Bids and Contracts for September 14 and September 19 meetings."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Jerry. Commissioners, are there questions or comments? Commissioner McGinn."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Jerry, what was the bid in the past on item number one of the special meeting? Do you have that?"

Mr. Phipps said, "I do not have that information with me today. I can check was the price it was before, \$17,862 monthly."

Commissioner McGinn said, "So we've had a savings of a little over \$2,000 with this next contract."

Mr. Rodney Horton, Network and Telecommunications Manager, said, "Currently we're paying \$17,862 a month to Southwestern Bell. You are correct, the savings is \$2,097.60."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Was there a competitive bid in the past or not?"

Mr. Horton said, "Yes, there was another bid. This is under KCC's fresh look, tariffed items through Southwestern Bell can have another look and we're going to take advantage of that."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay. Thank you."

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

MOTION

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

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Contracts for the meetings of September 14 and September 19, 2000.

Commissioner McGinn seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

I. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Right-of-Way Easements.

Two Right-of-Way Easements for Sedgwick County Project No. 807-K, L, N ½ M; Maize Road between 21st Street North and 45th Street North; CIP# R-246. Districts #3 and #4.

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.

Contract	Rent	District
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<u>Number</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Landlord</u>
V2069	\$281.00	4	Floyd Goerzen
V2070	\$202.00		Carol McKenzie
V2071	\$149.00		Scott Bishop Rentals
V2072	\$268.00		Irene Komer
V2082	\$191.00		Maple Ridge Residences
V2083	\$360.00		El Dorado Arms
V2084	\$330.00		Keith Langholz
V2085	\$320.00	5	William Favreau
V2087	\$189.00	3	Brentwood Apartments

- 3. The following Section 8 Housing Contract is 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>
V99047	\$351.00	400.00

- 4. Order dated September 13, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
- 5. Payroll Check Registers (two) of September 15, 2000.**
- 6. General Bills Check Register of September 15, 2000.**
- 7. Budget Adjustment Requests.**

Mr. Chris Chronis, Chief Financial Officer, said, "Commissioners, you have before you the Consent Agenda which includes eight items. I'd recommend you approve the Consent Agenda as presented."

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Is there any other business to come before this Board? We're not scheduled for an Executive Session today, are we? I will adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners."

J. OTHER

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF

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James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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