

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

September 27, 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 27, 2000 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman Thomas G. Winters; with the following present: Chair Pro Tem Carolyn McGinn; Commissioner Betsy Gwin; Commissioner Bill Hancock; Commissioner Ben Sciortino; Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager; Mr. Rich Euson, County Counselor; Mr. Truman Ware, Senior Engineering Technician, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources; Ms. Jeanette Partridge, Contract Administrator, COMCARE; Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development; Dr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director of Community Health; Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department; Mr. David Spears, Director, Bureau of Public Works; Ms. Kristi Zukovich, Director, Communications; and, Lisa Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

GUESTS

Ms. Luella Sanders, President, Project Awareness.
Mr. Greg Thompson, Fire Marshall, Sedgwick County Fire District #1.
Ms. Tatyana Storchakova, Teacher, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.
Ms. Dana Yerzhanova, Student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.
Ms. Zhaniya Asylbekova, Student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.
Ms. Anna Piptuk, Student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.
Ms. Dilara Beysembaeva, Student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan.
Mr. Layman Pierce, Student, Valley Center High School, Valley Center, KS.
Mr. Pat Thomas, Government Teacher, Valley Center High School.
Mr. Charlie Wasylk, 3372 Riverdale, Wichita, KS.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mr. Pete Morris of the Christian Businessmen's Association.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, August 30, 2000

The Clerk reported that all Commissioners were present at the Regular Meeting of August 30, 2000.

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 30, 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	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn McGinn	Aye
Commissioner Ben Sciortino	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

INTRODUCTION

A. INTRODUCTION OF TEACHER AND STUDENTS FROM LYCEUM #9 IN ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN, PARTICIPANTS OF AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH VALLEY CENTER HIGH SCHOOL.

Chairman Winters said, "All right, we'll pause just a minute, as Commissioner McGinn comes around to the front of the room."

Mr. Pat Thomas, Government Teacher, Valley Center High School, greeted the Commissioners and said, "We are sorry that we are late. We had a little fire drill that was not planned this morning, at Valley Center High School, so 1st hour we got a little delay when we started coming."

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“My name is Pat Thomas. I teach Government at Valley Center High School and we came before last April, before we had a chance to go to Kazakhstan. I took nine students and another student and we spent from May the 5th through May the 27th in Kazakhstan, working at a school in the city of Astana. Astana is now the capitol. We flew into the city of Almaty, which is in the lower, right-hand portion of the screen there, which is the largest city there, over a million and a half people. The city of Astana, we’ve found, is much like Wichita. It has a river that flows through it. The size of the city is about the same size. A lot of the governmental buildings and stuff reminded us a lot that the comparativeness of the two cities that was there. My corresponding teacher that I met there is Mrs. Tatyana Storchakova. We have coordinated this program to work with her students and our students.

“On September 7th we had ten students and Mrs. Storchakova arrived in Wichita and they’ve been here for the last, going on three weeks going to classes at Valley Center High School. We also took them to the State Fair, the Cosmosphere. Last Friday we went to the Capitol where we spent 15 minutes with Governor Graves. He graciously gave us time in his office. With the Historical Center this Friday we will tour around in the Wichita area going to the All American Indian Center, going to Exploration Place, Cow Town. The students have enjoyed going to American football games. It’s kind of been an exciting time for them. They are, so far, enjoying themselves.

“I would like to introduce Tatyana Storchakova and she has some words of welcome.”

Ms. Tatyana Storchakova, Teacher, Lyceum #9, Astana Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m greatly impressed being here and not only me. I think it’s a great experience, not only for me as a teacher of English and American Studies in my country, but as well as for my children because they are going to be the lawyers. They are going to make laws in my country and it is great experience to attend Mr. Thomas’ lessons and other teachers lessons of Civics and American Government.

“We enjoy being here and we greatly would like to express our feeling to the government of the United States and especially American Council for International Education for giving us such a possibility for exchange programs. We hope that this program will work, not only one year, but for many years maybe because it is really great. It is a great program.

“The hospitality and patience which people meet us impressed us greatly. As for me, as for teacher of English, I was impressed with the equipment your schools have here. We have no such equipment in our country, because maybe of economical problems in my country. So, thank you greatly.”

“I would like to say some words for my students to give the possibility because they have something

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special for these gentlemen and ladies. They will show, maybe you can see the culture of my country, Kazakhstan. Please, Zhaniya, will you be the first to speak?"

Ms. Zhaniya Asylbekova, Student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "The history of this country is huge, but the independence, we have independence only for nine years. Kazakhstan became independent in 1991. Before this year we were part of the Soviet Union and, because of that, many nationalities live in our country. We have such neighbors as China, Russia, and other countries and it's necessary to say that, in spite of that, many nations live in our country. They live in peace and they respect each other. This Chinese girl, (*figurine*) it's like a symbol of the peace and the respectness to each nation in our country."

Ms. Anna Piptuk, Student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Another thing I want to say, some words about our city. You know that in December, 1997 our city became the capitol of Kazakhstan. Our city now is the largest city in our country. In 1998 we had a presentation for our country and it was really very great holiday. The main reason why we changed the place of our capitol is that in Astana we have a good political and economical situation. So, that is why now Kazakhstan has new capitol, Astana.

"This is a man (*figurine*). He is wearing national Kazakh clothes and he has national Kazakh musical instrument called dombyra."

Chairman Winters said, "Why don't you just hand that to Commissioner McGinn right there, the lady right behind you."

Ms. Dilara Beysembaeva, Student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I want to give you our Kazakh national bag with Kazakh ornament. Green and red is our best colors in Kazakhstan. All the people have dresses, green or red. So, we'll give you this present."

Chairman Winters said, "Very good. Commissioner McGinn is right there behind you and she is our County Commissioner who represents the Valley Center area and I think she has . . . if any of the rest of you . . . yes."

Ms. Dana Yerzhanova, Student, Lyceum #9, Astana, Kazakhstan, greeted the Commissioners and said, "It is the Russian national spoons and I want to say that in 1999 year in Astana city get the title of City of the Peace and in our country many nationals and we are very friendly and so, I want to show you the Russian national spoons."

Chairman Winters said, "They're beautiful."

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Commissioner McGinn said, "Valley Center students were here, I believe, last spring and we wanted you to come back and share with us. If one of you will come up here and just talk just a little bit about your experience in Kazakhstan. Tell us how long the trip was and a little bit about the weather and the experiences you had while you were there."

Mr. Layman Pierce, Valley Center High School Student, greeted the Commissioners and said, "I'm a senior at Valley Center High School. In May of this year I had the opportunity of going to Kazakhstan. Travel time, oh dear, left here 9:00 in the morning and a two hour flight to Chicago. All right, after Chicago, we can handle this. We're doing good. Waited in Chicago for an hour or two and an eight hour flight to Germany in a 747, squished in the middle. It was a wear. Got there. Seven hours of a layover in Germany, in Frankfurt and then another eight hour flight from Germany to Almaty. A couple of hours in Almaty where we slept, for some. Then a 21 hour train ride from Almaty to Astana. So, total travel was somewhere between two and three days. We left here in the normal May 2nd weather that we have. Arrived in Almaty in . . . it was pretty hot. We left, and on the train we were sweating. It was quite warm. Arrived in Astana in the middle of a snow storm. So, it was an interesting experience.

"While there, gosh, saw so many awesome things. Got to see the culture. See, this is a wonderful tapestry that is the Kazakh culture and got to see some of their historical things, you know, where they've been. Where they are now. Where they hope to be going. It was very awesome to see this country that is trying to find its way. They kept asking us how was their democracy? And saying like, 'we still have problems' and I was like, 'well the United States has been a democracy for over 200 years and we still don't have it all the way worked out, so, you guys have lived in a democracy for nine years. Give it time'. Give it time.

"It was an awesome experience. On the way back, we went back through Almaty and spent a couple of days there, just relaxing and spoke with somebody from the American Embassy. I forget who she was. She was like with the Department of Information. While there, we went up to the mountains, which separate Kazakhstan and China, as you can kind of see over there. And like we're up there and we're in these mountains and two thoughts crossed my mind. One was, 'as the crow flies, I'm only 100 miles from China'. Okay. The second thought was 'so, what do we do now. Do we dig a hole to America'. It was kind of an unusual feeling to be literally halfway across the world. Kazakhstan is 12 hours apart from us."

Commissioner McGinn said, "How are some of their schools? Did you go to their classrooms? Were they similar or different from ours?"

Mr. Pierce said, "Yeah, in many ways I think, academically, in some aspects they were ahead of us. Their sophomores, their juniors were doing organic chemistry and stuff like that, which most

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chemistry classes here you don't really get into that much. Physics, a lot of that stuff was pretty advanced. A lot of it we couldn't understand, since it was all in Russian, so I regret that we were not able to experience that more. It was a great time and just seeing how different ways to do things."

Commissioner McGinn said, "And when their teachers told them to do something, they did it and they didn't have any troubles. Is that right?"

Mr. Pierce said, "Sometimes."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Thank you. Would somebody like to come up from Kazakhstan to just share a little bit about the experiences that you've had here in Kansas? Would you like to? The real fun is Friday, Cowtown."

Ms. Asylbekova said, "I'm very glad to see your country, especially your schools, because it's very interesting to communicate with teenagers of the other countries, especially of the U.S.A. As for me, it's very interesting to go to your schools because they're different from ours. The first difference which we noticed was that your children can choose the subject that they would like to study. In our school we have no such permission. We should study everything that government provides.

"So, also it's very . . . I'm very glad to communicate with your students because I can, first of all I can improve my language skills. Then I exchange opinions on different subjects with them. It's very interesting. You can get many new ideas and thoughts communicating with them. Also, as our teacher said, your equipment of your schools are advanced. It impressed us. In one building we have children of first grade and 11th grade. Also, we study only eleven years and your students study twelve years. So, it's one of the differences.

"Also, we like lessons of civics, American government. We also have them at school but we study only constitution of our country and it's very interesting to study your constitution and just to compare them to find differences and advantages of one constitution and other."

Commissioner Gwin said, "How have you adapted to American food? I want to know, how do you like American food?"

Ms. Asylbekova said, "I like it but it's different than our food. I like Mexican food, especially soft tacos. I like hot dogs. Also, I like Chinese restaurants. I like Chinese food because it tastes like our

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food. I prefer my food, our national food.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “And what about the way American students dress compared to you all. Is it very similar?”

Ms. Asylbekova said, “Yeah, usually they’re similar, but sometimes we wear official, like suits or something like this. Usually, your students wear jeans, t-shirts, but we also wear them.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Okay. All right. Thanks.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Well, we have a few gifts for you and I’m glad to hear that you do wear t-shirts because you’re going to get one. We’ve got a t-shirt here from Sedgwick County, Kansas and so, you can wear that when you go back and share. So, when everybody asked ‘what is Sedgwick County?’ you can share your experiences there. And then we have some other things, like a mouse pad. You all have computers? Each and every one or is it one per classroom? We have the same struggles here. Well, thank you all for coming and I believe we have a short meeting today, so if you’re not in a hurry to get back to school, you’re welcome to stay for the rest of the Meeting.”

Mr. Thomas said, “Commissioner, on behalf of us, I brought you a blow up globe that you can take so you can look. If Kazakhstan is here, Kansas is here, or halfway around the world from each other and our idea is to wrap our hands around this world and tie our world together, through this exchange program. Many of the businesses in Sedgwick County I contacted. We have the host families that are here. We’re putting up a lot of money. Several businesses here in Sedgwick County have given meals and money to help these host families. So, we’re showing our hospitality really well here in Sedgwick County. Thank you very much for having us.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. We’ve got a question or comment here from Commissioner Sciortino.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you. Could we get the students from the country to stand up, because I can’t tell the Americans from the visitors.”

Mr. Thomas said, “Kazakh students please stand.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “I want to compliment your school system, ma’am, on the command of the English language that your students have portrayed. Now, that’s an example of where foreign

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countries are well in advance of the United States. We don't start teaching a foreign language until, for the most part, high school. I think it's something that the United States is going to have to start thinking seriously about, is introducing a foreign language into our school curriculum at an earlier ages. But I'm very impressed with your command of the English language and welcome here."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. And we especially want to thank you for these very beautiful gifts. We will put these in a prominent place because they are just magnificent. Well, thank you all and we . . ."

Mr. Thomas said, "One of the things that I found in Central Asia that they haven't made for me yet, they've made for all their host families, is a rice and meat dish called plov. It is excellent, let me tell you."

Ms. Storchakova said, "And we're going to cook it some day here very soon."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "I'll give you my phone number."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, thank you again, and especially to you teachers who have taken the leadership role in making these kinds of programs happen. I think both our countries are better off for this kind of exchange program and we hope you have a very good stay in Sedgwick County. You're certainly welcome to stay at our meeting and if there is a time where you need to leave, just feel free to come and go as you need."

Mr. Thomas said, "We'll have about 15 minutes and then it's back to education. We appreciate it."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, thank you very much. All right, Madam Clerk, will you call the next item."

YOUR COUNTY SERVICES

B. PUBLIC WORKS.

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Chairman Winters said, "Each week we take a few moments in our Agenda to visit about a specific department and have a report from somebody who works in that department and today we're going to talk about Public Works and Truman Ware is here. Truman, welcome to our meeting."

Mr. Truman Ware, Senior Engineering Technician, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Commissioner, Chairman Tom Winters and Sciortino, Commissioner Sciortino and Commissioner McGinn, Betsy Gwin and Commissioner Hancock. I work in the Department of Public Works. I've been there for 28 years. Every day is a challenge. I've never been bored with what I do for the County and I appreciate working with the different departments and the staff at the courthouse and throughout the County.

"I'd like to give you a brief overview of what the Public Works Department does. Over the years, we've had two different names, three different names, but today we're calling it Public Works but I think the most common label is Engineering Department. The responsibilities in the Department of Public Works constitutes construction, re-construction, improving, repairing of all of our infrastructures, consisting of roads and bridges, drainage structures, constituting of sanitary sewers and storm drain sewers and stream maintenance. In the confines of Sedgwick County, we have 614 roads. This does not include the State highways and many of our township roads. Consequently, we have 28 townships in Sedgwick County. This 614 miles does not also include some of the special access roads that we provide like out to the Lake Afton, parking lots, the Sedgwick County Zoo, the Kansas Coliseum and the Sedgwick County Park. So, these are extra, beyond the 614 miles that we maintain on a day to day basis throughout the year, which is the main focal idea that we observe is the roads.

"We also have bridges and they're all sizes of bridges. A total of 657 bridges and 1,500 culverts and you put this into perspective, it would be a road that would stretch from here to Dallas, Texas. That's in the confines of Sedgwick County and on these 614 roads, they have to be maintained. They're maintained by a force, a work force of 125 employees. These 125 employees are comprised of licensed civil engineers and licensed land surveyors and civil engineering technicians and skilled

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equipment operators as well as responsible laborers. These employees have to be housed in work places. They have six deployed facilities, one being the main yard which is located at 1144 South Seneca and we have five satellite yards distributed . . . located in our County, strategically located. We refer to them as the North Yard. It's located in the northeast part of the County. It's located at 45th Street North and Greenwich Road. Then we have the East Yard, which is located at Pawnee and Webb. Then we have the West Yard, which is located at 47th Street South and West Street. Then we have the Andale Yard, which is located in Andale, Kansas. Then we have the Clonmel Yard which is located at 71st Street South and K-42 highway.

"This work force is responsible for maintaining 614 miles and they're broke down into four districts and these four districts are in the Andale area, the North Yard, the East Yard and the Clonmel Yard. They're each responsible for approximately 150 miles of roadway, paved, sand roads, secondary FAS roads.

"The West Yard is a support yard which they house, they stockpile materials that are distributed out to the four districts throughout the course of the year. They handle the trucking, hauling, fabricating of asphalt for the paving projects and these are hauled and assisting . . . and also, the West Yard also facilitates the stream maintenance crew and the bridge crew, the Sedgwick County bridge crew.

"The Engineering Department provides engineering and administration services county wide. Right down from the main county yard is the Bindweed. We called it Bindweed. I think they call it now Noxious Weed. They're responsible for eradicating all noxious weeds within the Sedgwick County limits.

"The road and bridge maintenance responsibilities are to insure that we have safe and driveable roads and we have safe facilities as our bridges and maintaining of the entrances and maintenance on cold mix and overlays and slurry seals and chat seals and patching, grading, cleaning of the roads, trash pick up, street sweeping, ditch cleaning and mowing. This is all done within the responsibilities of the Engineering Department. They install, they maintain new bridges. And in the winter we have snow and ice removal and then we have disasters like we've experienced in most recent years. We have floods and we have tornadoes and we are called upon to assist in clean up.

"The Engineering Department provides complex engineering associated with planning of locations, design, construction maintenance, inspection in the operations of roads, flood control, sewers and all the other engineering projects. We also assist citizens in determining the topographic and hydrological data for platted and flood areas. Survey also provides measurement of the land and other improvements to the land, including man-made and natural features. They also provide final

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review for all recorded plats, maintains and provides ties to section corners within Sedgwick County.

“The field staff and the office staff checks utilities and highway permits prior to issuance. We also assist and coordinate with township maintenance upon problems that could reflect on some of our projects and some of our structures so we coordinate with the townships as well as the State, the City and we have a tremendous amount of contact with the general public.

“We also have another responsibility within our 614 miles. There’s traffic signing of the traffic department, signing department, which prepares, installs, maintains all traffic control devices. They also conduct traffic studies which constitutes traffic counts and speed surveys and analyze accident patterns of various locations at intersections, railroad crossings and they also recommend improvements. We also maintain a sign inventory

“And in overall general maintenance they provide maintenance for the four satellite districts. They also, they perform the welding for the County equipment, bridges, buildings. They also repair and maintain a variety of electrical equipment, including traffic signs.

“Also, in our Noxious Weed Department, they provide service to help identify and eradicate all noxious weeds in Sedgwick County. They also provide sales to the public of various chemicals utilized for eradicating of noxious weeds.

“Administration Department provide direct procedures for bid letting and prepare contracts for Legal Department review, provides dispatching services, provides security at facilities and coordinates litter pick-up programs which we refer to as the adopt-a-highway program.

“Some of the revenue comes from special highway gasoline taxes to help support this endeavor and retail sales tax.

“I work in the Department of Public Works as an Inspector and I’m called upon many times to inspect projects of roads and bridges and it’s our responsibility to record all events, from the time you start a project until you complete it. It’s a matter of giving, receiving, contracting principles of organizations, the general public, we’re ambassadors, we’re coordinators, we’re inspectors, we’re trouble-shooters and we’re constantly in contact with a variety of people. We work with the laymen,

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try to work with the principles of organizations. We have to be very knowledgeable on what is transpiring in the course of a project.

“You may be asked upon to inspect a quarter mile of paving in one project and then turn around, after that project is done, and then perform inspection on a multi-million dollar project. I recently was senior inspector on the 96 Expressway that constituted approximately four plus miles, eighteen bridges. When the dust all settled, the budget was \$20,000,000. So, you have to be very versatile.

“I’ve had 28 years I’m very fortunate to say that I’ve worked. I just like my job.”

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you very much, Truman. We appreciate your report. Commissioner Gwin has a question or a comment.”

Commissioner Gwin said, “Just real quickly, for the students who are visiting, our government, Sedgwick County government works, not only because of the five of us and the people in this community who pay their taxes and pay attention to government, but it works because of employees like Mr. Ware. We are greatly dependent upon the people who work for this government organization for us to be successful and so, as the Chairman said, each week when we have someone come up and talk about one of the various departments within this county government structure, it’s not because we don’t know what they do, but because we think it’s important the public understand the services that are available to them through Sedgwick County government, but that they hear it from the people like Mr. Ware, who work at that job every day, out on the streets and representing this government. Truman, on a personal note, we’re very proud to have you as a County employee. You’ve brought recognition and a real wonderful work ethic to this organization and we appreciate it. Thank you.”

Mr. Ware said, “Do you have any questions?”

Chairman Winters said, “I don’t think we have any questions. We thank you very much for that report. It was very good. Commissioners, do we have a Motion to accept the report made by Truman?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Truman, thanks very much. Next item."

PROCLAMATIONS

C. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2-7, 2000 AS "MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK."

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

PROCLAMATION

"WHEREAS, millions of Americans may experience a mental disorder at some point during their lives and many suffer devastating consequences as a result; and

WHEREAS, Americans recognize that comprehensive and accessible mental healthcare services in their communities can effectively treat many disorders; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental healthcare for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principles of community healthcare have always been comprehensive, cost-efficient, effective management; high quality and consumer-responsive services; and those principles are now being adopted by private and public healthcare payors; and

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WHEREAS, state, local and federal government continue to struggle with financing issues to ensure all Americans who need physical and behavioral healthcare services can receive the help they need.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of October 2 through 7, 2000 as

“MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK”

and call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Sedgwick County to recommit our Community to its original vision for community mental healthcare through education, volunteering and understanding.

“Dated September 27th, 2000.

“Commissioners, that’s 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.

VOTE

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

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Chairman Winters said, "With us today is Luella Sanders, the President of Project Awareness. Luella, welcome."

Ms. Luella Sanders, President, Project Awareness, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thank you, Chairman Winters and Commissioners. It's an honor and a pleasure to accept your proclamation on behalf of Project Awareness for major mental illness. Project Awareness is a coalition of mental health providers, consumers, and consumer family members and friends. Our mission at Project Awareness is to increase the general public's awareness and understanding of mental illness as a brain disorder in order to eliminate stigma and discrimination and to promote a better quality of life for individuals that have a mental illness. Your proclamation documents Sedgwick County's involvement in nationwide efforts to increase awareness of mental illness. Project Awareness would like to invite each of you, as well as the entire community, to participate in events scheduled in observance of Mental Illness Awareness Week next week.

"We're going to be opening the week with a candlelight ceremony this Sunday, October 1st, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wichita Boathouse and Dr. Michael Schwartz, who is a psychiatrist and an award-winning renowned author is going to be the key-note speaker there. It's free and open to the public. We'll be closing the week with a walk for awareness of homelessness and mental illness. That's going to be Friday, October the 6th at 11:30 at the Mid America All Indian Center. There's going to be music and food and a balloon release at the base of the Keeper of the Plains statue. Kansas City Chiefs football mascot Casey Wolfe is going to be joining us as a special guest and speaker at that event as well.

"Again, that's free and open to the public. Project Awareness member agencies have events scheduled for every day in between. So, if you or anyone in the community would like more information about the candlelight ceremony, the walk for awareness or any of those activities, just please call the Project Awareness office at 269-2673. Again, our thanks to each of you for your acknowledgment and support of Mental Illness Awareness Week. It's an important week for the community."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, thank you. We hope you have a successful week. You can truly take that proclamation as being representative of this Board of County Commissioners' commitment to mental health issues. We believe that it is very important work that we do. In this past year and a half or two years, I think our Commissioners have become more knowledgeable on how we respond, as a county, to many of the issues that you face everyday. So, please accept that proclamation as very meaningful from us."

Ms. Sanders said, "Thank you."

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

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 8-14, 2000 AS "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, I have another proclamation for your consideration."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Smoke and poisonous gases are the leading causes of death in fires, and can kill a person long before the flames will; and

WHEREAS, developing and practicing a home fire escape plan at least twice a year is critical to escaping a real fire safely, with working smoke alarms and everyone in the household knowing two ways out of each room, having an outside location for everyone to gather upon exiting and memorizing the local fire department's emergency telephone number; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Fire Prevention Week theme- "Fire Drills: the Great Escape!"- emphasizes the extreme importance of not only having a home escape plan, but physically practicing it regularly; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County Fire District #1 is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and

WHEREAS, the members of the fire service are joined by other concerned citizens of Sedgwick County, as well as other emergency service providers and safety advocates, businesses, schools, service clubs and organizations in their fire safety efforts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Winters, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2000 as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

in Sedgwick County and encourage every resident to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school and to execute "The Great Escape" to ensure their safety and the safety of their families in the event of a fire.

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“Dated September 27th, 2000.

“Commissioners, that’s the proclamation. What’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “With us today is Fire Marshal Greg Thompson.”

Mr. Greg Thompson, Fire Marshal, Sedgwick County Fire District #1, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of the Fire District, I’d like to thank you for recognizing the importance of fire prevention and burn safety this week. As you may be aware, this also coincides with the National Fire Protection Association’s declaration of Fire Prevention Week for the week of October 8th through the 14th.

“This theme that the National Fire Protection Association has adopted is for a three year period and this is the last of the three years, the theme is ‘Fire Drills; the Great Escape’. Families all across North America will be participating in home fire drills as part of this life-saving exercise.

“The NFPA has documented 58 lives saved as a direct result of participation in this program and nine of those came from right here in Sedgwick County, the Rasmussen family in Goddard, when they escaped their burning home that was destroyed by fire in 1998. So, as we all know first hand how well this program works and we want to encourage everyone’s participation in that during the week of fire prevention.

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“In addition, I’d like to invite everyone to some of the events that we have planned for next week. On October the 7th we’re going to have our first annual open house at our administrative fire station at 4343 North Woodlawn. They’re going to be having . . . the Fire Safety House will be there. There’ll be food, fun, games and the fire men, hopefully, will have a good time and learn some things. Also, on Tuesday October the 10th, out at the Sedgwick County Zoo, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Annual 5th Grade Luncheon. This is a program that involves about 1,500 to 1,700 local students from the Wichita and Sedgwick County area. There will be numerous demonstrations, displays and a lot of hands-on activities for the area 5th graders. There’s four local fire departments: the Sedgwick County Fire Department, Wichita, Boeing and McConnell, plus numerous other agencies such as Emergency Management, Sheriff, EMS, Emergency Communications, Salvation Army, the American Red Cross. So, there will be several other agencies involved. At 12:15 at the Koch Pavilion the area Fire Chiefs are introduced and the attending dignitaries will be recognized. So it will be a fun learning experience for everyone.

“One of the new ones that we’re doing, also, is on Sunday October the 15th at Exploration Place. This is one called ‘Hitting the Bricks for Fire and Burn Safety’ and this will be from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. They’ll have numerous demonstrations, displays, we’ll have some antique fire equipment out there. A lot of hands-on activities there at Exploration Place.

“This is an opportunity for many of the local area fire departments. I believe we’re going to have eleven of the local area fire departments will be involved in this. This is in conjunction with the Wichita Area Safe Kids ‘great escape plan’, to show the public, basically, what we do. So, we’d like to encourage the public and everyone to come out and have some fun and see what we do. Like to thank you for your recognition.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Thank you, Greg. I guess I would make the same comment to you as I made to the previous folks here on the proclamations. You know, some times we kind of run through these proclamations and they become almost routine, but I can say to you and the other members of the Fire Department that we take this fire prevention work that you do very seriously and it is very important work. We tend to think first about the actually fighting of fires and the efforts that go in when somebody is having an emergency or a crisis, but the work that you do in this line of prevention is just critically important, and it probably couldn’t be demonstrated better than by the Rasmussen family from near Goddard, who’s children had participated in fire prevention at school, came home and the children wanted to develop an escape plan and then, unfortunately, had to use that escape plan in a disastrous fire at their home. But if they had not been prepared, it

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would have been disaster. You folks that work in fire prevention, I think that would last you a lifetime, to know that you participated in something that was that good in a preventive way.

“Greg, there are other members of the Fire Department here. Would you introduce the other members of the Department who are here this morning?”

Mr. Thompson said, “I’ve got a couple of member from my Fire Prevention staff. I’ve got Lieutenant Kevin Holman, Deputy Fire Marshal Ken Cox, Lieutenant Walter Rooney and also Fire Chief Gary Curmode.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, well thank you all. You do exceptionally good work and we appreciate it all. Madam Clerk, next item.”

AWARD PRESENTATION

D. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR DEDICATION OF A PURPLE HEART SIDEWALK.

Chairman Winters said, “This morning we have Charlie Wasylk with us. Charlie.”

Mr. Charlie Wasylk, 3372 Riverdale, Wichita, Kansas, greeted the Commissioners and said, “I’m getting to know you pretty well and you’re getting to know me pretty well. I got a certificate for each and every one of you from all the veterans from Wichita and all over the world, where ever they’re at. I’ve got one for Tom Winters, Ben Sciortino, Betsy Gwin, Carolyn McGinn and Mr. Hancock. I also have a plaque that the Military Order of Purple Heart has furnished for you. This is especially for the 61st Street sidewalk up here with Valley Center. I hope you enjoy that.

“I just want to say a few more words, that on October 7th at 10 a.m. on Meridian and 77th Street North is when we’re going to have the dedication for the sidewalk. So, each and every one of you is invited if you would like to show up. We would really appreciate it. That’s October 7th at 10 a.m. Then don’t forget on November 11th is going to be our first Veterans’ Day parade for a long time. We’re going to have a parade. USD 259 finally, last year, had voted to give Veterans’ Day off. So, all the schools will be closed on Veterans’ Day from now on. So, that’s partly why the parade come about because we’re so proud of them for doing that. We’d like each and every one of you to come up and enjoy the parade with us, ride in the parade and just have a great old time. I really appreciate everything you did.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, well thank you, Charlie. We’ve got a couple of comments.

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Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “The first one, on the Veterans’ Day parade, where does it start and at what time?”

Mr. Wasylik said, “It starts up at, I believe they said Elm and Main and it’s going to go up . . . I’m not sure, but I think Century II.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “What time did you say?”

Mr. Wasylik said, “One o’clock in the afternoon.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Okay. Then the other question that I had, this sidewalk dedication, was the City of Valley Center also involved in this as well?”

Mr. Wasylik said, “Yes, ma’am. They sure are. I went to them last Tuesday and told them all about it and they looked like they were all very interested in it. American Legion up there is interested in it. I’m trying to get the ROTCs from the high schools to come out and enjoy it. Anybody that wants to come out are more than welcome.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Thank you. Purple’s a pretty nice thing up there in the Valley Center area.”

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

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On that parade again, it will be in Wichita then? Elm and Main in Wichita?”

Mr. Wasylik said, “Yes, sir.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “What day is that?”

Mr. Wasylik said, “That will be on a Saturday.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “On a Saturday.”

Mr. Wasylik said, “Yeah, it will be right on Veterans’ Day.”

Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, what day is USD 259 going to declare as the holiday, so

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they'll take off, because Saturday they usually don't have school?"

Mr. Wasyk said, "We'll take off on that Friday before. Then each year that comes up that falls on a weekend we'll pick a day or, if it falls on the middle of the week, we'll just take that day."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Do you know any other governmental entity that's going to declare that as a holiday?"

Mr. Wasyk said, "There's a few more schools that have. I know Emporia has and I believe Hays has. They're working on Topeka. They haven't quite got to it yet. We're working around. We want to do the whole State to understand what Veterans' Day is really all about. You folks, you know what it's all about."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Charlie, thank you again for this plaque. This is a very nice plaque and I really . . . I think we all appreciate when people like you continue to remind us of the service that veterans have given and especially those that have been injured in some way. We just appreciate citizens like you for all that you've done in the past and for what you continue to do today. It's very important and this is just a very lovely plaque and we will hang this in a place where many folks will be able to see it. So, thanks for all of your work."

Mr. Wasyk said, "Thank you very much for that comment. I wanted to say that I wanted to give a special thank you to David Spears for all of the wonderful work that man has done and Mark Borst, I believe that's his last name and his team taking a little idea out of my head or somebody else's head and making a sign out of it. They do a terrific job. You ought to see these signs, along 61st Street especially. They just took something and made something out of it."

Chairman Winters said, "All right. Well, thank you very much. We appreciate you being here, Charlie. All right, Madam Clerk, next item."

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

E. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CLOCK TO DANIEL STUBBS, INTENSIVE SUPERVISION OFFICER III, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS.

Mr. Doug Russell, Director, Division of Human Resources, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Mr. Stubbs is unable to be here today, but we will make sure that he gets his clock and certificate."

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I did want to mention, however, that Mr. Stubbs has only been with Sedgwick County two and a half years, but he has been in his role for 30 years, because we transferred the programs from the SRS to Sedgwick County in March of '98. So, it's one of those things where you take quality employees in government and bring them to the local level to do the job as well as you can and he's been a good one."

Chairman Winters said, "Well, if by chance he should be watching, either this morning or catch one of the re-broadcasts, anybody that serves the public for 30 years of dedicated service certainly needs to be thanked and we'll see that he does get that clock indicating at least our appreciation for his work."

Mr. Russell said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

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

NEW BUSINESS

- F. RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING RESOLUTION NO. 4-2000 OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, WHICH DETERMINED THE ADVISABILITY OF AND AUTHORIZED THE CREATION OF A ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS; MADE CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING THERETO; AND AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED FOR THE MAKING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS THEREIN (143RD STREET EAST FROM 13TH TO 21ST STREETS NORTH). DISTRICT #1.**

Mr. Joe L. Norton, Bond Counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., greeted the Commissioners and said, "Thanks to Christy for her assistance there in actually getting the slide up."

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

"As you may recall, we've been before you on several occasions with respect to this road improvement district which is located at 143rd Street East, between 13th Street North and 21st Street North. As you may recall, this was a project that was initiated by the County with a notice of hearing and an opportunity for protest. Late last year the County initiated the project. Had a public hearing in December and in January authorized the improvement to go forward, subject to protest of the people in the proposed benefit district.

"That benefit district is outlined in the purple area, located both east and west of 143rd Street,

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between 13th Street and basically the railroad tracks. The project would go from 13th to 21st and the proposed method of assessment was to take 50% of the cost and apportion them equally among all the platted lots within this subdivision and the County at large picking up 50% of the costs for the area north of the railroad tracks to 21st Street. A protest was filed but the protest was insufficient, as found by the County Commission earlier this year.

“Public Works has gone out and solicited proposals for construction of this improvement and those proposals have resulted in a cost increase over what was estimated at the time that the project was authorized by the Board of County Commissioners. On the screen before you are two columns which label the estimated cost of the project in the middle column which, as you can see, was estimated for a total cost of \$350,000, half of which would be assessed to the 247 parcels, resulting in a component of about \$709 principle amount or \$73 per year if spread over 15 years. As a result of the construction bidding and a proposed change order which are latter on your agenda today, Public Works has estimated that the increased cost will go to \$662,447 and propose that the amount to be assessed against the property owners remain the same, thus leaving the difference of about \$487,000 or an increase of about \$312,000 to be borne by the County at large, either from the proceeds of general obligation bonds or County sales tax funds.

“In order for any contracts to be let for this project, this action is necessary to increase the authorized amount, if you so choose. Since the project does not increase the amount of cost to be assessed against the property owner, there is no public hearing required and no opportunity to protest, because they are not affected if the County decides to go forward with this project at the increased cost and bears the difference themselves. Mr. Spears and Mr. Weber from Public Works are here to address any questions that you may have regarding the bidding process or the increased in costs or the method of payment. They would be better to address those questions than would I. I would try to answer any question that you may have prior to considering the resolution.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you Mr. Norton. I think we have had the resolution in our backup material, so I think we’re all familiar with this project. We’ve talked about this area and this location several times in the past. Seems like there’s always something with this area. Commissioners, are there questions or comments that haven’t been answered by Mr. Norton in his presentation?”

MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Adopt the Resolution.

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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	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you, Mr. Norton. Mr. Manager, there are three other items on our agenda that are related to this Item but they’re spread throughout the Meeting. While we have all the people here, in case there are questions on them, you want to go ahead and suggest what we . . . ?

Mr. William P. Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Yes, sir. There are several Items throughout the agenda and I’m sorry for the confusion. What I would propose is that you approve the Bid Board recommendation that is shown on page 46, which is Agenda Item J-6 and that would be for the grading, sub-grade stabilization bituminous surfacing and it’s for the bid recommended by Cornejo Sons Incorporated which is the low bid and that you also then approve K-2, which is a change order to that initial contract. Those have been approved by the Bid Board, by David Spears the County Engineer and it’s our recommendation that, by adopting those two items at once, then the whole issue regarding this street will be done for today’s meeting.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. Do those need to be taken in a particular order?”

Mr. Buchanan said, “I think you can do them concurrently, as long as J-6 is done, accept the bid and then the change order. So, I think the recommendation would be to approve Agenda Items J-6 and K-2.”

K-2. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER ONE, WITH CORNEJO & SONS, INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT NO. 839-N; 143RD EAST BETWEEN 13TH AND 21ST STREETS NORTH. DISTRICT #1.

J-6. GRADING, SUBGRADE STABILIZATION, BITUMINOUS SURFACING-

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PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve Agenda Items J-6 and K-2.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

Chairman Winters said, "Mr. Spears, that's the item relating to this subject that we're talking about, right?"

Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Yes, sir. Item K-2 is a decrease of \$16,995.20."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, we have a Motion then to accept Item K-2 and the Bid Board Item number 6. Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote."

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "All right, Madam Clerk, now back to the Regular Item G."

G. DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES.

- 1. CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS PROVIDING SPECIALIZED RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS.**

Ms. Jeanette Partridge, Contract Administrator, COMCARE, greeted the Commissioners and said,

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“The contract with Mental Health Association provides two types of specialized residential services for severe and persistently mentally ill individuals. Both intensive supported housing and specialized group home placements are designed to assist individuals either diverted from or discharged from a State hospital. The contract also includes an outreach specialist which assists the individuals from moving from these two services into less restrictive community placements.

“The contract is for a total of \$232,529. These are State funds. The contract is a renewal from the prior year. I’m available if you have any questions. The recommended action is to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign.”

MOTION

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

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

2. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS PROVIDING FAMILY ADVOCACY SERVICES.

Ms. Partridge said, “The amendment will modify the contract with Mental Health Association for family advocacy services. That was funded through the Family Centered System of Care grant. The Family Centered System of Care grant is a State grant designed to assist us to continue services originally funded through the Federal grant that expired in January of ‘99. At the time we received the Family Centered System of Care grant, the contract with Mental Health Association was created for one year beginning March 1st. There was an existing contract with Mental Health Association

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for the current State funding. The amendment will basically combine those two contracts so there's just one contract, two budgets, one for the Family Centered System of Care and one for the State grant. Same services, same outcomes, just one contract instead of two.

“The types of services that Mental Health Association provides for family advocacy includes court support, school advocacy, assisting parents to attain services and needed items for their children with a severe emotional disturbance. The amendment will increase the total budget by \$89,300. Twenty-nine thousand, three hundred, which is the Family Centered System of Care, which will take that contract through the end of the fiscal year and the others, the existing State contract, of \$60,000. Basically, it's a renewal of the State contract and modifying the Family Centered System of Care onto a State fiscal term. The recommended action is to approve and authorize the Chairman.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. We have a question. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I have a question, but I'm not sure how to ask it. If I read this right, it started out as a federal grant, and now we're picking up the \$89,000?”

Ms. Partridge said, “COMCARE Family and Community Services had a federal grant that expired in January. The State made a commitment to assist us to continue some of the services that were funded through the federal. They're both State funds. The Family Centered System of Care is a State grant and we had an existing State contract. What we did when we had the federal contract, we were able to provide a much higher level of family advocacy. Without the federal contract, we could only provide so much. The Family Centered System of Care will get us back up to about where we were when they had the federal grant.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “So, the extra \$89,300 additional, we could identify that as a State fund as well?”

Ms. Partridge said, “It's all State funds.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “It just confused me how it was listed. Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, any other questions? If not, what's the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Amendment to Contract and authorize the

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Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

3. CONTRACT WITH UNITED METHODIST YOUTHVILLE FOR COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.

Ms. Partridge said, "The contract with United Methodist Youthville sets the conditions and the rates for the services COMCARE provides to children in foster care that are referred by Youthville. The types of services that COMCARE provides include: diagnostic evaluations, individual group therapy, medication management, sexual abuse evaluations. The rates are somewhat similar to what Medicaid pays currently. It's a renewal from the prior year. I'm available if you have any questions. Otherwise, the recommended action is to approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign."

Chairman Winters said, "I have a question. Commissioner Sciortino."

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are the rates that Youthville sets sufficient for us to provide the services without the County taxpayers having to subsidize. I mean, are they a sufficient level that we can provide the services and it not cost the taxpayers any more?"

Ms. Partridge said, "As far as I know they are. It's similar to what we would be reimbursed if we were paying Medicaid. Whether Medicaid, on each and every individual service, necessarily covers the full cost, I'd hate to say yes or no on that, without getting some further information."

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Commissioner Sciortino said, “Okay, just for my own edification, could you check on that for me and let me know? Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Okay, any other questions or comment? Seeing none, what’s the will of the Board?”

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

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

H. APPLICATION TO, AND ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS (TWO) WITH, TRANS UNION LLC FOR CREDIT REPORTING SERVICES MEMBERSHIP.

Ms. Irene Hart, Director, Division of Community Development, greeted the Commissioners and said, “About a month ago you approved a receipt of a grant from the Affordable Housing Program from the Federal Home Loan Bank in Topeka. That grant would enable us to assist 20 low-income families in purchasing their own homes. The contract before you today is part of the implementation of that program in that we need credit reports in order to determine credit worthiness before proceeding further into that program. I’d be happy to try to answer any questions that you might have.”

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Chairman Winters said, “All right, thank you. Commissioners, are there questions about this agreement? If not, what’s the will of the Board?”

MOTION

Commissioner Sciortino moved to Approve the Application and Agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Next item.”

I. COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT.

Dr. Charles Magruder, MD, MPH, Director of Community Health, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Here to provide the monthly report.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

“Just to give you an idea of some of our recent activities, we’ve greatly expanded our primary care capabilities at Evergreen Health Station, as a result of a partnership that we have. As you can see, Evergreen Health Station is located on the north side of the City of Wichita, just west of the Center. Looking, specifically here, it’s located around the . . . between 25th and 29th Street North. Basically, what we are able to accomplish, with this capability, is by providing the primary care here, we are able to greatly enhance the type of services and resources that we are able to provide to the people in this community. This particular area is very important because it’s located right adjacent to the largest elementary school in the USD 259 district, Cloud Elementary and it’s also in the heart of the Latino community where we have a number of individuals who need a lot of the services that

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we can provide.

“Just to give you a few more details about this collaboration, the reason we are able to do this is because of a wonderful partnership that we’ve developed with United Methodist Health Clinic. Basically, they are the ones who provide the primary care services and we are allowing their staff to come into the site that we have located with our regular Health Department services. We are able to give this care between 8:30 and 5:00 Monday through Friday. We now have a full-time physician assistant available. We also have a physician that comes in for half a day to provide services. These services are billed on a sliding fee scale, so income is not of any consequence. So, basically, with this partnership between the Health Department and a private entity, we’re able to greatly expand the services we can provide for this very important part of our community.

“To give you an idea of the updated guide to our smoke-free restaurants that just came out. Another recent activity. This is one of the Health Department’s most requested brochures. We’ve now increased the number of restaurants we have here. It’s now up to 169. An entertainment section has been added and if you have seen the recent advertisements in the Kansas Health Foundation, the ‘take it outside’ campaign, this is also a featured component of that.

“In terms of upcoming events, we have our food safety workshop. Basically, this is going to occur on Friday, September 29th from 8:30 to 12:00. This is for all types of people who provide food services in the community. We’re going to provide an update on the new food code. KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) has created new regulations that we need to make sure people are aware of. This is a wonderful example of collaboration that occurred between our Health Department, KDHE and K-State.

“We’re also going to be playing a role in the ‘Race Against Hunger’ on Friday and Saturday, September 29th through 30th. This is where food and money donations will go to the Kansas Food Bank. A number of the Health Department staff will be walking in this process and we’ll also be operating the water booth to support other proceeds from the race.

“Just to give you an update on a program, what has become known as a ‘first time mom’s program’ or the OLDS model. To give you the initial idea of what we’ve come up with, based upon the referrals that we’ve received, we’ve kind of divided Sedgwick County into six areas. Once we get all of the staff hired, we’ll have a total of ten nurses. Remember, each of these nursing staff will be able to handle 25 families. Now, just to, again, to give you a notion of the client capacity that we’ll now have, 250, when all of our current resources that we have available to us get into place. With

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the administrative structure that we now have, we also have the capability of expanding to a potential of 350 in the future. That is, if we had resources to hire four additional staff. That would be a total of 400, if we actually include the support that we're providing for Barton County with this program as well.

"I'll be happy to answer any questions that you have."

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

Commissioner McGinn said, "Why are you flashing the score? I was just curious. Why Barton County? Is there some . . . they come to us?"

Dr. Magruder said, "In Barton County, what occurred is they had a juvenile judge who felt that the OLDS model was an absolutely superb program. He went and initiated some lobbying efforts to obtain money for a multi-county area around Great Bend. Then they went to the same organization that we did to request permission to implement the program. There is a structure for the OLDS model. They have to do a site visit and they have to give approval before you can implement and start providing services. They indicated to the people in Barton County that they would not allow them to implement because of the size of their community and their resources and capabilities, et cetera, unless they were able to be under the oversight of another entity. So, we have agreed to provide that oversight and that enables them to implement the program."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, thank you very much, Charlie. Good report. Commissioners, are there other questions or comments?"

MOTION

Commissioner McGinn moved to Receive and file.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Commissioner Sciortino said, "Dr. Magruder, maybe after this Meeting could we, is there a possibility that we could meet on, not a topic related to your presentation, but something we had been talking about last week?"

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Dr. Magruder said, “Yes sir, I’ll wait.”

Chairman Winters said, “All right. We have a Motion. Any other discussion? Seeing none, call the vote.”

VOTE

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

Chairman Winters said, “Thank you again, Charlie. Next item.”

J. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS' SEPTEMBER 21, 2000 REGULAR MEETING.

Ms. Iris Baker, Director, Purchasing Department, greeted the Commissioners and said, “On behalf of the Board of Bids and Contracts, the following items have been approved by the Board of Bids and Contracts at the meeting held on September 21st. The items are as follows:

1) SALEM MEADOWS STREET/ DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING: DEBT FINANCING

“First is the Salem Meadows street drainage improvements for Public Works. The accepted low bid of APAC Kansas Inc., for \$79,028.75.

2) HUNTCREST 2ND ADDITION SEWER IMPROVEMENT- PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING: DEBT FINANCING

“The second item, Huntcrest 2nd Addition sewer improvement for Public Works. Low bid of Nowak Construction Company for \$32,497.41.

3) SUNNYDALE FARMS STREET IMPROVEMENTS- PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING: DEBT FINANCING

“The third item, Sunnydale Farms street improvements for Public Works. The low bid was accepted

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from Ritchie Paving for \$68,167.25.

4) HON 3301 EXECUTIVE CHAIRS- DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
FUNDING: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

“Item four on the agenda was executive chairs for the District Attorney’s Office. All bids were rejected and bid was re-solicited.

5) ASSESSMENT STUDY- CORRECTIONS
FUNDING: CORRECTIONS

“Item five, the assessment study for Corrections, the sole source bid from Wichita State University for \$10,000 was accepted.

“I’ll be happy to answer any questions you may have. If there are no questions, I’d like to recommend that you accept these recommendations as presented.”

6) GRADING, SUBGRADE STABILIZATION, BITUMINOUS SURFACING- PUBLIC WORKS
FUNDING: PUBLIC WORKS

(Already considered after Item F)

Chairman Winters said, “All right, and let the record show we’ve already acted on Item 6. Commissioner McGinn.”

Commissioner McGinn said, “I have a question for Mr. Spears. On Item 3, the Sunnydale Farms, is that an interlinking road I guess, or what?”

Mr. Spears said, “Excuse me?”

Commissioner McGinn said, “Interlinking road, what is that exactly?”

Chairman Winters said, “Jim, would you come forward.”

Mr. Jim Weber, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Works, greeted the Commissioners and said, “Sunnydale Farm is a five acre lot subdivision up north of the Coliseum. It went originally with a, actually, a rock road up there. It’s one cul-de-sac that comes down off of 101st I think. They have

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come back now that it's almost all developed and they have petitioned for paving of the rock road. So, it's a cul-de-sac. It doesn't interlink with anything but it will be on the township road system up there as it is now."

Chairman Winters said, "But it's a special assessment deal."

Mr. Weber said, "Special assessment project."

Commissioner McGinn said, "Okay, all right, thank you."

Chairman Winters said, "Okay, any other questions?"

MOTION

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

Commissioner Gwin seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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

K. PUBLIC WORKS.

- 1. MODIFICATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION, REQUEST NUMBER TWO AND FINAL, WITH BEACHNER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. ON SEDGWICK COUNTY PROJECT – 2000 LATEX MODIFIED SLURRY SEAL. CIP# R-140. ALL DISTRICTS.**

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Mr. David C. Spears, P.E., Director/County Engineer, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Item K-1 is a modification of plans and construction for the 2000 latex modified slurry seal project, designated as R-140 in the Capital Improvement Program. This project has been constructed and is ready to be 'finalized out'. There will be a net decrease of \$14,234.36, due to variations in plan quantities from actual field measurements.

"A total of 31.75 miles were sealed this year. 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	Aye
Chairman Thomas G. Winters	Aye

Item K-2 was already considered after Item F.

Chairman Winters said, "And we've already taken up Item K-2, so would you read K-3 please."

3. RESOLUTION RELATING TO EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS IN STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT TO BE FURNISHED BY KGE. DISTRICT #2.

Mr. Spears said, "Item K-3 is a resolution prepared by KGE for modifications to street lighting in Sedgwick County. The resolution calls for the replacement of two sodium streetlights with mercury vapor streetlights at the intersections of 95th Street South and Broadway and also at Ridge Road and K-42. There will be a decrease in the yearly compensation of \$41.52 for substituted equipment and service. I recommend that you adopt the resolution."

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MOTION

Commissioner Hancock moved to Adopt the Resolution.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

Chairman Winters said, "Any additional discussion?"

Commissioner Hancock said, "I think I just have a question."

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

Commissioner Hancock said, "You mean it really requires a resolution to change a light from sodium vapor to mercury vapor?"

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

Commissioner Hancock said, "You're kidding."

Mr. Spears said, "No."

Commissioner Hancock said, "Who cares?"

Mr. Spears said, "KG & E prepares . . . it's an item that KG & E prepares and sends to Public Works and requests that we place it on the agenda and then it changes the yearly amount that we pay by a slight amount, so it's a monetary thing, too."

Commissioner Hancock said, "That's the answer. Okay."

Chairman Winters said, "All right, thank you. Do we have a Motion? We have a Motion and a second. Any other questions or comments? Seeing none, call the vote."

VOTE

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

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V99044	\$201.00	\$000.00
C97046	\$268.00	\$364.00
V96030	\$365.00	\$113.00
V87020	\$227.00	\$000.00

4. **Agreements (two) with Craig Resources, Inc. dba Craig HomeCare, and Payroll Plus of Kansas, Inc., providing Developmental Disability Community Service Provider status.**
5. **Order dated September 20, 2000 to correct tax roll for change of assessment.**
6. **General Bills Check Register of September 22, 2000.**
7. **Budget Adjustment Requests.**

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

MOTION

Commissioner Gwin moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sciortino seconded the Motion.

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

VOTE

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

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Chairman Winters said, "We're not going to have an executive session today and there's no Fire District Agenda or Sewer District Agenda?"

Mr. Buchanan said, "No, sir."

Chairman Winters said, "Is there any other business to come before the Regular Board of County Commissioners' Meeting? Seeing none, this meeting is adjourned."

M. OTHER

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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James Alford, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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